

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 2
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

GEORGIE O'CONNOR

Occupation: Governing Board Member

Education and Qualifications: I am the product of our local schools, as are my four sons. For years I have proudly served as your representative on the Lucia Mar Board of Education. This experience has taught me the importance of fiscal responsibility and high academic standards.

I believe in careful financial planning that provides for a healthy reserve fund, but our District must also invest in the people responsible for student learning. The current budget situation allows for both. I strongly support a raise for our teachers and classified employees.

While our children must know the basics, they also need to be prepared to compete in a world of new technologies. Lucia Mar should invest in these new technologies as tools to enhance classroom learning, but also as a way to create career opportunities and open the doors to higher education.

My experience gives me the foundation to continue guiding our District in a direction that prepares our children for the future. I am open, responsive, and take a common-sense approach to problem solving. On November 7th I would appreciate your vote. I can be reached at 489-2938.

s/ Georgie O'Connor

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COLLEEN MARTIN

Age: 46

Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Education and Qualifications: After over a decade of regular participation at Lucia Mar School Board meetings, I would like to further my commitment to our students, staff and community as a governing board member. I am a strong advocate for public education.

I am well acquainted with the educational issues facing our district, State and nation. My son is a student at AG High School and my daughter, a graduate. I have previously served as a governing board member.

My vision for Lucia Mar includes:

- Continued & improved high quality education for *all* students
- Ensuring fiscal accountability with district resources
- Dedicated to improving staff recruitment and retention
- Full district facility utilization
- Improved graduation rate (student retention)
- Ensuring safe and healthy schools
- Strengthening our workforce education program
- Building a collaborative School Board and Staff team

My sustained interest and commitment to our schools combined with my ability to provide common sense leadership helps guide me to see the "big picture". I can make tough decisions and will honor my duty to the citizens to use their funds wisely.

I am ready to serve and would appreciate your vote.

It's time for a change!

489-2764

s/ Colleen Martin

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
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GEE GEE SOTO

Age: 61

Occupation: Retired Florist

Education and Qualifications: I attended local schools and have lived in the South County most of my life. I was a local business owner and have been active in youth and community organizations.

My greatest strength as a candidate for school board is my experience. I have previously served twelve years on the Board of Education. As part of team Lucia Mar, we passed two bonds, built three schools, and raised test scores to their highest level ever. I have an intimate knowledge of the budget process, a good working relationship with employees, and a focus on improving student learning.

Lucia Mar has many pressing issues facing it, from declining enrollment to long-term budget shortfalls. We need leaders willing to make tough, well-reasoned decisions based solely on the best interests of our students.

I am committed to our youth and I will be part of a problem-solving process that insures a constant emphasis on student achievement. Your vote would be truly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 489-6892.

s/ Gee Gee Soto

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

AL BAUGHMAN

Occupation: Engineer, Retired

Education and Qualifications: I have faithfully served on the Board of Trustees of the Lucia Mar Unified School District for the last five years, one as President of the Board. During this time I have always tried to keep an open mind on issues facing the board and take time to dissect the information provided. I read, ask questions, and get input from teachers, staff, parents, principals, and the public to arrive at the best solution for all of our students.

My fiduciary responsibility to the public is top priority. One of the areas I encouraged the district to focus on was the review and reduction of the district's energy, water, and other operational costs; resulting in a current estimated savings of \$100,000 each year. I feel it is my duty to ensure that our tax dollars are wisely spent.

The dedication of our excellent teachers, administrators and support staff is key to why our students succeed.

We have witnessed excellent progress in most measurable areas of the education process during my tenure on the Board of Trustees, and I would be honored to continue serving the Lucia Mar Unified School District another four years. Thank you for your vote.

s/ Alvin M. Baughman

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DAVID FOSTER

Age: 60

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Education and Qualifications: My only concern in running for Governing Board member of LMUSD is with our students. They are presently locked in a conflict with every other young person in the world over jobs. To compete, they need to be the most highly skilled labor force our nation has every produced. Shamefully, America's students rank near the bottom of industrial nations.

If elected, I will work indefatigably to make sure that our students' basic skills are perfected, to ensure that seventh graders don't arrive with third and fourth grade skills and that ninth graders don't arrive with fifth and sixth grade abilities. Whatever changes we need to effect this, whether it be administrative policies, personnel or "satellite homework stations", must be accomplished. Our sole goal must be student achievement.

Qualifications

Years	Experience
34	English Teacher at AGHS
14	English Department Chair
18	AP Coordinator
2	Hancock College Teacher
1	Cal Poly Teacher
1	LMUSD Teacher of Year
1	PhiBetaKappa Educator of Year
1	Presidential Scholar's Teacher

With this experience, I possess a unique perspective for a board member—I actually understand the classroom! I look forward to assisting our students in hopes for their and our nation's future.

s/ David Foster