

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
4 YEAR TERM
Carmel Unified School District**

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RITA A. PATEL

Business Owner

Occupation: ~~Independent Pharmacy Owner~~/Former CUSD Trustee

I am seeking your support to return to the Carmel Unified School District Board of Education. As a proud parent of four Carmel High graduates, I dedicated eight years to serving our community as a Trustee from 2011 to 2019.

My children may have moved on, but my commitment to Carmel Unified's excellence has not. My proven track record includes successfully implementing state standards, boosting college acceptance rates, and equipping our students with the tools they need through our 1:1 technology initiative. I am proud of our work in creating wellness centers, improving facilities, and prioritizing student safety.

Crucially, we achieved these accomplishments while maintaining a balanced budget and attracting top-tier educators. I understand the challenges facing our schools and am eager to apply my experience to navigate them effectively.

I believe every child deserves a quality education that prepares them for success. I am dedicated to working collaboratively with our community to build upon our district's strengths and address emerging needs. Together, we can ensure Carmel Unified remains a leader in education.

Thank you for your VOTE.

8/6/2024

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