

**ZUURVEEN FOR SCHOOL BOARD
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I AM DR. GLORIA A. ZUURVEEN, CANDIDATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT #1.

I AM RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT #1 BECAUSE I FEEL COMPELLED TO TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE BUSINESS AS USUAL PATTERN OF OPERATION THAT IS SO PREVALENT AT LAUSD.

I AM RUNNING BECAUSE I FEEL THAT MY QUALIFICATIONS AS A PARENT, GRANDPARENT, BUSINESS OWNER AND COMMUNITY LEADER OVER THE PAST TWENTY OR MORE YEARS GIVES ME THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO TRANSFER NEEDED SKILLS TO SERVE AS A CHANGE AGENT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

I AM RUNNING BECAUSE I WANT TO SET THE PACE FOR PARENTS, ACTION, COALITION AND EDUCATION. THIS IS MY MOTTO AND THE NAME OF THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT I FOUNDED OVER 10 YEARS AGO TO ASSIST IN COMBATING THE WILLFUL NEGLECT OF TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING. PACE, THE ORGANIZATION, IS ONE OF THE FIRST PARENT ORGANIZATION FORMED TO HELP PARENTS WITH ISSUES AND CONCERNS AFFECTING THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE ASSISTED PARENTS IN NAVIGATING THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY OF LAUSD. PACE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN EDUCATING PARENTS ON HOW TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECT SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS.

PACE JOINS IN COALITION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP PARENTS WITH NEEDED RESOURCES TO HELP EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN. THIS IS WHY I AM RUNNING. BECAUSE TODAY, THERE IS STILL MANY RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN LAUSD, YET, DUE TO THE BUREAUCRACY AND TOP HEAVY ADMINISTRATION, MANY OF THE RESOURCES FAIL TO REACH THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST, OUR CHILDREN.

I AM RUNNING TO ENSURE THAT PARENTS ARE GIVEN THE NEEDED VOICE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR CHILDREN AT LAUSD. I AM PROPOSING A PARENT'S OMBUDSMEN TO SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE AND REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD. THERE SHOULD BE A VOICE ON THE BOARD THAT SPEAKS TO THE NEEDS OF THE PARENTS AND WHAT THEY WANT FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT LAUSD.

I AM RUNNING BECAUSE I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE THE HUGE BUREAUCRACY OF LAUSD. IT IS MY CONTENTION THAT THEIR SHOULD BE MORE SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT WHEREBY THE SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY RESIDE SHOULD PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN WHAT IS BEST FOR THEM, THEREBY SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN, PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY THE SCHOOL SERVE.

I AM RUNNING TO HELP EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE MUCH NEEDED OVERSIGHT OF THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET THAT IS BEING SPENT WITH MORE EMPHASIS GIVEN TO THE TOP WHILE OUR CHILDREN LANGUISH IN CLASSROOM ILL-EQUIPPED AND LACK 21ST CENTURY TOOLS TO PREPARE THEM FOR THIS GLOBAL SOCIETY WE LIVE IN.

I AM DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN THE RACE FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN AND THE PARENTS OF LAUSD. FOR TOO LONG, WE'VE HAD TO SIMPLY ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO BUT FOR ME, IT IS MY BELIEF THAT IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO GO AND ALLOW FOR OUR CHILDREN TO GROW. THANK YOU.