



Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Charlene Metoyer: Candidate for NMUSD School Board, Trustee Area 2.

Charlene is currently completing her first term as Trustee for Area 2, and serving the Newport-Mesa Board of Education as Vice-President. As a Trustee, she has served the community on the NMUSD Arts Commission, Costa Mesa Youth Sports Council, Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Costa Mesa Liaison Committee, and the Vanguard University Teachers Advisory Council. Charlene is a Costa Mesa homeowner who has been part of the Newport-Mesa community for 42 years as a parent and faculty member. She has served as part of both a Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) culminating in serving as president for both. Charlene was an elementary teacher in Costa Mesa and a middle school teacher in Newport Beach. She has also served as an Adult Education Principal at Pomona, Sonora, and Davis for N-MUSD and was the first N-MUSD Science/Math Coordinator. Most recently, she was the principal of Eastbluff Elementary and Harbor View Elementary for 11 years. <http://www.charlenemetoyer.com/>

Michelle Murphy: Candidate for NMUSD School Board, Trustee Area 2.

Michelle is the proud mother of 2 boys attending Newport-Mesa schools and an active member of her Costa Mesa community. She is passionate about her children's education and is determined as a School Board Trustee, to advocate for all children, creating a positive environment for student success. Michelle has a Master's Degree from the University of Southern California in Social Work and worked at United Way, where she advocated daily to improve the lives of Orange County residents. Currently, Michelle is a School Site Council Member. <https://www.facebook.com/murphyfornewportmesa>

Karen Yelsey: Candidate for NMUSD School Board, Trustee Area 4.

Karen has served as an NMUSD Trustee for the past 12 years and President for 3 years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Tulane University and an MBA from the Wharton Business School. With her husband, she has raised 3 children who all attended Corona Del Mar elementary and middle schools, graduated from Corona Del Mar High School, and received degrees from top tier universities. She has supported and worked with the Corona Del Mar community to approve renovations of the athletic fields at Corona Del Mar High School that will begin early 2019. Her priorities are: Assuring the highest quality instruction integrating critical thinking, communications, technology and creativity. Providing safe and secure campuses for all stakeholders, including increased mental health support and outreach. Continuing to expand distinguished academic programs and Career Technical Education in each of our high school zones and maintaining financial stability. <https://www.facebook.com/karen.yelsey>

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Michelle Barto: Candidate for NMUSD School Board, Trustee Area 5.

Michelle is the mother of 4 NMUSD students, a web developer and business consultant, the Vice Chair of the Board for Pretend City Children's Museum, and a dedicated community volunteer. She has volunteered and held leadership roles for the last 15 years in community organizations including the PTA at her children's school, the CHOC Glass Slipper Guild, Girl Scouts, Newport Beach Public Library, Newport Beach CERT, and as a youth leader at her church. As a lifelong resident of this community, she has witnessed the impact that excellent schools have on the health and economic success of the cities we call home. If elected, she will work hard to ensure that the district is focused and competitive in forward looking and innovative areas of study such as STEM and modern arts — as seen in private schools, home schooling and the most competitive districts in the country. That kids are kept safe through appropriate training, supporting mental health and counseling, and a focus on kindness. That fiscal responsibility and contract management are prioritized to keep dollars in the classroom and provide students with the resources to achieve individualized academic success. <https://www.facebook.com/barto4board2018/>

Ashley Anderson: Candidate for NMUSD School Board, Trustee Area 7.

Ashley is a lifelong Costa Mesa resident with a passion for Westside neighborhoods, having attended Wilson Elementary, Christ Lutheran, and Estancia High. Ashley has a teaching credential and a Master's Degree in Educational Technology. Since 2012, she has been Education Director at a local nonprofit supporting our public schools, where she has led, trained, and mobilized hundreds of literacy volunteers and mentors. Ashley is on the board of Newport Mesa Schools Foundation and on the district's Kindergarten Readiness Taskforce and its Community Alliance. www.ashleyandersonNMUSD.com and <https://m.facebook.com/AshleyAndersonNMUSD2018>

Diane "Dee Dee" RuoRock

Dee Dee RuoRock is a candidate for NMUSD School Board, Trustee Area 7. As a 40+ year resident of Costa Mesa, a local business owner, a graduate of the NMUSD and the mother of two children that currently attend NMUSD schools, she hopes to be a voice for students and their families. Her aim is to provide the perspective of an involved parent and to help shape the course of the education the students receive. She has a track record of volunteerism and working with youth in the community, including positions in the local PTA and coaching baseball as a part of Costa Mesa National Little League. druorock@gmail.com

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