

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1
San Luis Coastal Unified School District**

MARK BUCHMAN **Age: 54**
Occupation: Educator, Community-Youth Volunteer, Father, School-to-Home Communications Specialist

Education and Qualifications: I believe children always come first, and this guides my work. I've invested 25 years in public education as a, college instructor, classified employee, and administrator. My community service includes: eight years on the countywide PTA board, eight years with SLO Child Abuse Prevention Council, and 18 years promoting youth sports (2 years AYSO Regional Commissioner, charter member of SLO Youth Sports Association).

I am a SLO City Joint Use of Fields Commissioner, on the "Ag in the Classroom" Committee, the Live Oak Children's Area Coordinator, and the Home-to-School Communications Advisor to 65 school districts.

View my full resume at smartvoter.org.

As a trustee I will work to: ensure all students achieve their individual potentials, create budgets based on socially and ethically fiscal responsibility, and close the achievement gap for the benefit of all students.

To do this I will form an "Area 3" parent/student advisory group and build coalitions with non-profits while working collaboratively with other trustees.

Join my early supporters; former trustee presidents, Glenn Oelker, Patricia Andreen and former County Superintendent of Schools Ken Palmer; State Teachers of the Year, Betty Migliore and Carmen Candelaria; and citizens Mary Jo Devit, Maria Slavin, and Lisa Fraser.

s/ Mark Buchman

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JOHN A. SPATAFORE **Age: 56**
Occupation: Appointed Incumbent; Lawyer

Education and Qualifications: My effectiveness as a School Board member since 2005 is built on the invaluable experience I gained while serving on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, member and Chair of the district's Personnel Commission, and as a member of the Budget Reduction Committees. As our daughters progressed through SLCUSD's excellent K-12 program, I saw the importance of dedicated teachers and staff, which inspired my involvement as an elementary classroom aide, middle school volunteer, and President of SLOHS Black and Gold Booster's Club. I was also President of the SLO Youth Sports Association, which developed the Damon-Garcia sports fields and a program to improve school athletic facilities.

This broad 18-year learning experience deepened my understanding of the complexities of creating innovative programs for the district. It provided me with the knowledge to give sound direction to administrators regarding finances and curriculum, so every dollar spent is maximized. This perspective also enables me to engage in creative planning to insure that SLCUSD continues to meet the evolving needs of every student, irrespective of background, providing them with the best environment to learn everyday.

s/ John A. Spatafore

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA, SÍNDICO DEL ÁREA NO. 1
Distrito Escolar Unificado Costero de San Luis**

JOHN A. SPATAFORE **Edad: 56**
Ocupación: Titular Designado; Abogado

Educación y Competencia: Mi eficacia como miembro de la Junta Escolar desde 2005 se basa en la experiencia invaluable que obtuve trabajando en el Comité Asesor del Superintendente, miembro y Presidente de la Comisión de Personal del distrito, y como miembro de Comités de Reducción de Presupuesto. A medida que nuestras hijas avanzaron por el excelente programa de K-12 del SLCUSD, observé la importancia de los maestros y el personal dedicados, lo que inspiró mi participación como auxiliar de aula primaria, voluntario de escuela intermedia, y Presidente del Club Black and Gold Booster de SLOHS. También fui Presidente de la Asociación de Deportes Juveniles SLO, que desarrolló el campo de deportes Damon-Garcia y un programa para mejorar las instalaciones atléticas escolares.

Esta amplia experiencia de aprendizaje durante 18 años profundizó mi comprensión de las complejidades de crear programas innovadores para el distrito. Me proveyó del conocimiento para brindar una orientación sólida a los administradores en cuanto a las finanzas y el plan de estudios, para que cada dólar gastado se maximice. Esta perspectiva también me permite participar en la planificación creativa para asegurar que el SLCUSD siga satisfaciendo las necesidades emergentes de cada estudiante, independientemente de la formación, proveyéndolos del mejor entorno para aprender todos los días.

f/ John A. Spatafore