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# TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
# DEADLINE TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

June 5, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education in Region 7B

From: Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, CSBA President

Re: 2020 CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-off Elections, Region 7B
***U.S. Postmark Deadline – Tuesday, August 11, 2020***

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The members of the Delegate Assembly Election Committee met on March 24, 2020 to count and certify the ballots for membership on the CSBA Delegate Assembly. A tie vote resulted in a run-off election in your Region. You are receiving the run-off ballot now because in response to the closure of the CSBA office, the Board of Directors on March 28, 2020, postponed the runoff election until it became practicable for staff to mail out the ballots.

Enclosed is the run-off ballot material for election of a representative to CSBA Delegate Assembly from your Region. The material consists of the ballot (on turquoise paper) and a list of all current members of the Delegate Assembly from Region 7B effective April 1, 2020. In addition, the candidates' required biographical sketch form and optional resume is provided, along with a "copy" of the run-off ballot on white paper so that it may be included in your board agenda packet, if you choose to do so. **Only the run-off ballot on turquoise paper is to be completed and returned**.

The board, as a whole, votes using the turquoise ballot. The ballot must be completely filled out, signed by the Superintendent or the Board Clerk, and returned in the enclosed envelope. If the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery, please write **DELEGATE ELECTION – RUN-OFF BALLOT REGION 7B** on the envelope. **Run-off ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Tuesday, August 11, 2020.** ***No exceptions are allowed.***

The ballots will be counted during the week of August 17th and the candidates will be notified of the results immediately. Should a second tie occur, the Regional Director will cast the tie-breaking vote.

All newly elected Delegates will serve terms that will expire on March 31, 2022. The next meeting of the **Delegate Assembly is on Wednesday, December 2 – Thursday, December 3 at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, CA**. Please do not hesitate to contact Jamille Peters at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions. Thank you.

***REQUIRES BOARD ACTION***

This completed **ORIGINAL RUN-OFF BALLOT** must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and may be returned by email on or before **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**, **2020.** Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "✕" in the box.

*A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR A LATE BALLOT THAT IS NOT POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 11 WILL NOT BE VALID.*

OFFICIAL 2020 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RUN-OFF BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)

(Vote for no more than 1 candidates)

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms that will end March 31, 2022*

**denotes incumbent*

☐ Mialisa Bonta (Alameda USD)

☐ Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD)*

_____ _____
*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk* *Title*

_____ _____
*School District* *Date of Board Action*

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

## REGION 7 – 19 Delegates (14 elected/5 appointed◈)

### Director: Yolanda Peña Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD)

**Below are the current Delegates and their terms (as of April 1, 2020).**

**Subregion 7-A (Contra Costa)**
Elizabeth Bettis (Walnut Creek ESD), term expires 2021
Rachel Hurd (San Ramon Valley USD)◈, 2022
Linda Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Meredith Meade (Lafayette SD), term expires 2021
Marina Ramos (John Swett USD), term expires 2022
Mary Rocha (Antioch USD), term expires 2022
Pauline Rivera Allred (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2022
Richard Severy (Moraga ESD), term expires 2021

**Subregion 7-B (Alameda)**
James Aguilar (San Leandro USD), term expires 2022
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Jody London (Oakland USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Diana Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2021
Monique Tate (San Leandro USD), term expires 2022
Jeff Wang (New Haven USD), term expires 2021
Gary Yee (Oakland USD)◈, appointed term expires 2022
Jamie Yee (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2021
Vacant, term expires 2022
Vacant, term expires 2021

**County Delegate:**
Amber Childress (Alameda COE), term expires 2021

**Counties**

Contra Costa (Subregion A)
Alameda (Subregion B)

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# Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2020 election

***DUE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – no late submissions accepted***

Please complete, sign, and date this required biographical sketch form. An optional, ONE-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Please do not state "see résumé" and do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Executive Office, call 800.266.3382 or email at nominations@csba.org.

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

***Signature:*** Anne E. White ***Date:*** December 19, 2019

Name: Anne E. White CSBA Region & subregion #: 7B

District or COE: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Years on board: 29

Profession: medical research Contact Number (please √ ☐ Cell ☒ Home ☐ Bus.): 925-443-3106 - home

*Primary E-mail: white-ae@comcast.net

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

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2000

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

The Delegate Assembly is the bottom line decision making body of CSBA. The DA elects officers, approves CSBA positions on ballot initiatives and provides grassroots feedback to staff about the likely actual effects of proposed legislation - and unintended consequences.

My many years as an active trustee, as a delegate and as a director will add experience, knowledge and wisdom to the deliberations of the Delegate Assembly.

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

CSBA: Director 2014-18, Charter School Task Force, Committees: ELA Adequacy, Bylaws, Audit, Legislation and Nominating, Nominating Chairman, Golden Bell Validator, 2011, 2007, 2000.

Livermore: Policy, Dual Immersion Task Force, Tri-Valley Education Collaborative (CTE in the Tri-Valley), Alameda County School Boards Association, member, officer 2003-2013.

Other: Individual Member Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sandia National Lab Bio-Safety Committee, LAM Research Scholarship Committee, Student Education Loan Fund, president and board member.

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

Ever since the pilgrims stepped off the Mayflower, responsibility for public schools has been in the hands of locally selected citizens. If this scheme is to survive, local boards must not only make good decisions, but also must clearly be seen to be making those good decisions. Statewide ACSA and our local superintendents are key partners in keeping school boards relevant. Our superintendents are our "agents" who make us aware of "smile and wave" opportunities, but also of chances to speak and share our pride in our districts, demonstrating our competence. Our superintendents also can play a significant role in integrating trustees into the leadership of our communities. CSBA can foster this partnership statewide and with individual superintendents. When education becomes more

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# Anne White

CSBA -2019

4614 Almond Circle
Livermore, California 94550
(925) 443-3106
white-ae@comcast.net

**Experience**

- Board of Trustees, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 1990 - present
- CSBA Delegate Assembly, Region 7B Alameda County, 2000-2013; Director Region 7, 2014 - 2018
- Alameda County School Boards Association: officer 2003-07; 2010-13 Livermore representative
- Staff Research Associate, ten years, U.C.S.F., medical research, bibliography available

**California School Boards Association (CSBA) Activities**

- ELA Adequacy Committee, 2015-6, Charter School Task Force 2016-7
- Annual Education Conference presenter - 2015, 2011, 2005, 1999; NSBA 2000; Unity Conference 2013
- Committees: Audit 2014-15; Education Legal Alliance 2011-14; Bylaws 2016-7; Legislative 2006-07; Nominating 2004, Chairman 2005
- Golden Bell Validator, 2000, 2007, 2011
- Proposed School Finance Exploration Project, 2004

**Livermore School District Achievements and Activities**

- Organized the Livermore Hispanic Study Group/Achievement Gap Task Force, 2006
- District and Superintendent Committees, 1986-2019:
  Measure L (bond campaign) - GATE Advisory Board - LAVTA (area transportation) - Tri-Valley Education Collaborative (Career Tech) - Communication - Technology - Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee - Strategic Plan - Health and Wellness - Policy - Intergovernmental (Schools, City, Parks) - High School Graduation Requirements - Measures E and D Committees (parcel taxes) - Employee Recognition - Facilities - Diversity Marylin Avenue School Roadrunner Project (PI Committee) - Dual Immersion Task Force
- Tri-Valley Business Council Education Committee, "Tri-Valley Vision 2010"
- Mayor's School Facilities Committee - Developers, Council and Trustees
- Speaker: Soroptimists, Rotaries, Real Estate Board, Chamber of Commerce

**Professional Development**

- Master of Boardsmanship, Masters in Governance, Interest Based Bargaining, three times
- Numerous workshops and webinars: CSBA/School Services and CSBA/CDE/ACSA/CCSESA:
  Curriculum, Finance, Governance, Legal, Back to School, Forecast, Collective Bargaining Summits, Achievement Gap Summit, Rebuilding California

**Presentations**

- "Repair California" – County Supervisor Town Hall meeting
- "Schools and Mayors: New Partnership for Better Performance" - Brown Club of Southern California

**Panels -**

- Institutional Biosafety Committee, Sandia National Laboratory, 2013 - present
- Alumni Advisory Council, Biological Sciences, Purdue University, 2007-12
- Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative Steering Committee, 2005-08
- CDE: Instructional Materials Advisory Panels, 1998-2003; Legal-Social Compliance Review Leader 2005

**Honors**

- California State PTA Continuing Service Award, Croce Elementary School, 2010
- "Juanita Haugen – Women Making a Difference Award, Leadership and Education"
  East Bay CEWAER, (now California Women Lead), 2007

**Other**

- M.S., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Biological Sciences
  A.B., Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Biology
- Family - husband, Ron, retired physicist, Lawrence Livermore National Lab; 2 adult sons

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***Signature:*** Mialisa Bonta ***Date:*** 1/6/20

Name: Mialisa Bonta

CSBA Region & subregion #: 7B

District or COE: Alameda Unified School District

Years on board: 1.1

Profession: CEO, Oakland Promise Contact Number (please √ ☑ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 415-728-1796

*Primary E-mail: mbonta@alamedaunified.org

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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.**

I have served on the AUSD Board of Education for 1.1 years, recently getting elected by my colleagues for a second term as President of the AUSD Board of Education. I bring 20+ years working to support children and families, in particular through conducting strategic planning and policy development for school districts throughout California and the country. I am a non-profit executive, working in close partnership with school systems and community-based organizations to develop public-private partnerships. I also served as Delegate for the 18th AD for the CA Dem. Party

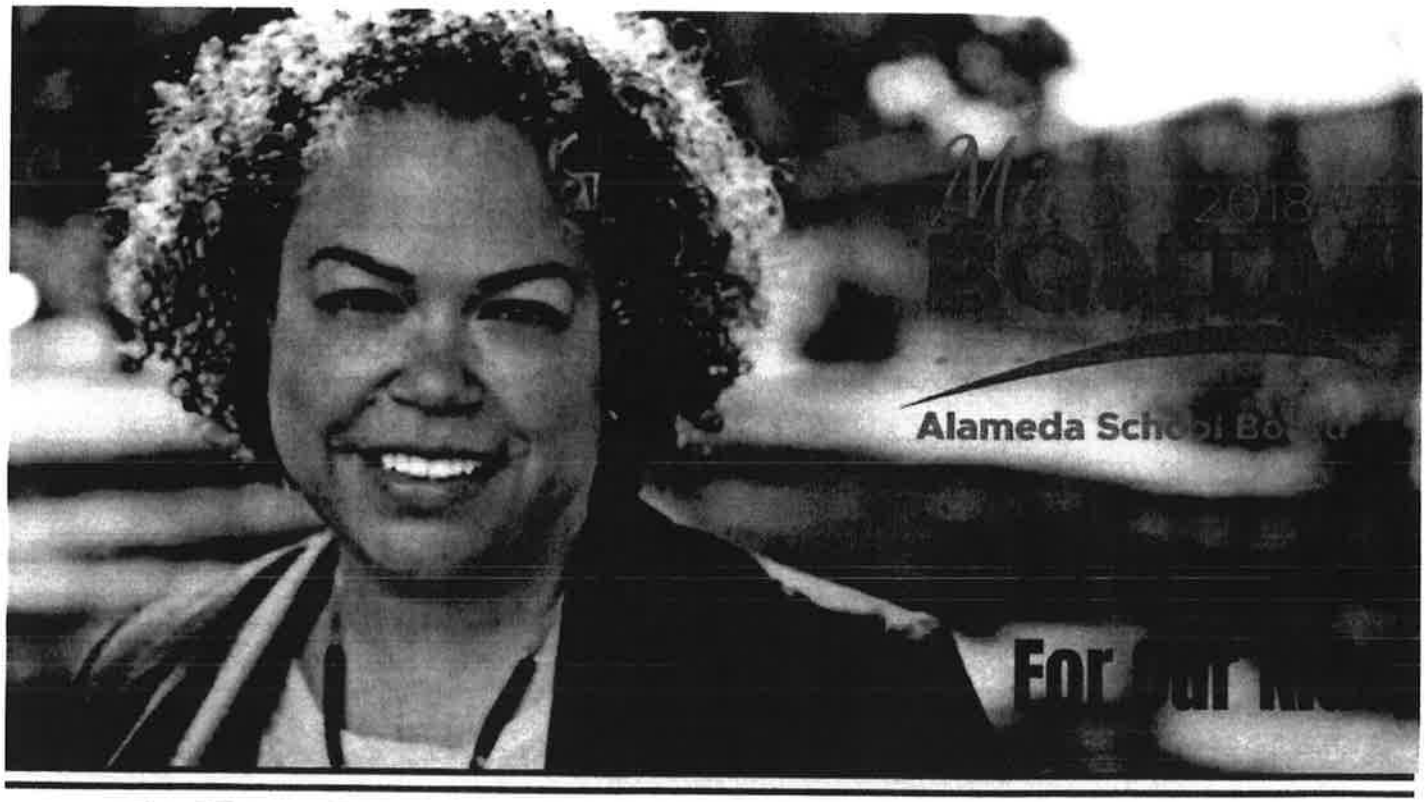
**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

While on the AUSD school board, I have focused my efforts on focusing the district in the adoption of a strategic plan after 10 years, full and fair funding, and addressing equity issues in our district. I have supported better alignment of the LCAP process with the district's long term planning. I am a parent of three students, participating PTA member. As CEO of Oakland Promise, I run one of the largest school-aligned, place-based initiatives to support cradle-to-career programs to support post-secondary attainment and alignment with the Pre-K-12 system.

**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 ensuring that elected community members have the skills, resources, training, and background information to make critical, data-based and research informed decisions related to their school system. In addition, governing boards today must struggle with the impact of long-term reduction in funding for each child and school system in the state. CSBA can address these issues by joining together to develop a thoughtful legislative platform that will address the variety of needs requiring advocacy by the CSBA.

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## LET'S PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR OUR SCHOOLS WE CAN ALL BELIEVE IN:

### QUALITY

Our schools should offer rigorous curricula and classes that make learning feel relevant for every child. We need to support our teachers and school staff so they have the pay, tools, and resources they need to provide that.

### EQUITY

Education is a gamechanger. Every decision we make about our schools should be focused on making sure every child has the resources, support, and programs they need to succeed in school and beyond.

### INNOVATION

Alameda is a part of the innovation capital of the world. Our schools should offer cutting edge learning opportunities that prepare our students as 21st century learners so that they can join the economy of the future.

### ABOUT MIA BONTA

Mia and her husband Rob have lived in Alameda for 19 years with their 3 children, who have all attended Alameda schools. They have another 9 years until their youngest graduates, so decisions about our schools have a personal impact.

Mia is an educator who has worked 20+ years with children, families, teachers, and schools, so she knows how to:

* Develop an equity-based community vision for schools
* Do inclusive strategic planning
* Raise funds to support new ideas
* Implement approaches that lead to student achievement

### On #teammia:

*CSEA, Chapter 27 & 860
*GRAY HARRIS, AUSD Board President
* Mike McMahon & Barbara Kahn, Former AUSD Trustees
* Malia Vella, Vice Mayor
* Tony Thurmond, Assm.
* Gavin Newsom, Lt. Governor

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# Mialisa T. Bonta

Alameda Unified School District BOE

**ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**
School Board President 2018-Present
Elected November 2018, first Afro-Latina Board President in Alameda Unified School District.

**OAKLAND PROMISE, Oakland, CA**
Inaugural CEO 2019-Present
Currently leading a large-scale non-profit organization facilitating a cradle-to-career strategy to ensure every child in need in Oakland attains post-secondary success through supports and administration of college savings and administration of scholarships for 1,400 students annually.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE COALITION**
Steering Committee Member; Chair Policy Committee 2019-Present
Lead development of policy agenda for a coalition of regional Promise and college-access programs to aggregate collective expertise in support of 20k+ students in the region.

**LITERACY LAB, Oakland, CA**
Founder & CEO 2014-2019
Launched non-profit organization with a mission is to create connected and interactive early learning environments by deploying books, digital content, and blended learning solutions for under-resourced children, their caregivers, and educators.

**BRING ME A BOOK, Mountain View, CA**
Executive Director 2012-2014
Led a 15 year old early literacy and book access organization while successfully raising $1.2M operating budget, and distributing close to 1M books to children throughout California.

**BREAKTHROUGH COLLABORATIVE, San Francisco, CA**
Executive Director 2008-2010
Led a 25 year old non-profit organization focused on supporting middle-school-to college pipeline programs with oversight over 29 affiliates in the U.S. and Hong Kong.

**STUPSKI FOUNDATION, Mill Valley, CA**
Associate Director, Strategic Initiatives & Legacy Development 2002-2008
Designed foundation's policy impact strategy intended to engage K-12 districts, local and state policy leaders, and state education agencies in California, Texas, Ohio and Connecticut.

## EDUCATION

**YALE LAW SCHOOL,** J.D., 1999 Yale Law and Policy Review; Latino Law Students'
**HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**, Ed.M. program, 1995-1996
**YALE UNIVERSITY**, B.A., Psychology, 1993 Concentration: Developmental Psychology