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Q1 Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Daniel Dodge Jr
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Q2 What office do you seek to be elected to?

Pajaro Valley Unified School District Area 4.

Q3 Please choose the option best describing your candidacy:

Challenger

Q4 Do you identify as LGBTIQ?

No, but I strive to be a LGBTIQ ally!

Is there anything else about your identity that you'd like us to know?:

I am not striving to be a ally, I AM a LGBTIQ Ally.

Q5 Are you a member of the GLBT Alliance?

No, but I'd like information on how I can become a member.

Q6 Please describe your qualifications for the elected position you seek. Include your main issues, priorities if elected, key endorsements, plus anything else that you'd like our members to know about you and your candidacy.

I am a parent. I was president of the Minite White Elementary School Site Council. Vice-President of Linscott Site Management Team. Currently part of parent leadership team at Ceiba Junior High School. Served on the Measure L bond Oversight Committee, Library Commissioner for the City of Watsonville, Commissioner for the Santa Cruz County Housing Advisory Commission. Main Issues: More Space for local school sports, and after school programs. Basic health examinations for PVUSD children (Vision/Hearing/Dental. Better Collaboration with the UC/CSU system (UCSC/CSUMB).

Q7 Why are you seeking the endorsement of Santa Cruz County's grassroots LGBTIQ political organization, the GLBT Alliance?

To carry the cause of our LGBTIQ brothers and sisters.

Q8 Please tell us about any past or current experiences or involvement you've had addressing LGBTIQ issues or work you've done to support the LGBTIQ community.

I have been a strong supporter of LGBTIQ since I have been in high school. I've been against the discrimination of LGBTIQ in the armed services since I was 18. I have marched in every pride event in Watsonville since 2014. I also now teach my daughter that I will always support her decision to be whoever she wants to be, love who she wants to love, and marry who she wants to marry.

Q9 What historic political or civil rights struggles are you familiar with that impact LGBTIQ equality?

I am a follow and believer in Harvey Milk. I admire the courage he had to join the military when he was young, battled discrimination by creating an ordinance in San Francisco that prohibited discrimination, and created district elections to allow the Castro district to have their voice heard; with their own supervisor. I honor him because he was willing to risk his life, and was ready to die for his beliefs.

Q10 What is your philosophy about working with minority communities of which you are not a member, and how will this manifest in your future work with the LGBTIQ community?

My philosophy is I stand with ANYBODY (LGBTIQ) who feel their rights to be who they want to be, love who they want to love, or marry who they want to marry is in danger.

Q11 Please describe any programs you know of that impact the LGBTIQ community and that are governed by or funded through the elected office you are running for? Include any suggestions you may have for improving these programs.

I know Watsonville High School has Gay-Straight Alliance, but I am not sure if it is funded.

Q12 If elected, how would you use your position to help further issues of importance to the LGBTIQ community?

I would attend any LGBTIQ meetings/festivals/parades/classes and encourage them to come and speak/participate in PVUSD affairs.

Q13 If you receive the GLBT Alliance's endorsement, will you display it in your campaign literature?

Yes, please send me the GLBT Alliance's logo (jpg file) so I can proudly announce the endorsement on my campaign literature, social media and website!
