

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DAVIS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE**

**ROBERT POPPENGA**

Occupation: University Educator and Veterinarian

My wife, Amy, and I have two daughters in district schools. As a university educator and veterinarian for over 25 years, I am experienced in course design, classroom teaching, curriculum evaluation, and teaching assessment. I actively participated in the district strategic planning process and have demonstrated my leadership abilities on a number of university, professional, and governmental committees.

As your school board representative, I will work to:

- Make every neighborhood school a desirable place to be.
- Develop early educational opportunities for all children and institute summer enrichment programs for at-risk students to narrow the achievement gap.
- Provide our teachers with professional development and classroom resources to enhance and sustain teaching effectiveness.
- Strengthen existing and develop new partnerships with public, private, and philanthropic organizations to increase district resources and program options.
- Develop district-wide “restorative justice” programs to decrease suspensions and improve school climate and safety.
- Ensure that every dollar is wisely invested in the classroom and not on costly investigations.

This election is an important one for our district. I have the qualifications to move the district forward with innovative and inclusive programs.

I respectfully request your vote.

s/ Robert Poppenga