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Cabrillo Unified SD Board of Education
c/o Superintendent Robert Gaskill
498 Kelly Avenue
Half Moon Bay, CA 94098

Dear Mr. Gaskill,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in filling the vacant Board seat previously held by Charles Gardner. I meet all the eligibility requirements as set for in the Cabrillo Unified School District press release of September 16, 2011.

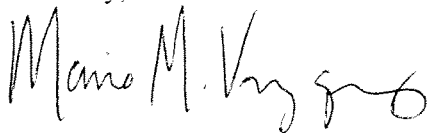
I have been a practicing attorney since 2000, and have spent the last 10 years representing social services in the area of child welfare for the City and County of San Francisco. My work involves general advice and litigation work for the Human Services Agency in the Juvenile Dependency Court. I chose to work for the government rather than pursue a more lucrative career in private practice because I am committed to public service. Before attending law school I substitute taught for Cabrillo Unified, teaching English as a Second Language classes, along with other subjects. I also have experience specific to board membership, as I was a member of the Coastside Children's Program Board of Directors.

More importantly, I am a life long resident of Half Moon Bay. I have seen our community grow and change over the course of my entire life. My parents came to the United States as part of the Bracero program and settled in Half Moon Bay to raise their family. I am the youngest of eight children. English was not my first language. I grew up on a rural migrant ranch off of Highway 92, until my parents were able to move the family into town when I was a teenager. I attended Hatch Elementary School, Cunha Middle School and Half Moon Bay High School. I played varsity football and because of that was able to attend and graduate from Humboldt State after receiving my A.A. degree from the College of San Mateo. After graduation, I returned to Half Moon Bay and have been here ever since.

My wife and I are parents to four young children, three of whom currently attend district schools. My sisters and brother, my nieces and nephews have also received their education from Cabrillo Unified. I believe in our Community. Education is one of the most critical services it provides to our children. I see on a daily basis, through my work in the area of child welfare, the lifelong impact a lack of quality education can have on youth. With my participation in the mentoring program at College of San Mateo, I work with young adults who face challenges making the transition to secondary education. A solid educational foundation is crucial to their success.

Cabrillo will be facing some tough decisions in the next few years as our community continues to grow, our State funding continues to shrink and our student population continues to require a more tailored approach to service delivery. I want to help make those decisions. I want to bring my life and work experiences to the District as a member of the board to help our Community face the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,



Mario M. Vazquez