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

My overarching goal and reason for joining is to protect the school from any existential threats, whether they be financial or regulatory, and make sure this school is preserved and enhanced in a way that allows other families to benefit from its curriculum in the same manner that mine has.

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).**

As a former member of the Novato Planning Commission, I have extensive experience participating in public hearings, gathering information and working as a group to reach challenging consensus. During that time, I was known for performing thorough due diligence and voting with my conscience on topics irrespective of political pressure or personal bias.

In my day job, I work as a Senior Software Engineer at Amazon Music where I directly manage a team of 7 software engineers. Our team is often asked to deliver novel technical solutions in impossible timelines. In order fulfill stakeholder expectations I need to dive deep on project details and invent simpler more cost-effective ways to achieve our goals. This requires a solid understanding of budgeting, cost forecasting and challenging the boundaries of possible through healthy collaborative discussion.

As for my academic background, I grew up in Mountain View, CA where I attended Valley Christian High School in San Jose. For college I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Applied Physics from UC Davis in 2005 and completed a Master's of Science in Computer Science with a concentration in Machine Learning from Georgie Tech in 2020. Both programs required rigorous study and developing an ability to tune out distractions when needed to accomplish challenging tasks. Having attended both private and public schools in my life, I have a rich experience of seeing what works and what doesn't work in educational settings and will rely on such when offering my opinion on business before the board.

3. **Please express something of your philosophy and vision regarding the NCS as a Waldorf-inspired school.**

Despite working most of my adult professional life in technology, I firmly support NCS's policy of limited access to media as I believe it can impede a child's developed sense of self during a critical stage of life. Though the primary years are short relative to overall lifespan, research shows that this period is critically important for cognitive development and therefore it's important for us as a community cultivate a space for them to nurture their innate curiosity and develop tools to help them in life.