CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FORM

		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
CANDIDATE NAME:	*Amy Ish*	
OFFICE SOUGHT:		
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:		
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I ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- I understand the cost for my candidate statement of qualifications is $_____.

- I understand that I will pay the full amount by check or money order payable to **Monterey County Elections**.

- I understand that the original candidate statement of qualifications including full payment of said costs are due in the Monterey County Elections Office at the time of filing.

- I understand that the candidate statement of qualifications is final once submitted to Monterey County Elections and changes are not allowed once submitted.

- I understand that I may withdraw my candidate statement of qualifications no later than 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period.

Select one box:

☐ I understand that I have the option of including my age and occupation with my candidate statement and **choose not to disclose either.**

☑ I understand that it is optional to include my age and occupation with my candidate statement and **choose to include my age and/or occupation below**:

AGE:	71	**OCCUPATION:**	~~Age~~ *Incumbent*	
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:			**DATE:**	7/29/2024

Many of you may already know me as I have served on the SCESD Board for the past nine years. I am a retired educator with over 34 years in the classroom and administration, as well as a lifelong resident and proud product of this very district.

During my tenure, the Board has navigated a change in Superintendents, experienced a state budget shortfall, lived through a pandemic and dealt with the consequences all while still maintaining a child-centered vision. My experience, I believe, was and remains essential in helping to set the direction of the district; establishing structures to enable good decision-making; creating a supportive environment; and ensuring accountability. I have been dedicated to my responsibilities as a Board member and conscientious in understanding the diverse issues confronting the Board and the district for which we seek to vigorously advocate.

I am proud of the Board's commitment to student social and emotional well-being. Such commitment has prominently guided the Board's decision-making while maintaining student achievement as the vanguard of our objectives. I have ardently supported innovative initiatives such as:

* Growing our Dual Immersion programs
* Using technology to enhance classroom learning
* Expanding our after-school programs to include intramural sports
* Returning to cooking nutritious meals in our own kitchens
* Creating Community Schools

I have also actively engaged in strengthening the Board's effectiveness through:

* Board self-evaluations and goal setting
* Yearly Board retreats to set and review Board goals
* A structured Superintendent's Evaluation with check-ins for accountability

Perhaps one of the greatest accomplishments during my tenure has been securing two bond measures from our community. This speaks highly to the perception of our district insofar as we have made and continue to make the best decisions. I credit the strong sense of collaborative decision-making by the Board. Notwithstanding diverse and sometimes differing viewpoints, I have proudly been a part of a Board that has produced strong results.

As our district seeks to address another state budget shortfall as well as our declining enrollment, I know my experience, ability to listen, problem-solve, and effectively work with the community and the Board will serve SCESD well.

On November 5 when you vote, I would be grateful for your continued confidence in and support of my candidacy.