

Candidates for the Acalanes Union High School District Board

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Chopra also feels that his personal experience as an Indian American allows him to ensure that AUHSD supports diversity and creates a sense of belonging and support for all students.

Peter Catalano has been a substitute teacher for five years, worked on a school board, and worked on several condo boards. He thinks that these experiences make him familiar with how schools and budgets function.

Catalano's goals are academic excellence and practical skills, streamlining finances and fostering fiscal responsibility, resisting the infantilization of students and encouraging responsibility in them, and prioritizing social learning.

Stacey Schweppe wants to enact positive change, especially by creating policies to support students and teachers.

member of the AUHSD's Citizens Oversight Committee for the parcel tax Measures A and G.

Schweppe particularly emphasized all students and teachers feeling welcomed and supported at school as a main goal. Her other goals include providing students with mental health services, bridging achievement gaps, raising AUHSD's academic standards even higher.

These candidates have given Lamorinda Weekly responses to written questions about their plans if they become an AUHSD Board member.

Book banning and religion: All candidates definitively stated that schools should not ban books except Reicher who said that students "deserve the opportunity to have a wide variety of literature available to them."

Finances: Schweppe wants to take "a balanced and conservative approach" to maintain educational excellence using her familiarity of AUHSD's budget.

Minighini wants to maintain fiscal responsibility and identify areas for improvement in budget allocation to maximize student success.

Teacher treatment, support, and pay: Catalano is interested in collaborating with the teacher's union to provide non-monetary initiatives to make AUHSD a more inviting employer.

Supporting high needs, vulnerable, and non-traditional students: Chopra is focused on making sure all students feel they belong and using data to address opportunity gaps.

she has fought to destigmatize mental health and to provide collaborative intervention with counselors at schools.


LGBTQIA+ issues: Minighini supports an inclusive environment and Title IX, and states she believes in protecting female spaces while respecting LGBTQIA+ students.

Assembly Bill 3216, aka the Phone-Free School Act: Schweppe feels that prohibiting cell phones in classrooms is necessary due to the mental health problems they cause.

In Memory

George Thomas Hill, Jr.

July 28, 1932 - May 21, 2024



Tom was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1932. While in High School, his family moved to Poland, Ohio where he met his future wife, Sandra (Hegg). The two became close friends. He graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT and then entered the Army.

eral of the leading manufactures of packaging machinery. Tom served as President of the Western Packaging Association, Chairman of the Board of Sponsors for the Western Packaging Show, and on the Advisory Board of the Packaging Program at San Jose State University. He was an active member at Orinda Community Church teaching the senior high class, Chairing the Open and Affirming Task Force, and organizing the church's annual retreat in Yosemite.

Tom is survived by his children David (Vicki) Hill of Oberlin, Ohio and Jennifer (Greg) Thorne of Gresham, Oregon, grandchildren Benjamin Bisbee, Elizabeth Pulaski, Nathan Thorne, Nicholas Thorne, and great grandchildren, Alexander, Adeline, and Evelyn. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Martha, and his beloved wife of 62 years Sandra.

A committal service will be held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

In Memory

Sandra Hegg Hill

October 31, 1934 - August 19, 2023



Sandy was born in Lakewood, Ohio in 1934. When she was five, her family settled in Poland, Ohio. She met her future husband, Tom, when her father sold his parents a house in Poland.

After majoring in piano at Ohio Wesleyan University, Sandy returned home to join her father at his real estate business. Having already encouraged Tom to head out to San Francisco, she followed a few months later, they began dating and were married in 1961. In 1967 they settled in Orinda, California where they raised their children, David and Jennifer. Sandy was active in her husband's company, King Sales & Engineering Co. and an avid volunteer in the community.

She started a volunteer aid program at her children's grade school (Sleepy Hollow Elementary) and introduced two third grade classes to the musical wonders of the recorder. Other community involvement included the Jr. Leadership program in North Richmond, the California Native Plant Society of the East Bay, and the Lindsay Wildlife Museum.

Sandy is survived by her husband Tom, children David (Vicki) Hill of Oberlin, Ohio and Jennifer (Greg) Thorne of Gresham, Oregon, grandchildren Benjamin Bisbee, Elizabeth Pulaski, Nathan Thorne, Nicholas Thorne, and great grandchildren, Alexander, Adeline, and Evelyn. She was preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Bea Hegg, and her brother Chap.

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