May 12, 2017

Dear CUSD Trustee Area 7 Candidate:

We appreciate your interest in serving as a Capistrano Unified School District Trustee representing Area 7, which covers portions of Rancho Santa Margarita, Mission Viejo, and Coto de Caza, including Arroyo Vista K-8 School, Bathgate Elementary School, Castille Elementary School, Philip Reilly Elementary School, Tijeras Creek Elementary School, Wagon Wheel Elementary School, Newhart Middle School, and Tesoro High School.

The Capistrano Unified School District is the highest performing large school district in California and is responsible for the education of 50,000 public school students in seven cities and unincorporated areas covering nearly 200 square miles of south Orange County. If you were to be appointed, you would represent Trustee Area 7 and serve as part of a 7-member Trustee team making policy in support of every student in our District.

The Board of Trustees' primary goal is to provide each student with an education of the highest quality. This goal is the primary factor motivating the Board's execution of its powers and duties. The Board is responsible for the general control and direction of education in the District and provides accountability to the students, families and communities we serve.

To apply for appointment to the Board of Trustees, you must meet the follow criteria, as required by Education Code section 35107:

a. 18 years of age or older;

b. A citizen of California;

c. A resident of Trustee Area 7;

d. A registered voter in Trustee Area 7;

e. Not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office
With your application (attached to this document), please consider also including a resume, a Letter of Interest to the Board of Trustees and a phone number. It is also highly recommended that you complete the Fair Political Practices Commission Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700). Please go to the following URL for more information on the Form 700 process and responsibilities: http://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html.

Each applicant and nominated individuals for provisional appointment will be interviewed by the Board of Trustees at a special public meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Please understand that all information you submit, including your resume, letter of interest to the Board of Trustees, phone number and Form 700 will become public documents once the District receives them. In addition, pursuant to the California Brown Act, all of the candidate interviews must be conducted in public, during an open meeting.

We appreciate your interest in serving the Capistrano Unified School District. Should you have any questions, please contact Ryan Burris, Chief Communications Officer, at (949) 234-9308.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Vital
Superintendent

Attachment: Application
AREA 7 TRUSTEE CANDIDATE APPLICATION
LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Capistrano Unified School District

Please complete and return by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017 to Nicole Perez, Executive Secretary, Board Operations (nmperez@capousd.org), or leave at the Superintendent's office located at 33122 Valle Road, in San Juan Capistrano.

Date: ______________________

__________________________ (Last Name) (First Name), (Initial)

Business Address: ___________________________ Phone: __________

Home Address: ___________________________ Phone: __________

E-mail: ___________________________

Occupation and Employer: ___________________________

No. of Years Residing in the District: ______

Do you have children in CUSD schools? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what schools? ___________________________

In no more than five pages, please consider including information on any prior experience serving on a governing board, specifically a school district board, any school committees or participation in any school activities as well as role in any community or business activities. Also, please describe why you desire to serve as a school board member, what you view as the basic purpose of public schools, how your work as a Board member would fulfill this purpose and how the role of a Board member is different than the role of the Superintendent. Describe how you define the relationship between Board members and the District’s administration in the handling of school concerns, your commitment to public education, what you view as the area(s) needing the most improvement in CUSD and what you believe are the strengths of the Capistrano Unified School District.