

VOTE FOR:

**Charles Cowens**

West Contra Costa Unified School District Board Member

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

# Charles Cowens



*It's about time for a change in the West Contra Costa Unified School District!*

**Openness**



**Involvement**



**Integrity**

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## Priorities

1. **Honor and support all pathways for students to succeed in our schools**
2. **Attract and retain quality teachers within our budget constraints**
3. **Encourage parent and volunteer involvement in our schools**

## Additional Issues

- ✓ A broad education that extends beyond just preparing for tests
- ✓ Creating a transparent “open book” budget process for the public to participate meaningfully in making hard decisions
- ✓ Effective oversight of school construction to ensure that our 5<sup>th</sup> bond is our last
- ✓ Removing barriers to the effective use of technology for educational goals in our classrooms
- ✓ Structural reforms to decrease the influence of special interests and provide stronger connections within the District
- ✓ Comprehensive safety planning focused on prevention

## Service and Experience

### PTA

Portola Middle School PTSA: Volunteer Coordinator (2001-2002), President (2002-2003)

Bayside Council of PTAs [WCCUSD and John Swett USD]: Executive VP (2003-2004), President (2004-2006), VP Communications (2006-2008, 2009-2010)  
32d District PTA [Contra Costa County]: VP Leadership (2007-2009)

### Parent/Community Activism

wccusdtalk [Online Discussion Forum]: Co-Creator and Moderator (2002-2003)  
West County Parents (2002-2003)  
Citizens for Positive Education Change (2006-2008)

### Local School Funding Campaigns

Measure J [Failed Parcel Tax] (2003), Measure B [Parcel Tax] (2004), Measure J [Bond] (2005), Measure G [Failed Parcel Tax] (2007), Measure D [Parcel Tax] (2008)

### WCCUSD District Committees

Blue Ribbon High School Reform Committee: Member (2003-2004)  
Uniforms Implementation Committee (2004)  
Community Budget Advisory Committee: Member (2004-2005), Chair (2005-2010)

### Awards

Distinguished Citizen Award Winner, West Contra Costa Education Fund (2006)