

25th Legislative District Democrats

Candidate Endorsement Request *(School Board)*

Office Sought: Franklin Pierce School Board, Director District 5

Today's Date: 7/2/2017

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign: Friends of Tono Sablan Campaign Manager: Austin Beiermann

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Party Affiliation: Non-Partisan (Prefers Democratic)

Are you using union printers and/or sign shops to do your campaign printing? I haven't yet but I will be pursuing union sign shops (Johnson-Cox).

Personal Information:

Full Name (as shown on ballot): Antonio "Tono" Sablan

Address: 13022 8th Ave E Tacoma, WA 98445

Years at this address: 10 Legislative District: 25 Precinct: 256

Years in the school district that you want to represent: 10

Do you have children who attend/attended school in your district? No

Education (Please indicate highest level attained)

Degree (specify): Will complete BA in 2018

School: Pacific Lutheran University

Previous Public Service

Office/Position Held: No formal offices previously held Dates: _____

Nature of Organization: _____

Duties: _____

Office/Position Held: _____ Dates: _____

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Current Job Information

Employer: LASA

Title: Housing Retention Specialist

Supervisor: Janne Hutchins

E-mail Address: tono@lasawa.org

Work Phone: 253-581-8689

Major Civic Interests

Education, Equity, Jobs, Economic Empowerment

Civic Clubs or Community Organizations You Have Been Involved With?

Pierce County Conservation Futures and Open Spaces Citizens Advisory Board, Pierce County Library Foundation Board of Directors, City of Tacoma Human Services Commission, Great Tacoma Community Foundation Summer Learning Grants Committee Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Spark Grant's Committee

Questionnaire

Please keep your answers brief.

If you need more room, attach a separate page at the end and mark "see attached" on the questionnaire.

What do you feel you can offer in this position that your opponent(s) cannot offer?

Beyond bringing a fresh perspective to an office that I believe could use some new life, I am a person who has lived and breathed education in the Franklin Pierce School District. I believe that beyond my expertise as a Franklin Pierce graduate, I am the candidate that strives for equity in our schools. I am not convinced that the incumbent has the same passion for equity.

What kinds of funding would you support to pay for new schools and infrastructure necessitated by residential development?

I believe that it's important for school board members to put their boots on the ground in Olympia and advocate for adequate education funding in our state. I would support seeking state funding to further develop our district's footprint as it continues to grow.

Briefly, how would you construct policy to deal with the following concerns?

Scheduling for non-basic but important classes such as music and the arts, physical education, debate, health, etc., balanced to lessen conflict with classroom teaching:

Our teachers and their expertise need to be utilized here. Who better to advise on curriculum policy than the teachers who teach it?

Campus Safety, e.g. bullying, electronic surveillance of students, police on campus, etc.:

Students should be reached out to here. It's important that our students have adequate voice on policies that will ultimately affect them and their education.

Signs of physical or sexual abuse or neglect:

I believe that our school counselors and case workers can be best utilized on these policies. Also, students need to be consulted here as well.

Environmental stewardship (recycling programs, sustainable building practices, low carbon footprint policies): Here, I think that it's important to consult with other schools that have effective environmental stewardship programs that exist in their schools. It's also important for us, as a district, to reach out to folks in the community that possess this type of expertise (Pierce Conservation District, for example).

How many semesters of civics should be required in K-12 education, and in what grade should civics education begin?

I believe that at least 1 semester of civics should be required at each school level (3 total, meaning 1 semester in elementary, 1 in middle, and 1 in high school). Civics education should begin in the 1st grade and continue into 12th.

Do you believe these subjects should be included in the curriculum?

Sex Education: Yes No

If yes which outline should be followed to teach pregnancy prevention?:

Abstinence only

Fact based pregnancy prevention

Foreign language: Yes No

How many years should be required for graduation? 2

Drug and nutrition information: Yes No

Climate science: Yes No

Evolution science: Yes X No _____

Other Concerns:

Do you favor allowing direct contact between military recruiters and students? Yes _____ No X

In your opinion, should it be legal for teachers to go on strike? Yes X No _____

Why or why not?

Teachers, like every member of the workforce, have the right to assemble and protest working conditions when they are less than satisfactory. I believe that when our students receive the best education when our teachers are taken care of. Their right to strike helps ensure that they are taken care of.

With so many environmental impacts on youth health these days and the need for health education in schools what level of medical professional do you feel should be employed in each school building?

~~_____ A full time nurse _____~~

X Lesser trained medical techs in each building full time with a nurse supervising several buildings
If selecting this option how many schools should the nurse supervise 2-3

~~_____ Medical technicians full time with no nurse supervision~~

~~_____ Part time medical techs~~

What current programs would you be willing to cut to achieve the proper level of health instruction and healthcare in the schools?

I believe that the option I selected is feasible to fund without cutting any major existing school programming.

In making decisions should the school board give priority to: (please prioritize, 1 to 6):

- The wishes of parents 3
- The wishes of students 1
- The wishes of a vocal minority 4
- The recommendations of the teacher 2
- The recommendations of the principal 5
- The recommendations of district administration 6

Finally, any additional comments you would like to share:

I appreciate any consideration that the Executive Board might have in accepting this late endorsement questionnaire. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused. Nonetheless, thank you for taking the time to read and consider my responses!

It is the intent of the 25th District Democrats to support qualified Democrats seeking political office for both partisan and nonpartisan races. To that end we are looking for individuals who adhere to Democratic principles as demonstrated by Democratic Party activity, community activities, their reputation among Democrats, and statements they make supporting the Democratic Party and fellow Democrats. Endorsed candidates are discouraged from giving support in any partisan race to non-Democratic candidates. If an individual is running against another Democratic candidate(s), such endorsed candidate is encouraged to draw clear distinctions and differences with his/her opponent in a friendly, informational, and non-confrontational fashion. My signature below signifies my agreement with these principles and that I understand that the 25th District Democrats may withdraw its endorsement if I do not adhere to them.

Candidate Signature: Antonio Sablan

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Please save this form as a PDF and return your completed questionnaire to eherde@earthlink.net