## Candidates for the Acalanes Union High School District Board

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Chopra also feels that his personal expe rience as an Indian American allows him to ensure that AUHSD supports diversity and creates a sense of belonging and support for all students. In addition to fiscal responsibility and a safe and inclusive environment, he prioritizes high academic standards.

Peter Catalano has been a substitute teacher for five years, worked on a school board, and worked on several condo boards. He thinks that these experiences make him familiar with how schools and budgets function, capital spending plans, and governing documents. He wants to work collaboratively with others and draft solutions to make AUHSD even

Catalano's goals are academic excellence and practical skills, streamlining fi-nances and fostering fiscal responsibility, resisting the infantilization of students and encouraging responsibility in them, and prioritizing social learning. He is also interested in reducing bureaucracy and looking into how AI can help learning.

Stacey Schweppe wants to enact positive change, especially by creating policies to support students and teachers. She is an executive board member for the Las Trampas Creek Council of PTAs and a

member of the AUHSD's Citizens Oversight Committee for the parcel tax Measures A and G. Her two children are Las Lomas graduates and she is a Campo graduate.

Schweppe particularly emphasized all students and teachers feeling welcomed and supported at school as a main goal. Her other goals include providing students with mental health services, bridging achievement gaps, raising AUHSD's academic standards even higher, advocating for students, staff, and parents, and providing understanding of AUHSD's budget challenges.

These candidates have given Lamorinda Weekly responses to written ques-tions about their plans if they become an AUHSD Board member.

Book banning and religion: All candidates definitively stated that schools should not ban books except Reicher who said that students "deserve the opportunity to have a wide variety of literature available to them." All candidates agree that schools should remain secular, nonreligious institutions but should teach about religion in history, politics, and culture except Reicher, who did not respond to the question.

Finances: Schweppe wants to take "a balanced and conservative approach" to maintain educational excellence using her familiarity of AUHSD's budget.

Minighini wants to maintain fiscal responsibility and identify areas for improvement in budget allocation to maximize student success. Reicher says that, through her knowledge of AUHSD's budget, she will strategically analyze and manage the schools' budgets. Chopra wants to be a diligent custodian to AUHSD's public resources and create a financially effective and sustainable future. Catalano wants to streamline the budget to deal with the deficit.

Teacher treatment, support, and pay: Catalano is interested in collaborat-ing with the teacher's union to provide non-monetary initiatives to make AUHSD a more inviting employer. Schweppe believes in committing to providing ongoing professional development, equity training, and inclusive environments to maintain teachers during California's teacher shortage. Minighini intends to advocate for competitive salaries, ongoing professional development, adequate resources, and a respectful environment to retain teachers. Reicher states she has worked with the unions and supported mentorship, collaborative time, continuing education, competitive pay and benefits for AUHSD teachers. Chopra wants to provide teachers with professional development and adequate support to attract and retain them at AUHSD.

Supporting high needs, vulnerable, and non-traditional students: Chopra is focused on making sure all students feel they belong and using data to address opportunity gaps. Catalano would defer to the District as it is progressive on these matters. Schweppe says AUHSD should continue addressing the achievement gap for students with disabilities, English language learners, and economically disadvantaged students. Minighini advocates for all students to receive the necessary support and resources, including individualized education programs and specialized staff when necessary. Reicher says the Board and District are partners in supporting their most vulnerable students through equity programming, wellness intervention, and Acalanes Center for Independent Study opportunities.

Mental health: Reicher states that

she has fought to destigmatize mental health and to provide collaborative intervention with counselors at schools. Chopra wants student mental health to remain central to the Board and to use data to identify and address opportunity gaps. Catalano would defer to school administrations as he feels that they are progressive on student mental health. Schweppe thinks effective policies are key to reducing stress, such as later start times to provide time for sleep and regulating homework. Minighini would work to increase access to school counselors, start prevention and intervention programs, and foster a supportive school climate.

LGBTQIA+ issues: Minighini supports an inclusive environment and Title IX, and states she believes in protecting female spaces while respecting LGBTQIA+ students. Reicher states the District supports LGBTQIA+ students through an inclusive environment in all areas and strives to reduce achievement gaps. Chopra states all students should feel respected and data should be used to address opportunity gaps and give access to resources. Catalano is an LGBTQIAally and a member of the Gay Rights Alliance and would, once again, defer to progressive school administrations. Schweppe states that she supports curricula reflecting the diversity of the world and "the implementation of thorough policies to evaluate the texts used in classrooms.

Assembly Bill 3216, aka the Phone-Free School Act: Schweppe feels that prohibiting cell phones in classrooms is necessary due to the mental health problems they cause. Minighini says she understands the intent but would work to develop a balanced approach that doesn't hinder educational opportunities or communication. Reicher states that she has advocated for reduced classroom technology and that placing cell phones in caddies has had measurable positive impacts. Chopra states that AUHSD must follow the law while developing a policy that manages technology with everyone involved to assess potential impacts.

Other

Litter St. Mary's Rd./Bollinger Canyon Rd. Unwanted Guest

Union 76 1900 Block Ascot Dr.

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Orinda Police Department Incident

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Accident Property 20 Block Crest View Dr.

Auto Burglary 20 Block Brookside Rd.

Hit And Run Misdemeanor 100 Block B Toyonal 10 Block Northwood Dr.

Reckless Driving

10 Block Northwood Dr.
Reckless Driving
Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
Camino Pablo/Via Corte
Moraga Way/Oak Dr.
Tc-Property Damage
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
10 Block Camino Sobrante

Vehicle Theft 40 Block Via Farallon

Theatre Square Other criminal activity

100 Block Tara Rd.
Fraud False Pretenses
60 Block La Espiral
Police Department
Grand Theft
10 Block Carisbrook Dr.

Orinda Country Club Identity Theft 50 Block Van Tassel Ln.

Safeway (2) Nuisance to the Community

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Burglary 100 Block Tara Rd.

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IIn Memory

## George Thomas Hill, Jr. July 28, 1932 - May 21, 2024



Sandra Hegg Hill

October 31, 1934 - August 19, 2023

closer to family.

Tom was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1932. While in High School, his family moved to Poland, Ohio where he met his future wife, Sandra (Hegg). The two became close friends. He graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT and then entered the Army. Following his discharge, he enrolled in the Wharton School and received an MBA in 1958. With encouragement from Sandra, he struck out for San Francisco and she followed a few months later. They began dating, and the rest as they say, "is history." After some time in Burlingame and Long Beach, they settled in Orinda, California. Tom was involved in the sale of packaging machinery nearly all of his professional career. In 1967, he purchased King Sales & Engineering Co., headquartered in San Francisco. The company was the exclusive sales representative in California for sev-

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Sandy was born in Lakewood, Ohio in 1934. When she was five, her family settled in Poland, Ohio. She met her future husband,

Tom, when her father sold his parents a house

her father at his real estate business. Having

already encouraged Tom to head out to San Francisco, she followed a few months later,

they began dating and were married in1961. In 1967 they settled in Orinda, California

where they raised their children, David and

Jennifer. Sandy was active in her husband's

avid volunteer in the community.

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her children's grade school (Sleepy Hollow El-

ementary) and introduced two third grade

She started a volunteer aid program at

After majoring in piano at Ohio Wesleyan University, Sandy returned home to join

eral of the leading manufactures of packaging machinery. Tom served as President of the Western Packaging Association, Chairman of the Board of Sponsors for the Western Packaging Show, and on the Advisory Board of the Packaging Program at San Jose State University. He was an active member at Orinda Community Church teaching the senior high class, Chairing the Open and Affirming Task Force, and organizing the church's annual retreat in Yosemite. Tom was an avid sailor, woodworker, and all around putterer. He enjoyed mysteries and was a member of The Scowrers and Molly Maguires. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his quick wit, ridiculous puns, and infectious smile. In 2007, Tom and Sandra relocated to Willamette View in Portland, Oregon to be closer to family.

Tom is survived by his children David (Vicki) Hill of Oberlin, Ohio and Jennifer (Greg) Thorne of Gresham, Oregon, grandchildren Benjamin Bisbee, Elizabeth Pulaski, Nathan Thorne, Nicholas Thorne, and great grandchildren, Alexander, Adeline, and Evelyn. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Martha, and his beloved wife of 62 years Sandra.

A committal service will be held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome

in Poland.

classes to the musical wonders of the recorder. Other community involve-

ment included the Jr. Leadership program in North Richmond, the California Native Plant Society of the East Bay, and the Lindsay Wildlife Museum. She was particularly proud of the drought free garden she created on the hillscape around her home. Sandy was an active member at Orinda Commu-

nity Church and enjoyed participating in the Joyful Noise, a talented group of singers and guitar players. She never considered herself a "housewife" but

was a dedicated homemaker for her family. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her determination, commitment to those she loved,

and her willingness to play along with her husband's droll sense of humor. In

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Ordinance Violation

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Hit And Run Misdemeanor 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3500 Block Wildwood Ln. Mt. Diablo Blvd./1St St. Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Bivd.
Reckless Driving
Mountain View Dr./Brook St.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Bivd.
151 St./Wb Sr 24
Mt. Diablo Bivd.Happy Valley Rd.
St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
Tc - Property Damage
Old Tunnel Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
1500 Block Springbrook Rd.
2Nd St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Moraga Rd./Rowe Pl.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Old Tunnel Rd.
Vehicle Theft
1200 Block Sunset Lp.
800 Block Mountain View Dr.
Other criminal activity
Fraud Credit Card
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
900 Block Oloina Ct.
Fraud False Pretenses
3500 Block Herman Dr.
Crand Theft
20 Block Toledo Dr.
Identity Theft
10 Block Cerro Encantado
900 Block Cerro Encantado

Residential Burglary 1200 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3) Nuisance to the Community

Loud Noise 3400 Block Monroe Ave.

For more on Stacey Schweppe, visit https://www.schweppe4auhsd.com.

For more on Sibyl Minighini, visit https://electsibyl.com.

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Animal Cruelty
As600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Brandishing Weapon
Not Available
Fireworks

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N Lucille Ln./Peacock Blvd.
Harassment
900 Block Dewing Ave.
Health & Safety Violation
Deer Hill Rd./Oak Hill Rd.
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Accident Property
2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Excessive Speed
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.
Moraga Rd. at Commons (2)
Moraga Rd. St. Marys Rd. (2)
1900 Block St. Marys Rd. (2)
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr. (2)
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Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.
Moraga Rd./Gampolindo Dr.
Moraga Rd./Buckingham Dr.
1000 Block Block Larch Ave.
Moraga Way/School St. (2)
Moraga Way/Theatre Sq. Ori
Reckless Driving
Moraga Rd./Buchin Dr.
Moraga Way/Canyon Rd.
Taco Bell
700 Block Augusta Dr.
Tamper With Vin
Moraga Rd./Buckingham Dr.
Tc. - Property Damage
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Other criminal activity
Burglary

Other criminal activity

Petty Theft
Safeway
Petty Theft From Veh
Police Department

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
10 Block E Altarinda Dr.
Loud Music
10 Block Theatre Sq 106
40 Block Ivy Dr.
Loud Party
300 Block El Toyonal (2)
Public Nuisance
Bart Orinda Station
Other
Battery
20 Block Bryant Way 20 Block Bryant Way

win Way, on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. Share Your Celebrations and Remembrances

great grandchildren, Alexander, Adeline, and Evelyn. She was preceded in

death by her parents, Warren and Bea Hegg, and her brother Chap.

If you would like to share an announcement about a special event or achievement, such as a wedding, engagement, scholarship or graduation of a local resident, or about a special person from Lamorinda who has passed, send a photo along with your text (up to 200 words) to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com, and include "Celebrations or Remembrances"

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Report

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School St./Country Club Dr.
Public Nuisance
Russell Dr./San Pablo Ct.
Vandalism
Ascot Dr./Ascot Ct.
Other

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Loud Party
900 Block Janet Ln.
Public Nuisance
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
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Burglary 30 Block Ross Dr.

Shoplift 400 Block Center St. Nuisance to the Community Disturbance-fight 100 Block Donald Dr. 100 Block Politics
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Rheem Valley Shopping Center
Loud Music
200 Block Rheem Blvd. 20 Block Bryant Way Corporal Injury Spouse 10 Block Estates Dr. Resist Delay Or Obstruct 40 Block Bates Blvd. Revocation Of Probation Cvs Threats Wiramonte High School

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