

## Statement in Application for Los Osos Community Advisory Council Member

In 2016, I ran for the open seat on the LOCSD Board and despite being a long shot, I was a close 3rd position in a field of 5-candidates for 2-open seats. Even though much of the valuable campaign time was shortened with a medical procedure, I felt I had won my voters with my ideas, my enthusiasm, my plans & goals for a better Los Osos. I am a highly experienced contractor with the past 25 of my 47+years' experience w/ the green technology of Geothermal Energy Systems and I have my Engineering Credential in this field. My work in this field has given me a very broad and in-depth knowledge of Aquifers, Hydrology, & Geology including the experience of drilling over 1600 wells throughout California, and running multimillion dollar contracts on prevailing wage projects from Yosemite NP, SB County Court House, College of Marin to the SLO City Offices. I am a Certified Building Commissioning Professional which is the agent for the owner to commission projects from their inception to completion to insure plans and specifications are properly developed and meeting the owner's needs.

I want to be a member of LOCAC for my grandsons: Ellis, Ryland and Everett. I want to be able to say; I did what I could to help my town to be a place where they were happy to be raised and where they will hopefully want to raise their own children. I have looked at the question of why I want to be on the board from this perspective. I feel there is a lot we can do if we take a proactive position instead of hoping things will work out. One of my strongest skills is being able to "think outside the box". I can offer creative and positive solutions to issues that have challenged us. I look at problems and issues from the big picture perspective which often reveals simpler and better solutions that have a more broad and beneficial result. My desire to serve is matched by my desire to make a difference for my community and to generate a positive future and renewed sense of pride in our town. I am an optimist, who believes we need to plan wisely for the future with a vision of a community we can share equally. I want to work to unify our town, to reach out and collaborate with the LOCSD in the interest of accomplishing more while building a more independent and self-reliant Los Osos.

Respectfully,

*Stephen M Best*