

East County Chamber of Commerce
Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Office Sought: Cajon Valley Union School District Board of Trustees

District/Seat: Area 5 (primarily the Rancho San Diego Area)

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Describe Current Employment: I am an attorney running my own firm in El Cajon since 1997. The firm name: Law Offices of JP Miller, Jr.. The focus of the practice is Family Law litigation and general Civil Litigation. I also have run a professional sports agency, Off-Tackle Sports Management during this time frame whereby I have represented over an estimated 200 professional athletes, primarily professional football players, in their contract negotiations.

Length of Residence in District: 47 years. My family moved from the San Carlos/SDSU area to the East County when I was 6 years old. I attended Anza Elementary and Fuerte Elementary then Montgomery Middle School and finally Valhalla High School before going to San Diego State.

Education: San Diego State University (1992) B.S. Finance (emphasis in Real Estate Finance); Thomas Jefferson School of Law (1996) J.D.

Past and Present Community Service including offices held:

Current: East County Posse, board member and appropriations committee 2016 to present

San Diego County Gun Owner's Political Action Committee, founding board member 2016 to present.

Coaching: Professional licensed club soccer coach, Crusaders Soccer Club 2017 to present, El Cajon Matrix 2015 and 2016, coached for El Cajon AYSO 2012-2014 and I have also coached for Rancho San Diego Softball various years. Prior to my youngest daughter I coached club and recreational soccer for my older daughter, she is now 31 and have volunteered as a coach in one aspect or another from little league to club sports since 1987.

Past: Grossmont Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, 2009-2012

Marshall Faulk Foundation Board of Directors, 2007-2015 (approximately)

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Past and Present Employment/Business Experience: As stated herein, I run my own law practice as well as a professional sports agency for going on 27 years. I worked my way through law school clerking for my father's law firm, Malloy, Schmidt and Miller, as well as working practically every job available within a bank branch for Wells Fargo (Grossmont and Second Street branch locations). As an attorney I have consulted on more business matters for clients than I could possibly ever count from contacts and litigation to the establishment of LLC's and Corporations.

Past and Present Political Offices Held: I am currently the President of the Board of Trustees for the Cajon Valley Union School District. I was first elected in 2016 and won my re-election in 2020 by one of the largest margins of victory for any local race that year. I intend to serve one additional term, should I be elected in 2024.

Specific Qualifications for this office: Other than now having approximately 7 years of experience on the board, 5 as the Vice President and this current as the President, I have taken Masters in Governance courses offered from the California School Boards association and was nominated as the "New School Board Member of the Year" after my first year in 2016 (no, I did not win but it was nice to be thought of). What does a school board truly do? We are constantly reviewing law, lawsuits, claims, contracts, negotiating with our unions and working on budgets. This is exactly what I do every day as an attorney in private practice. Add in a love of history coupled with my background in athletics and I have written curriculum for physical education and most recently worked on the curriculum for our charter high school's history and civics courses.

Is there any significant information that could come out about you during a campaign that could potentially embarrass you publicly? The short answer is "No". I have run county wide in 2010 and 2012 for Superior Court Judge, losing in 2 very close elections and now have had two successful runs on the school board. Is there inflammatory nonsense floating on the internet? Of course. That exists with anyone in public office at this point in time. But there is nothing that is "true" that is negative in my background.

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What are your top priorities if elected to office?

First, I want to see the World of Work curriculum continue to be built out globally. As we have developed this curriculum, CVUSD is the only public school district in the country that has a "product" that is now sold to other districts generating funds to our general fund accounts.

Second, the finishing and build out of our charter high school, Bostonia Global, is something I want to see completed with our first graduating class and the establishment of an athletic department.

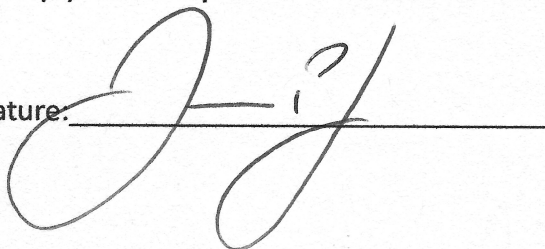
Third, in 2018 after the Parkland, FL. Shooting I was on a plane returning from a conference in Florida. When I landed, I used my contacts in the Second Amendment and firearms industry to begin a revamp of the CVUSD safety and security protocols. I brought in both site and facility as well as behavioral experts with the support of CVUSD staff and my fellow board members. We created a new and dynamic view of how to keep our students and staff safe. I have lectured on this very topic to two state and national conventions. At present we are undergoing a substantial review of these protocols and procedures, as should be done every few years. It will be my intent to see any revamp and revision of our policies be implemented to keep our kids safe.

Why are you seeking the San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce endorsement and how do you plan to use the endorsement?

The Chamber and our district have a long held working relationship. As the premier business association in our region you have a defined interest in our students as they will someday become your members and be the employees for your members. The Chamber therefore has an invested interest in who sits on the local school board. Is it an anti-capitalism, "de-fund the police" type of activist individual or is it a person who has owned and run their own private business and carries the experience and education needed to truly assist and do the job he or she is running for. I fall into the later category as you can glean from my responses herein. However, my opponent in 2020 most definitely the first category and if she had won the election I shudder to think the havoc she would have brought to our students.

How I would "use" the endorsement is yet to be fully determined. As you can imagine different endorsements lend themselves to different uses. I would of course list it and broadcast it on my materials but after that I would propose a conversation with your government relations people and simply ask how you think the endorsement is best used for my race.

Signature: _____

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Date: August 18, 2023