

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

**NAME:** Kevin Dayton

**AGE:** 50

**OCCUPATION:** Public policy consultant

---

*\*NOTE: Occupation and Age are optional. If you do not list an Age or Occupation, the words "Age" and "Occupation" will not be printed in the voter information guide. Occupation does not follow ballot designation rules.*

**My family appreciates the commitment of Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to foster a warm and caring culture for learning. Teachers, coaches, administrators and staff at Monterey High School are helping my two children develop proficiency and maturity in reading, writing, math, and life skills.**

**I serve our school district as chair of the Measures P and I Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. My wife - a former high school teacher - joins other parents and teachers supporting drama, sports, and the district's new International Baccalaureate (IB) academic program. My parents are retired elementary school teachers. I attended public schools and then graduated from Yale.**

**My family is dismayed to see few children in our Old Town Monterey neighborhood, which two generations ago was alive with youthful exuberance. Did you know our school district's enrollment has steadily declined from 14,719 students to 9,834 students during the last 30 years? And this trend continues, eroding a pivotal part of our community.**

**How can I help? I have 29 years of professional experience in public policy analysis and meaningful relationships with local business, government, and community leaders. Our school district can better attract and retain parents, teachers, administrators, staff, and students. This requires thoughtful policy strategies, creative community outreach, and continued pursuit of excellence.**