

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

My name is: Charles Ramsey
My age is: 44
My occupation is: Attorney
Education and Qualifications:

Our district has faced many challenges, but I am proud of our steady progress: balanced budgets, improved student performance, better technology, and cleaner, safer schools.

I believe my experience as a Boardmember, my passion and commitment to our kids, has made a difference:

Test scores have improved at all elementary schools, and we are now focused on improving student performance at our Middle and High Schools.

We have maintained our class size reduction program.

Again this year we passed a balanced budget, requiring no program cuts and no teacher layoffs.

Working tirelessly, I helped pass a \$400 million bond to clean up and modernize our schools - allowing us to rebuild another thirteen elementary schools and start work on four high schools and three middle schools.

We tackled the issue of school safety head-on, restructuring programs and putting more officers on campus.

Through the "Ivy League Connection" program I initiated, our high school students have experienced life on campus at some of the country's top universities.

But there is more work to do, and I won't be satisfied until every child in every school is getting a top quality education.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote.

Charles Ramsey