

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4 pm April 25, 2023 in the Ojai Unified School District Office located at 414 E. Ojai Ave. Ojai, California 93023, or by email sent in of care of Dr. Sherill Knox, Interim Superintendent, sknox@ojaiusd.org

**OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES
TRUSTEE AREA #2**

DEADLINE: 4 p.m., April 25, 2023

(Please Print Name & Address)

Name: Mora Daniel P
 (Last) (First) (Initial)

Business Address: [REDACTED]

City: Camarillo State: CA Zip: 93012 Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: Ojai State: CA Zip: 93023 Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Any Former Names Used: _____

Occupation & Employer: Mobilization Coordinator, Central Coast Labor Council

Number of Years Residing in the District: 6

Do you have children in the District's school? Yes No What grades are they in? _____ Ages? _____

Have any family members attended District Schools? Yes No Which schools? _____

Dates of attendance? _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (Voluntary. Not Required.)

High School College/University	State	Degree/Units	Year Issued	Major/Minor
Humboldt State U	CA	BA	2007	Political Science

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES:

List language competencies, other than English: n/a

(Please Use Additional Paper, If Needed)

1. Why do you want to be a school Board Member?

Please see attached file

2. Please discuss your interest in and commitment to the Ojai Unified School District.

Please see attached file

3. Identify the most significant issues in public education generally and in the Ojai Unified School District specifically. State the ways you believe the District should respond to these issues.

Please see attached file

4. What do you see as the major responsibilities of a Board Member?

Please see attached file

5. How does the Board's role differ from that of the Superintendent?

Please see attached file

6. What should be the relationship between Board members and District administration in the handling of school concerns?

Please see attached file

7. Please identify and discuss the areas of knowledge or expertise that you would bring to the Board.

Please see attached file

8. Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? If so, please list them.

Please see attached file

9. List any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was as a volunteer or employee.

Please see attached file

10. Please describe any expertise or experience you may have in the areas of finance, school finance, fiscal matters, education, or service on public boards.
Please see attached file

11. Please fill out the attached Form 700 and submit with your application.

12. Please review the copy of Board Bylaw 9220. After reading Board Bylaw 9220, do you certify that you will abide by the requirements of Board Bylaw 9220? Yes No

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

If yes, please describe the offense(s):

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: If you answer no to any of the following questions, you are not eligible to serve as a Board member.

- | Yes | No | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am 18 years of age or older. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am a resident of the Ojai Unified School District, Trustee Area #2. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am a registered voter. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I am not disqualified to hold this office because of a conviction of any of the crimes listed on page 5 nor am I otherwise disqualified under the California Constitution or statutes from holding public office. |

CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK COMMITMENT

I understand that upon appointment I would be required to file a Conflict of Interest Statement and take an Oath of Office.

I certify I am 18 years of age or older, a registered voter and that I reside within the Trustee Area #2 of the Ojai Unified School District.

I certify I am not disqualified to hold this office because of a conviction of any of the crimes listed on page 4 and further certify I am not otherwise disqualified under the California Constitution or statutes from holding public office.

1. **Why do you want to be a school Board Member?**

As a community member and a parent of two children that will be future students in the district, I want to use my background in advocacy and community building to help stabilize the district. My goal will be to help foster an environment which gives students an opportunity to be prepared for the future, by equipping them with the programs and tools they need to succeed, while providing the teachers with the supplies they need to best help the students. The district needs to be financially stable, while fulfilling the needs of the students and community in perpetuity. With my background and experience, I am confident that I will be able to work with the superintendent and members of the board to get to that point.

2. **Please discuss your interest in and commitment to the Ojai Unified School District.**

My interest lies in the community and my children. They were both born in Meiners Oaks and are future students of this district. Parents who live in Meiners Oaks have expected their children to go to Meiners Oaks Elementary School, and it saddens me to see that it will no longer be available in that capacity due to the budget cuts. But I also see an opportunity to help create and develop a permanently viable district with the students and the schools that we'll have moving forward. I want to work with the board to help preserve the future health of the district so that we can be an effective institution that lastingly benefits our current students, future students, and the entire Ojai community.

3. **Identify the most significant issues in public education generally and in the Ojai Unified School District specifically. State the ways you believe the District should respond to these issues.**

On the whole, statewide and locally the major issue facing public education is funding. Our goal will be to increase student funding at the state level, so that there is adequate funding locally. If we can support programs, then it will go a long way in keeping students in the district, rather than transferring out. We should research ways our community can support our local schools.

4. **What do you see as the major responsibilities of a Board Member?**

The major responsibilities of a board member is to help collectively establish a vision for the district, establish policies, advocate on behalf of public education, and ensuring accountability

5. **How does the Board's role differ from that of the Superintendent?**

The Superintendent is the chief executive of the district. They handle the day-to-day operation of the district, while identifying needs that need to be addressed, and advise the board. The board represents the members of their community and sets the policies. Collectively, the board and the superintendent will work together to develop and pass budgets and district policies after a final board vote.

6. **What should be the relationship between Board members and District administration in the handling of school concerns?**

There needs to be open communication. Whenever there are any concerns within the district, there needs to be communication between the board and administration so that the trustees can relay the questions and answers to the members of the community. There also needs to be communication during internal issues such as financial or budget concerns. My general

philosophy is to not be surprised, and to not surprise anybody. I believe in operating in good faith in a transparent fashion.

7. **Please identify and discuss the areas of knowledge or expertise that you would bring to the Board**

For the last 7 years, I've worked at the Central Coast Labor Council. We represent workers from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. In my capacity, I've worked with several different school boards in all 3 counties regarding budgetary issues, contracts, layoffs, and other policies. We've advocated for preparing students for careers outside of college through technical and pre-apprenticeship programs. Much of my work has focused on community outreach, advocacy and community building while working alongside various labor unions and nonprofit, community-based organizations. We work with diverse groups with very different objectives, and my job has been to help bridge gaps and build coalitions behind a common goal. I listen, discuss, and work to find common ground and mutual agreement between people and organizations with competing interests and bring them together for a common issue.

8. **Have you worked on any school committees or participated in any school activities recently? If so, please list them.**

N/A

9. **List any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was as a volunteer or employee.**

Through my job, I have been able to consistently work with various school boards and councils throughout Ventura County over the better part of the last 7 years. We have frequently put on and participated various community events, and have worked with city, county and district boards regarding various policies and actions.

10. **Please describe any expertise or experience you may have in the areas of finance, school finance, fiscal matters, education, or service on public boards.**

For the past 8 years, I have been an auditor and an executive board member at Laborers Local 585, where I have helped oversee and establish the union's annual budgets of over \$1.5 million a year.

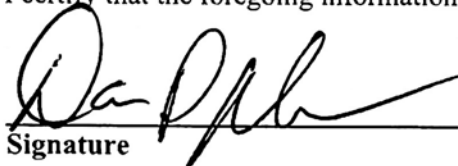
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I understand a Board Member's responsibility requires attendance at: (1) one or two regular Board meetings each month; (2) special meetings or study sessions when called; and (3) numerous school events. I understand that I will be required to read my Board packet and be prepared to make decisions on complex educational issues.

I understand that this application may be made available to the public in accordance with the Public Records Act.

I understand that my failure to complete this application and return it by **4 pm on April 25, 2023** will result in my ineligibility to be a candidate for provisional appointment to the Board.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct under penalty of perjury.

 _____
Signature

April 24, 2023
_____ Date



STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
COVER PAGE
A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Date Initial Filing Received
Filing Official Use Only

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) Mora (FIRST) Daniel (MIDDLE) P

1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms) Ojai Unified School District Board Member
Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position

If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: Position:

2. Jurisdiction Of Office (Check at least one box)

- State
Multi-County
City of
Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
County of
Other Ojai Unified School District

3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

- Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
-or- The period covered is 7/1/2022 through December 31, 2022.
Assuming Office: Date assumed
Candidate: Date of Election
Leaving Office: Date Left
The period covered is January 1, 2022, through the date of leaving office.
The period covered is through the date of leaving office.

4. Schedule Summary (required)

Total number of pages including this coverage:

Schedules attached

- Schedule A-1 Investments - schedule attached
Schedule A-2 Investments - schedule attached
Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached
Schedule C Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached
Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached
Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

-or- None No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS CA 93023
STATE ZIP CODE

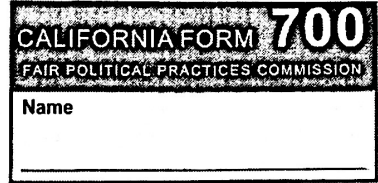
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

I have reviewed this statement. I have reviewed this statement and the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 4/24/2023 Signature [Signature]
(Print the original signed paper statement with your filing official.)

SCHEDULE C
Income, Loans, & Business
Positions
 (Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)



▶ 1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME
Central Coast Labor Council

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)
816 Camarillo Springs Rd Suite N

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION
Mobilization Coordinator

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED No Income - Business Position Only
 \$500 - \$1,000 \$1,001 - \$10,000
 \$10,001 - \$100,000 OVER \$100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED
 Salary Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income
 (For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use
 Schedule A-2.)

Sale of _____
 (Real property, car, boat, etc.)

Loan repayment

Commission or Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more

Other _____
 (Describe)

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 (For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use
 Schedule A-2.)

Sale of _____
 (Real property, car, boat, etc.)

Loan repayment

Commission or Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more

Other _____
 (Describe)

▶ 2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER* _____

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable) _____

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER _____

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD
 \$500 - \$1,000
 \$1,001 - \$10,000
 \$10,001 - \$100,000
 OVER \$100,000

INTEREST RATE _____ % None

TERM (Months/Years) _____

SECURITY FOR LOAN
 None C Personal residence

Q Real Property _____
 Street address _____
 City _____

Guarantor _____

Other _____
 (Describe)

Comments : _____