

**REQUIRES BOARD ACTION**

This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box. *A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2019 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
SUBREGION 18-A  
(Riverside County)

Number of vacancies: 6 (Vote for no more than 6 candidates)

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2021*

*\*denotes incumbent*

- Robert Garcia (Jurupa USD)\*
- Madonna M. Gerrell (Palm Springs USD)\*
- Anne K. Price (Banning USD)
- Gerard "Gary" Reller (Romoland ESD)
- Kristi Rutz-Robbins (Temecula Valley USD)\*
- Kris Thomasian (Murrieta Valley USD)

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

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*School District*

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*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

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*Title*

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*School District Name*

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*Date of Board Action*

*See reverse side for list of all current Delegates in your Region.*



**2019 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form**  
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Signature: Robert Garcia Date: 1/4/2019

Name: <u>Robert Garcia</u>	CSBA Region & subregion #: <u>18A</u>
District or COE: <u>Jurupa Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>4</u>
Profession: <u>Quality Assurance Manager</u>	Contact Number (please v <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.): <u>(714) 745-9995</u>
*Primary E-mail: <u>robert_garcia@jUSD.k12.ca.us</u>	
(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)	
Are you an incumbent Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If yes, year you became Delegate: <u>2017</u>	

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

CSBA provides great opportunities for school districts and governing boards to lead effectively. I'm interested in continuing my service as a Delegate so that I can continue representing my district and region and help take on the challenges facing education in California. I have been a lifelong leader in my career, I'm diplomatic, and I can see the big picture when making decisions.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

I serve on the Facilities, Technology, and Career Technical Education committees. My 30 years of experience in technology gives me a unique perspective on these committees and allows me to provide insight to my fellow board members. In my community I serve through many different groups such as the Lions club, VFW, and American Legion, helping our students with scholarships, opportunities to serve, and leadership programs. I regularly attend CSBA/RCSBA conferences and workshops and completed the Master's in Governance program in 2015.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

I believe two of the biggest challenges facing governing boards are 1. LCFF Flexibility and 2. Adequate funding. CSBA can help by continuing it's effort to inform the membership on the challenges and collectively push for changes in legislation.

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Signature: M Gerrell Date: Sunday, January 6, 2019

Name: Madonna M. Gerrell CSBA Region & subregion #: 18 A  
 District or COE: Palm Springs Unified School District Years on board: 2 years  
 Profession: Education Specialist Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): (760) 969-8244  
 \*Primary E-mail: mgerrell@psusd.us  
 (\*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)  
 Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2018

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. (Character count limit: 700)

There are many reasons why I am interested in becoming a Delegate. First, it would be beneficial for our students, parents, and District to understand upcoming legislation and trends in education. Next, as a Delegate my experience and background could possibly shed a new light on current practices. Last, my interest in a CSBA delegate is spurred by a short time this past year working with Wendy and meeting and communicating with the network of delegates from across the state. My education includes a degree in Education, Special education Curriculum and Instruction Master's degree



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Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)

My activities in my community have included working as a volunteer with the CVASA (Coachella Valley Association of Autism), working as a Board member for our local non-profit association, called DIGICOM; working and attending meetings in Palm Springs Unified and Coachella Valley Unified nutritional services, attending District and parent events, and presenting information and educational seminars to local Community Organizations (ie., Rotary Club, Parent Groups, and local government groups).

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? (Character count limit: 700)

There are many challenges that face governing school boards in California. Key focus areas include School Safety and systems to insure student protection while in our schools, the legalization of Marijuana and how we can help to support healthy life styles, State and Local funding, upcoming fiscal responsibility for adding to employee pensions, and last but not least the work to insure academic growth for all students.

With new government leaders, we need to communicate and work together to find doable solutions. Cesar Chavez said it best, "Si, Se Puede".

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**Signature:** 

**Date:** 1-2-19

Name: Anne K Price

CSBA Region & subregion #: 18A

District or COE: Banning Unified

Years on board: 1

Profession: Retired Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): 951-505-0329

\*Primary E-mail: aprice@banning.k12.ca.us

(\*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

Having just been on board for one year, I see CSBA as an invaluable asset to strengthen my knowledge and to provide resources to the local board.. Having retired as a Human Resources manager and having taught school in early years after college, I have a good perspective on how the board should operate as a team, listening to teachers, staff and district.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

I attend board meetings, visit schools and attend many school activities. I feel that it is important to be present to support the stidents, teachers, staff and community. I have attended most of the Safe School meetings, discussing anti-bullying, and attended most of the LCAP site meetings. I completed the first two classes in Masters in Governance and will complete the courses in the spring. I serve on the 2X2 committee with the city council.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

Finances are the major concern. State mandates usually do not include funding and this negatively impacts budgets of smaller districts. We rely on CSBA to interact on the state level to insure equity and fair and balanced funding. I like that we have a score card on legislators to evlauate how they are representing the local areas.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/7/18

Name: Gerard "Gary" Reller CSBA Region & subregion #: 18 A  
District or COE: Romoland Elementary School District Years on board: 13 Years  
Profession: Middle School Principal Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): 909-910-8574  
\*Primary E-mail: greller@romoland.net  
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Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

Serving as an elected board member for 12 years, I have always worked to reflect the interests of our students, staff, and community, and as a member of the CSBA Delegate Assembly, I would do the same; reflect the interests of all of the CSBA members and the students and communities they serve. I serve in a rural area of Riverside County in the Romoland Elementary School District where we are organized with PreK-5 schools and a 6-8 middle school. I am also very fortunate to serve as a middle school principal in a large urban school district in Riverside County. These two experiences give me a unique understanding and perspective of the needs of education in the State of California.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

As a board member I have worked side by side with my colleagues to accomplish; the transition from a district organized as K-8 schools to those of PreK-5 and a 6-8 middle school; fiscal solvency during the state's budget crisis; building schools that are recognized in school architects literature; promoting school programs and staff where student achievement growth in the least 4 years is the highest in Riverside County. I have worked to promote strategic planning to prepare our district for the future. I am also involved in my community as a board member of a 501c3 that awards scholarships to graduating seniors in the Perris Union High School District and a toy giveaway for needy children.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

We must take what we have learned from budget crisis years to prepare for future crises. Not only will the state budget uncertainties effect us all, we must prepare differently for those unique challenges facing each of our districts. For example, declining enrollment, Local Control Funding Formula effecting districts differently, and the lack of school construction dollars are causing local boards to become very creative. Together, CSBA and local boards can overcome these challenges.

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Signature: Kristi Rutz-Robbins Date: 12/26/2018

Name: Kristi Rutz-Robbins CSBA Region & subregion #: 18A

District or COE: Tulare Valley Unified Years on board: 10

Profession: professor Contact Number (please V  Cell  Home  Bus.): 951 764 0356

\*Primary E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2016

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

As a delegate I bring ten years of governing board experience to the Delegates Assembly. I am an active listener, a strong advocate for public education and a researcher. I helped guide our district through the recession + developed a strategic plan + a formal Syt evolution

I have served on the VAPA committee and the family Engagement committee. TVUSD has attended numerous CSBA annual conferences. I have advocated for public education at Senator Anderson + Assembly woman's Waldron's offices.

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

The biggest challenge facing governing boards is base funding levels. We have other challenges such as serving our at-risk students, providing literacy support, funding arts + extracurriculars + supporting our students social + emotional health. All these need funding.

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Signature: Kris Thomasian

Date: Jan. 5, 2019

Name: Kris Thomasian

CSBA Region & subregion #: 18 A

District or COE: Murrieta Valley Unified

Years on board: 17

Profession: Autism Behavior Specialist Contact Number (please check  Cell  Home  Bus.): 909 730-7179

\*Primary E-mail: kthomasian@murrieta.k12.ca.us

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**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

A Delegate position would allow me to expand my advocacy for children. From my career as an Autism Behavior Specialist to school board and PTA, I have worked to promote improved education for students. One of the highlights of my advocacy efforts was to chair a committee in 23rd District PTA (all of Riverside County) to create a Resolution to present at the California State PTA Annual Convention regarding the inequity of school transportation funding. I worked with our local State Assemblyman to create a Bill to address the transportation issue, resulting in me testifying before the Assembly Education Committee.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

Murrieta Valley Unified School Board: Member 17 years, President, Clerk

CSBA Conferences and other learning opportunities

PTA - Board member 22 years: School sites, Murrieta Council, 23rd District

Presenter - NSBA Conference Chicago and San Francisco, California State PTA Annual Convention, 23rd District PTA

Murrieta Girl Scout Leader, 16 years, leading 2 troops through high school scouting

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

The biggest challenge is the lack of adequate financial support from state and national funding sources. Several vital budget items, particularly special education and transportation, are increasing in encroachment to our local budget. Inadequate funding limits student programs as well as the opportunity to provide salaries to attract and maintain the best people to educate our students. Teacher shortages are negatively impacting school districts. CSBA is a very important advocacy agency working to effect change in the regulations and practices that impact our local district budgets.

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