

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET
Orange Unified School District**

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*Please complete and return this form to the Superintendent's Office by August 28th, 4:00 p.m.
Applications received after the closing time will not be considered.*

SEP 03 2015
Orange Unified School District
Superintendent's Office

Date: September 1, 2015

Webber	Victoria	E.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial

Business Address: _____ Phone: 9 _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: 7 _____

Email: _____

Occupation and Employer: Executive Assistant Laguna Beach Unified School District

Number of years residing in OUSD: 21

Do you have children attending OUSD schools? Yes _____ No My children have all graduated

If yes, what schools? Between my three children, they attended Imperial, Crescent, Running Spring, El Rancho and Canyon High School.

1. Do you have prior experience serving on a governing board, specifically a school district board? Please list such prior experience.

I served on the El Rancho Charter School Board from 2002-2006. In addition, I served on several PTA Executive Boards, including the position of President, Vice President, and Parliamentarian. Most recently, in 2014, I served as the Deacon Moderator, leading 18 Deacons for Canyon Hills Presbyterian Church in Anaheim Hills.

2. Please list any school committees or school activities you have participated in recently?

I continue to participate in school fundraisers through my friends and neighbors and value the opportunity to be included.

3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your roll and whether your work was volunteer or employment-related.

My service to my community is currently done through church. I am on rotation as a Sunday school teacher, serve as a Deacon and help wherever I am needed. My service to education continues in my role in the Laguna Beach Unified School District. I support the Superintendent and Board and understand the current issues and topics facing education, including California State Standards, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the value of professional development for all staff, and more.

4. Why do you want to be a school board member?

I have lived in the OUSD community for 21 years, having children in the schools from 1993 – 2011. I hope to watch my grandchildren attend OUSD schools and believe in the quality education that students are provided through excellent teachers and quality learning environments that my students enjoyed for the majority of their school years. I also believe there is work to be done and that I can provide a non-biased approach that values effective practices and transparent communication. I have no additional political ambitions, nor do I wish to play “gotcha” with anyone. I am convinced in the greatness of the district and my only desire is to contribute to its continued and growing success.

5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the public schools?

I believe that public schools should provide quality education to all students and produce graduates that are college and career ready. Students need the skills to succeed in college and/or the workforce and should be guided by teachers and counselors to help them reach their full potential. It is our responsibility as educators, support staff, and Board members to contribute to the creation of global citizens who have the ability to become important contributors to our Democratic society.

6. What is the role of the school board in the fulfillment of that purpose?

The Board must ensure that the District represents the interests of its communities. The Board must establish responsible governance, support district priorities and goals, uphold Board policies, and understand district programs. The Board works with the Superintendent to set the direction of the district, which should be focused on student learning and achievement. The Board is responsible for hiring a Superintendent who guides the District’s mission and vision in an effective and efficient manner.

7. How does the board’s role differ from that of the superintendent?

The superintendent oversees the day-to-day operations of the district. The Board approves the direction and structure of the district. It ensures accountability to the public for academic achievement, financial records, budget priorities, strategic planning, and more. In addition the Board serves as the appeals body in accordance with law, Board policies, and negotiated agreements.

8. What should be the relationship between the board members and the administration in the handling of school concerns?

It is my belief that the majority of school concerns brought forward by Board members should be directed to the Superintendent, or in their absence a designee, who in turn will refer the concern to the appropriate staff member for investigation and response. I believe this helps to alleviate undue stress and keeps the superintendent apprised of all issues, as well as providing all Board members with the same information.

9. Briefly describe your commitment to public education and our school district.

I believe in a quality public education for all students. As previously noted, all my children attended OUSD schools. I have served as a Fun-Run Chair, PTA President, Booster President, Booster parent, basketball score keeper, team chaperone, and much more, all in the name of providing my children and all of the classmates with the best possible experience at each school. I continue to sing the praises of OUSD to my friends

and neighbors and encourage them all to become involved in any way they can and to look for the positive attributes within the schools their children attend.

10. What do you see as the strengths of the school district?

OUSD has made strong academic progress over the last several years. Teachers are energized and the district has provided several professional development opportunities moving teachers and students into the 21st Century. The outreach through social media has increased communication and the website looks fantastic and is easy to navigate. I have a long history in OUSD and believe I can help to strengthen community support and provide additional opportunities for communication within Anaheim Hills. As an additional note of support, my daughter, who attended Canyon High School, is now a surgical neurophysiologist. She contributes her love of science directly to Mrs. Brenna Godsey and Mr. Bushman for encouraging and nurturing her through her AP classes.

11. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the school district?

I believe the facilities remain the number one area of concern district-wide. While there has been improvement, there are still many issues that need to be addressed. Students deserve to learn in clean, safe, learning environments that will allow them to compete locally and globally. Learning is more than curriculum and test results. It is the interconnected results of the teachers, peers, family life, and the environment in which a child is expected to spend a majority of their day. Clean and modern facilities can only strengthen a child's desire to learn.

**CERTIFICATION OF
ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

RECEIVED

Date: September 1, 2015

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To: Orange Unified School District Community

Orange Unified School District
Superintendent's Office

From: *Victoria Webber*

Re: Trustee Area 1 Vacancy

I certify that I am eligible to serve as the Area 1 Trustee on the Orange Unified School District Board of Education because I am 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the State of California, a resident of the school district Trustee Area 1, a registered voter, and am not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office.

Additionally, I acknowledge receipt of:

1. OCDE Schools Legal Service - The Brown Act
2. Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) - Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests Reference Pamphlet
3. OUSD Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest
4. OUSD Board Bylaw 9200 – Limits of Board Member's Authority

Respectfully,

Victoria E. Webber

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)
County of Orange)

Subscribed and sworn to (~~or affirmed~~) before me on this 2nd day of SEPT. 2015, by VICTORIA E. WEBBER, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared by before me.

Signature _____

Mehdi Zahedi

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