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Respondent

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Anonymous

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1. I have been... \*

Appointed

Nominated

2. Your signature indicates your consent to be placed on the ballot and serve as a Delegate, if elected \*

Maria T Gomez

3. Full name \*

Maria T Gomez

4. Region/subregion \*

16B



5. Name of District or COE \*

Hesperia Unified School District

6. Years on board \*

4

7. Profession

Educational Liaison

8. Contact number \*

(760) 998-5716

9. Primary email address \*

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10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

I am an accomplished educator and advocate with over twenty years of experience in the education sector, currently holding two significant roles. For the past sixteen years, I have served as an Educational Liaison for San Bernardino County Children and Family Services, where I support foster youth in achieving their educational goals. This position has given me valuable insights into the unique challenges faced by these students and has deepened my commitment to their success.

My extensive experience includes roles as a Teacher Assistant, English Language Development Assistant, Teacher, and Director of a private Child Development Center. These positions have equipped me with strong leadership skills, a deep understanding of effective decision-making, and the ability to plan strategically for educational initiatives. I prioritize compliance with educational standards while fostering a collaborative environment that supports colleagues and empowers students.

Throughout my career, I have remained committed to sharing knowledge and best practices, embodying my role as both a professional and a compassionate advocate for education.

12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. \*

During my first term on Hesperia School Board, as a group we have achieved significant milestones, such as:

- Increasing career technical pathways to prepare students for post-high school opportunities.
- Expanded partnerships with Victor Valley College, enabling students to earn over 20,000 college credits last year.
- Starting the construction of a new performing arts and community center at Hesperia High School.
- Boosting parent involvement through the addition of community family liaisons at all schools.

I have been involved with CSBA AEC committee this past year and I am also a part of the 2025 AEC committee.

I was also one of the nominees for CSBA Director-at-Large, Hispanic.

13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

School governing boards are currently grappling with several significant challenges, including political and ideological conflicts, funding issues, declining enrollment, and educator shortages. These conflicts have created a rift between boards and the communities they serve. As enrollment declines and state budget deficits persist, funding remains a critical concern for all districts.

To address these challenges, CSBA can play a vital role by continuing to offer resources, support, and training. CSBA can help foster a more collaborative environment by providing training that encourages board members to listen to and respect each other's perspectives. Additionally, CSBA can conduct community workshops to clarify the roles and responsibilities of school boards and their members.

I believe that education is key to fostering understanding among stakeholders. CSBA should continue its legislative advocacy, maintain open communication with its members, and offer valuable resources and educational opportunities.