



# **Board of Education**

**August 3, 2017  
(Special Meeting)**

## **Our Purpose**

**To Inspire Learning and Respect**

## **Our Vision**

**La Mesa-Spring Valley School District is a  
Community of life-long learners who engage in  
Continuous improvement and contribute positively to  
A global society, within a safe learning environment**

**4750 Date Avenue  
La Mesa, California 91942-9293**

AGENDA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**SPECIAL SESSION: THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.**  
PLACE: Education Service Center, 4750 Date Avenue, La Mesa, CA

OPENING PROCEDURE

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Establishment of Quorum

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action

HEARING

1. Public Hearing – Matters Specified on this Agenda

A hearing session will be announced for anyone who wishes to address the Board. In accordance with state law for special meetings, the public will be given the opportunity to speak at this meeting only on matters specified on this agenda.

Each speaker who wishes to address the Board must complete a *Request to be Heard* card (located on the table near the entrance) and submit it to the Board President or the Recorder prior to the opening of the meeting. Speakers shall be allotted no more than three minutes each for their remarks. A yellow card will be shown when the speaker has one minute remaining and a red card when time is up.

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Appointment to the Board of Education

Action

ADJOURNMENT

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**La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools  
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA  
August 3, 2017**

**PREPARED BY:**        **Brian Marshall**  
                                 **Superintendent**

**ITEM NUMBER:**        **H-1 Public Hearing**  
                                 **Matters Specified on this Agenda**

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Please note that Government Code 54952.2 prohibits the Board from taking action or discussing anything that is not on this agenda. Therefore, the Board will not be able to comment on any topic that is not on this evening's agenda.

**La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools  
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA  
August 3, 2017**

**PREPARED BY:**        **Brian Marshall**  
                                 **Superintendent**

**ITEM NUMBER:**        **S-1 New Business**  
                                 **Appointment to the Board of Education**

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| <b>Action Item</b> |
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At the August 1, 2017 meeting the Board selected Rebekah Basson, Charles Muse, Paul Schnaubelt, Jay Steiger, Dwight Sykes and Helen Yapura-Weiler as candidates to be interviewed for the Board vacancy. The candidates have been notified and will be prepared to address the Board at this meeting regarding their interests and qualifications for becoming a member of the Board.

The candidates will address the Board individually, in the Boardroom, using the following format: the candidate will have three minutes to address the Board, followed by questions from the Board. The candidate will have two minutes to respond to each Board question. Following the question and answer period, the candidate will have two minutes to summarize his/her qualifications. The same questions, in the same order, will be asked of each candidate.

At the conclusion of the question and answer period, all candidates will convene in the Boardroom, and the Board will select the new Board member according to Robert's Rules of Order, with a motion and a second, followed by a vote of at least three members. The new Board member will be sworn in following the provisional appointment at the August 3, 2017 meeting, and will immediately assume his/her seat as a member of the Board of Education.

Attached are all letters of endorsement received by the Superintendent's office at the time of publication.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board appoint a Board member following the above procedure.

# Letters of Endorsement

Candidate: Rebekah A. Basson



July 30, 2017

Brian Marshall – Superintendent  
4750 Date Ave.  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Darrin Mroz –Chairman EL Cajon Planning Commission

Dear Superintendent Marshall,

Please accept my endorsement of Rebekah Basson, candidate for the La Mesa Spring Valley Union District Appointment.

I have witnessed firsthand her dedication in civic relations such as: East County Chamber – Homeless Taskforce, East County Economic Development Council and Congressional Internship. Her passion is evident in her investment in community efforts.

Rebekah's background in education and fresh perspective would certainly contribute to the decision process of any governing board. She also has a great ability to work with all groups of people, to get a common goal accomplished.

I am thrilled to support Mrs. Basson in her efforts to serve on the board and believe she will be a great addition.

We would greatly appreciate this information to be distributed to all govern board members prior to their decision.

Sincerely,

  
Darrin Mroz  
DJM Insurance Services

July 28, 2017

Brian Marshall – Superintendent  
4750 Date Ave.  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Jo Alegria –Governing Board President Cajon Valley USD  
Jill Barto – Governing Board Clerk  
Karen Mejia – Governing Board Member

Dear Superintendent Marshall,

Please accept this as our corporate endorsement of Rebekah Basson candidate for the La Mesa Spring Valley Union District Appointment.

Her experience with in civic relations such as: East County Chamber – Homeless Taskforce, East County Economic Development Council and Congressional Internship is evident in her investment in community efforts.

Rebekah’s background in education and fresh perspective would certainly contribute to the decision process of any governing board.

We are thrilled to support Mrs. Basson in her efforts, and we anticipate the decision of the governing board.

We would greatly appreciate this information to be distributed to all govern board members prior to their decision.

Sincerely,

Jo Alegria – CVUSD Governing Board President

Jill Barto – CVUSD Governing Board Clerk

Karen Mejia – CVUSD Governing Board Member

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

La Mesa-Spring Valley School District  
Board of Education  
Ms. Emma Turner, President  
Mr. David Chong, Vice President  
Mr. Bob Duff, Member  
Mr. Jim Long, Member

4750 Date Ave.  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Re: Endorsement of Rebekah Basson for Appointment of Vacant Board Position

Dear Board Members,

Please accept this letter as a wholehearted endorsement of Rebekah Basson for the appointment to the vacant board member position on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board.

Through her employment at Foothills Christian Church and her time as a volunteer at Foothills, I have first-handedly observed her dedication and passion to her job, and have watched her excel in areas she is proficient in, as well as watched her quickly become adept in areas that are new to her. Rebekah has shown, time after time, that she is committed to act in excellence and integrity, both inside and outside of her employment at Foothills Church. I know that, should she be appointed to this vacant board position, she will dedicate herself, her time, and her heart to fully investing in the operations and reputation of the Board of Education and the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District.

I believe that Rebekah's competency, loyalty to her city, ability to rapidly absorb and understand new material and ideas, as well as her wisdom beyond her years, put her at the top of the qualified candidates. Rebekah is one of those people who makes a difference wherever she goes. She is comfortable leading, and working as a team, which is why I ask that you consider and accept this endorsement of her application for this appointment.

With highest regards,

Kevin Miller  
Administrative Pastor  
Foothills Christian Church  
(619) 922-4184



Brian Marshall <brian.marshall@lmsvds.net>

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## Rebekah Basson

1 message

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Mark Hoffman <MarkHoffman@foothillschurch.org>  
To: "brian.marshall@lmsvds.net" <brian.marshall@lmsvds.net>

Sun, Jul 30, 2017 at 7:01 AM

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

La Mesa-Spring Valley School District  
Board of Education  
Ms. Emma Turner, President  
Mr. David Chong, Vice President  
Mr. Bob Duff, Member  
Mr. Jim Long, Member

4750 Date Ave.  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Re: Endorsement of Rebekah Basson for Appointment of Vacant Board Position

Dear Board Members,

I am pleased to endorse Rebekah Basson for the appointment to the vacant board member position on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board.

I have known Rebekah for many years, as she and her family have attended Foothills Christian Church since she was born. Rebekah has grown into an intelligent, wise young woman, and it is a privilege to have watched her grow and now be employed at Foothills as well. Rebekah is a valuable part of Foothills, and is someone who has shown her ability to be counted on time after time. She is adept at coordinating and completing projects and events that are of tremendous worth to her job and her community, and she continually sets her mind to strive for excellence in all she does. If appointed, it is undeniable that she will bring great success and repute to the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District and the Board of Education. Rebekah will be an invaluable addition to the Board, as well as a strong advocate for the students, families, staff, and faculty in the LMSV School District.

I ask that you would continue the quality and distinction of the LMSV School Board by considering and accepting this endorsement of Rebekah's application for appointment.

Respectfully,

Mark Hoffman  
Senior Pastor of Foothills Christian Church



July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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4750 Date Ave.  
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Re: Endorsement of Rebekah Basson for Appointment of Vacant Board Position

Dear Board Members,

I am pleased to unreservedly endorse Rebekah Basson for the appointment to the vacant board member position on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board.

I have known Rebekah for many years, as she and her family have attended Foothills Christian Church since she was born. Rebekah has matured into an intelligent, wise young woman, and it is a privilege to have watched her grow and now be employed at Foothills as well. Through the years, I have seen that Rebekah holds a compassion for others that is rarely observed, especially among people of her age. She holds others to be more valuable than herself, and strives to see anyone she comes across thrive and succeed; a character trait that will be extremely beneficial to the Board and to the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District. Rebekah is a advantageous and prolific asset to whatever she applies herself to, and she will be no different on the School Board.

Therefore, it is with enthusiastic encouragement that I ask that you would continue the excellence of the LMSV School Board by considering and accepting this endorsement of Rebekah's application for appointment.

Respectfully,



David Hoffman

Superintendent of Foothills Christian Schools  
Senior Pastor at Foothills Christian Church

David Hoffman, Senior Pastor  
Mark Hoffman, Senior Pastor  
350-B Cypress Lane • El Cajon, California 92020  
Phone: (619) 442-7728 • Fax: (619) 442-5161  
[www.foothillschurch.org](http://www.foothillschurch.org)



Brian Marshall <brian.marshall@lmsvsd.net>

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## Rebekah Basson appointment

1 message

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Leslie Schneider <Leslie.Schneider@eusd.net>

Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 10:03 PM

To: "brian.marshall@lmsvsd.net" <brian.marshall@lmsvsd.net>

Hello Mr Marshall,

I am writing to endorse the appointment of Rebekah Basson for the La Mesa Spring Valley Union District Board of Trustees.

I believe she would be a stellar addition to your team based on her professional credentials and personal standards of excellence.

Regards,  
Leslie Schneider  
Trustee, Encinitas Union School Board

Sent from my iPhone

# Letters of Endorsement

Candidate: Jay L. Steiger



# DIANNE JACOB

CHAIRWOMAN, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Potrero  
Ramona  
Rancho San Diego  
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La Mesa Spring Valley Board of Trustees  
Board of Education

La Mesa-Spring Valley School District  
4750 Date Ave. La Mesa, CA 91942

To the Board of Trustees:

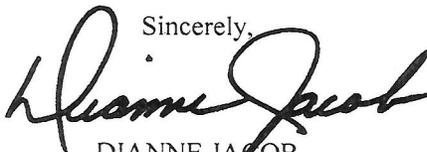
As Supervisor for the Second Supervisorial District for the County of San Diego, I am pleased to offer my highest recommendation for Jay Steiger to be appointed to the open position on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District Board.

Jay is a dedicated parent who is committed to efficient education and the well-being of all children of the La Mesa-Spring Valley community. He has demonstrated his support for schools and our local neighborhoods through years of volunteering and service. He has been involved with the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District Advisory Council, Parent Teacher Association and the Proposition M Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. Jay has additionally contributed many hours to youth sports and the Casa De Oro Community Alliance, and has assisted teachers in their classrooms.

As part of the Casa De Oro Community Alliance, Jay has collaborated with other group members, businesses, and local government agencies to accelerate civic improvements and help engage others in the community.

Mr. Steiger's efforts have proven to be exemplary as a leader in my district, as he has exhibited long term commitment to the children, schools and residents of the La Mesa-Spring Valley community. I believe that Jay's willingness to learn educational and governmental policies and procedures, and his level-headedness and respect for individual differences of opinion, make him an extremely qualified candidate that will positively impact the Board if appointed to this position.

I am pleased to offer my recommendation for Jay. If I can be of any additional assistance, please contact me at (619)531-5522 or at [Dianne.Jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Dianne.Jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Sincerely,  
  
DIANNE JACOB  
Chairwoman

DJ: aw/vf



July 19, 2017

La Mesa-Spring Valley School District  
Board of Education  
Ms. Emma Turner, President  
Mr. David Chong, Vice President  
Mr. Bob Duff, Member  
Mr. Jim Long, Member  
4750 Date Avenue  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Re: Appointment of Jay Steiger to Vacant Board Member Position

Dear Board Members:

I respectfully offer my support to Jay Steiger for the appointment to the vacant board member position on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board. Through his volunteer work Mr. Steiger has gained an understanding of the school district's operations and programs. He is very familiar with the culture of the school communities in La Mesa and Spring Valley. In addition, Mr. Steiger has consistently given his time and talent to promote and advance school district programs.

I truly appreciate your consideration and ask that you accept of this endorsement of his application for appointment.

Respectfully,

Guy McWhirter  
Vice Mayor



**MARK ARAPOSTATHIS**

Mayor  
"Dr.A"

July 19, 2017

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Respectfully,

Mark Arapostathis, "Dr. A"  
Mayor



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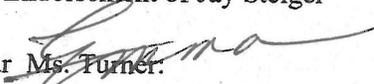
**KRISTINE C. ALESSIO**

Councilmember

July 18, 2017

Ms. Emma Turner, President  
Board of Education  
La Mesa-Spring Valley School District  
4750 Date Avenue  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Re: Endorsement of Jay Steiger

Dear  Ms. Turner:

Please allow this letter to serve as my endorsement of Mr. Jay Steiger, a candidate for appointment to the Board filling the vacancy of Mr. Winet.

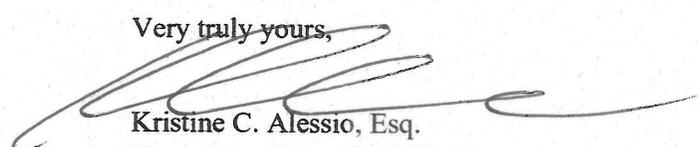
I am sure that you will have other candidates for Mr. Winet's vacancy, but having known Mr. Steiger for many years, I believe he is the most qualified choice to continue the spirit of commitment to the children and parents of La Mesa-Spring Valley students that Mr. Winet and this board exemplifies.

Mr. Steiger is a native to this area, attending La Mesa-Spring Valley schools himself and then choosing to send his children to them as well. As a member of this community, he has been active in school and youth related roles for more than a decade, serving as with the LM-SV School District Proposition M and Proposition U Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, Budget Study Committee, 20/20 Vision Committee, District Advisory Council, PTA, and as a classroom volunteer. He further supports this region by working with youth soccer and Little League and the Casa De Oro Community Alliance.

This level of ongoing commitment to our kids, parents, and the residents of this area is why I endorsed Mr. Steiger in the past and why I endorse him today. As a parent whose daughter matriculated through the La Mesa-Spring Valley schools and a former Lemon Avenue School PTA Board member, I know that Mr. Steiger is an independent decision maker who is well respected by members of the La Mesa-Spring Valley community. He has demonstrated that he has a head for policy knowledge and a heart for the interests of our children.

Again, it is my hope that you continue the commitment to our kids made by Mr. Winet through the appointment of Mr. Steiger to fill his vacancy.

Very truly yours,

  
Kristine C. Alessio, Esq.  
Councilmember, City of La Mesa

Cc: Clerk of the Board of Education, Board Members Chong, Duff and Long

KCA/eka

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## Personal Reference

1 message

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**Steve Babbitt** <steve@mile3.com>

Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 9:39 AM

To: Brian Marshall <brian.marshall@lmsvschools.org>

Dear Superintendent Marshall,

Good morning!

I would like to provide a personal reference for Jay Steiger as he applies to fill the vacancy on the Board. Please forward this message to the Board of Education.

While Jay and I do not always see eye-to-eye on social issues, I find him to be competent and thoughtful with regard to the educational concerns of the La Mesa Spring Valley School District. In addition, Jay exhibits a high level of civility that is becoming so rare these days.

Jay is deeply committed to his own children, and has demonstrated his commitment to public service by engaging in a number of valuable volunteer positions both in his community of La Mesa as well as in LMSV Schools.

I have a great deal of respect for the current Board of Education, and support their decision -- whatever it may be -- 100%. I am not familiar with the other potential applicants, however, should the Board appoint Jay Steiger to fill the current vacancy, I would not be disappointed.

Very Respectfully,

**Steve Babbitt**

*Senior Developer*

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