

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEMBER**

My name is: Robert W. Brower

My age is: 59

My occupation is: Author, Attorney, Teacher

Education and Qualifications:

I am an attorney with 30 years of experience evaluating complex civil cases. I am running an issue-based campaign aimed at stopping unreasonable and unnecessary spending. For example, the District ignored several students' claim that its "involuntary transfer" disciplinary process was illegal. As a result of this stonewalling, the students were forced to bring a lawsuit. To settle the case, the District had to completely revise its disciplinary policy and pay \$146,136.50 to the attorneys for the students and more to the attorneys for the District. If elected, I will demand that this stonewalling stop and that it be replaced by a fair and just claims review process. Further, I will work to substantially decrease the more than \$1,000,000 the District spends on attorneys' fees each year.

As a former teacher, I am opposed to the District's plan to spend \$121,024 to hire a new administrator to coordinate teachers' professional development.

My educational values are simple. I support every student, parent and teacher who believes that schooling is important. Although State and Federal rules must be followed, I support the goal that the District's educational policies must be deeply rooted in community vision.

Finally, I strongly oppose closing schools.