

Candidate Name:

Andy Montoya for the Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board 2016 (Incumbent)

- (yes) I plan to attend the September 19 Meet and Greet at the Library
- (yes) I am submitting the questionnaire and would appreciate receiving NUFF's endorsement upon approval of the membership.

NEIGHBORS UNITED FOR FULLERTON SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Space provided is not intended to limit the length of your response; use the space you need.

1. What is your vision for education in the Fullerton schools?
 - a. *I envision a district where our community is informed and is part of the process of decision making. I envision a district that is competitive and that attracts families to our city through our excellent programs and facilities. I envision a district where there is transparent communication and prepares our students for the jobs and careers of the world we live in today and tomorrow.*
2. What do you believe are the top 2 or 3 priorities that need to be addressed at the district level?
 - a. *Transparent Communication including but not limited to our successes and upcoming changes to make our district a better learning environment.*
 - b. *We need to update our facilities and programs to fit the needs of today's students.*
 - c. *We need to ensure that our "Arts Programs" are supported and continue to thrive in our community.*
3. What has been your experience in the public school system?
 - a. *I have been a public school math teacher for the past 17 years. I have taught at Ladera Vista Jr. High School of the Arts along side my wife. Kristin Montoya and I have taken hundreds of students to Washington, D.C. to show them first hand our Capitol and share our Memorials to all those who have fought for our freedom.*
 - b. *I have served on our Fullerton Joint Union High School District for the past 4 years.*
 - c. *Both my step sons and wife attended Fullerton High School. Approx. 45% of my students I teach attend Troy High School and 45% attend Fullerton High School. The other 10% attend other FJUHSD Schools or go onto private or outside schools.*
 - d. *My mother works for the Orange Unified School District as a Language Assessment Clerk, testing students as they enter the district.*
4. In what ways do you feel you are prepared for the job of a Trustee? What strengths do you bring?
 - a. *As an incumbent for the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, I feel that I bring accessibility. I am accessible to our community through social media, email, and being active in our community. I am available to listen and bring concerns up to the board and district office.*
 - b. *I feel that I bring first hand knowledge of what it means to be in today's classroom.*
 - c. *I feel that knowing our demographics through teaching at one of the feeder schools, that I have knowledge of the needs of our students and community.*

5. What are 2 or 3 current activities or programs in which the district currently excels? How do you believe that you could ensure that these continue?
 - a. *I believe that our schools excel in preparing our students for their future. We give opportunities through the programs we offer. Through Agriculture, International Baccalaureate, Regional Occupational Programs, Athletic Programs, and many other outstanding programs we are able to help our students be successful with their future plans. I believe that having our programs as a top priority to our board helps us ensure that these programs continue.*
 - b. *I believe that our district provides opportunities to our community and stakeholders through input to our Local Control and Accountability Plan. I believe that we currently try to meet the needs of our students and community on many different levels. I plan to continue this practice.*

6. What is the best measurement for how a district is being successful or unsuccessful in student learning?
 - a. *The best measurement is to walk into a classroom and see the engagement and great teaching going on. Not all of us have the time or ability to do so. So, I believe that the best measurement is done through a variety of venues. Our Arts Performances, Athletic games, and School Activities like Back to School Nights and Open Houses are a good indicator of how our district is performing.*
 - b. *Being active and speaking to our community and stakeholders are also good measurements of how successful or unsuccessful our district is performing.*

7. Do you favor uniqueness in the schools/courses/teaching methods offered, or do you believe that greater consistency is preferable?
 - a. *Consistency is preferable but our schools are different and the students that attend our schools have different needs. I believe that we need to provide access to our great programs to every student but also be realistic in being able to provide courses and techniques that meet the needs of the school and community.*
 - b. *I believe that all students deserve rigor and accessibility to a curriculum that prepares for whatever plans our students have in mind. We need to prepare our students for the workforce and the future of our community.*

8. What are your views on integration of the arts at our schools?
 - a. *I feel that Arts are a key component of student learning and that Arts programs are what make a student well rounded and have the capability of imagination and higher level thinking.*
 - b. *I believe that we need to support the Arts programs and continue to enhance arts opportunities to our students and schools.*

9. Is there anything you would like to add?
 - a. *I have thoroughly enjoyed and have learned a lot over the past four years of being a Trustee in the FJUHSD. I believe that my first four years have been a great opportunity for me to bring a different voice and share my views with our district. I believe that, if elected to serve for another term, that I will be able to see that all of the things that we have worked on are carried out in a manner that is consistent with our Board Priorities. Great programs, engaged students, and safe competitive campuses ensure us to have successful students and a thriving community.*