

## **Robin Lee - 2022 Novato Charter School Board Candidate Statement**

STATEMENT 1 – 50-word statement for qualifications and a brief description of vision for the school

As a graduate of the Novato Public School system, I believe I have valuable experiences and opinions to share. My daughter is currently in kindergarten, which means I am invested in the success of the school for another 8 years. My experience at NCS thus far has been positive and I hope to continue to build and grow that for the future.

STATEMENT 2 – Questions

1. What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCS Board of Directors?

I hope to serve as a sounding board to the other members as I am quite new to the Novato Charter School. My background as an engineer makes me a natural problem solver. I am very organized and manage multiple projects as a consulting engineer. I bring energy, enthusiasm, and the glass is always half full attitude.

2. Please list the qualifications you would bring to the job (such as management skills, financial skills, fundraising experience, other Board memberships, and/or relevant volunteer activities).

I have two decades of project management as a consulting civil engineer. I manage both budgets and schedules of projects ranging from \$3k to over \$500k. I serve as a leader and mentor to my junior staff. I am an avid excel user and enjoy creating pivot tables, vlookups, and visualization of large data sets.

In terms of volunteer experience, the majority of that time was spent pre-children. I spent several years on the fundraising committee for the Tour de Cure and have volunteered for numerous bike related activities.

3. Please express something of your philosophy and vision regarding the NCS as a school guided by the Core Principles of Public Waldorf Education.

When I first learned about the Waldorf Education principles I was very hesitant as education has always been a passion of mine and the delayed start of reading, writing and math was scary to me. However, when the analogy of teaching a 9-month old to walk vs. a 13-month old child was provided to me a light bulb came on and I understand

how precious the early years are for children and sitting still in a chair is not something that is a high priority at that young age. Zoey spent 2 weeks at Hamilton before getting off the waitlist for the Novato Charter School. The atmosphere at the Novato Charter School is one of serenity and calm, which I don't think is something you get at the more traditional school settings.

When I volunteered for Pie Day at the "nerd table" where kids were to measure circumference and diameters of round objects, I could not believe how interested the kids were. It also struck me how mature the older students at the school are.

My husband and I are both committed to the Waldorf Education principles for at least the next 8 years.