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LOCSD Seat

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Board of Directors,

I would like to be considered for the empty seat on the Los Olivos CSD Board. I am a local real estate broker and a longtime resident of the Santa Ynez Valley and Los Olivos. I began working in Los Olivos in the mid-90s and always knew that it's where I wanted to be long term. Nearly a decade ago, after a few years in Santa Ynez, we were lucky enough to find a home in Los Olivos and we have been here since. I absolutely love our tight knit community and feel so incredibly lucky to live here!

As an active real estate broker, I consistently engage with current and future members of our community. These interactions give me the opportunity to better understand the preferences and opinions of a broad array of people in our small community. I also have experience in development, land use and the permit process and have worked closely with Santa Barbara County over the years. My real estate background includes working closely with developers and overseeing the permit process from start to finish, which includes experience with wastewater treatment options.

I have been a licensed real estate agent for over 20 years, having received my real estate license in 2003. I worked in the Coachella Valley assembling acreage for residential developments for about three years before moving onto more traditional commercial and residential real estate. I have run a successful real estate business in the Santa Ynez Valley for over a decade and have maintained a reputation of honesty and integrity among my clients and colleagues. My daily practice includes problem solving and negotiating to reach a common goal by listening carefully to both sides, which I feel is an important attribute for this position.

I am very much in touch with our local community and feel that I would be a good 'middleman' to communicate the realities of this situation. I recognize that we are being required to take action and I also understand the concern that residents have regarding growth in Los Olivos. My experience in land use will help me to communicate to the public that this solution is not being put in place to allow for growth but to help in the cleanup of our groundwater basins.

My husband and I often attend the CSD board meetings, either online or in person. I have not commented publicly during board meetings as I feel that the board is generally on the right track, with communication becoming clearer in recent months. Over the years, I have made an effort to stay up to date on progress and public documents in order to maintain a solid foundation of knowledge on what has occurred since the CSD was formed, the options being considered and the challenges we face as a community. I do not have a preconceived idea on how to proceed. I believe in the importance of having an open dialogue with the people of our community to hear their concerns and to figure out how to best proceed with a solution that will be supported by our voting property owners.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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LOCSD DIRECTOR APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: Nina Stormo

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

- 1) What is your vision for the Los Olivos Community Services District over the next four years?
- 2) What do you foresee as the biggest issue for the District as it moves towards a Proposition 218 vote?
- 3) How will you engage taxpayers in the Los Olivos Community Services District's activities?
- 4) Please disclose any potential conflicts.
- 5) Please disclose any involvement with current and/or pending litigation?

1. My vision for the Los Olivos CSD over the next four years includes progress toward a solution by researching the options that best fit our community's needs. It is important to efficiently tackle the steps needed for progress, such as obtaining an EIR and researching all viable options. We need clear communication with the public to create a deeper understanding of why local control should be supported versus allowing the state to make those decisions for us.

2. The biggest issue will likely be those opposing any type of progress. This is why clear and concise communication with the members of our community will be vital in moving forward with a solution. Another issue that I foresee is the proposed cost that our taxpayers will incur as a result of a treatment facility. This is a big concern for those on a fixed income.

3. Thorough and specific education on the most viable options will be valuable to the Los Olivos taxpayers. I think that our community members would appreciate workshops and face to face discussions addressing concerns regarding growth and cost. Again, clear communication is key.

4. I am an active real estate broker in Los Olivos and must disclose to potential buyers that we are in a special problems area as well as any knowledge that I have on potential solutions. I don't see this as a conflict but feel it is important to mention it for the sake of transparency.

5. None