

Candidate's Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Candidate's Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. Please note that each county produces a separate County Voters' Pamphlet. If the jurisdiction or district is located in more than one county a separate 'Candidate's Statement for Voters' Pamphlet' form must be filed and the fee paid to each county where the statement is to be printed.

FILING INFORMATION

Election: Primary 20____ General 20____ Special May 2017
 Original Statement Amended Statement

Name of Candidate (as it will appear on ballot):
Virginia La Forte

Filing for the Office of (what's applicable):
District: Portland School District Position: Director Zone #: 5

"This Information Furnished by" (required: name of Candidate or Committee as should appear in Voters' Pamphlet):
Virginia La Forte for School Board

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Note: Language which violates any provision of ORS 251.415 will be excluded from the Voters' Pamphlet.

By signing this document, I hereby state:

- That all information provided by me on this form and in this Statement is true to the best of my knowledge;
- I am the author of this Statement (ORS 251.415);
- I have read and understand the instructions for submitting this 'Candidate Statement'; and
- The portrait provided, if any, is less than four (4) years old.

Virginia La Forte
Signature of Candidate or Agent on behalf of Candidate

3-19, 2017
Date signed

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OCCUPATION:

Account Supervisor, The Marketing Arm

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Strategic planning, client management, budget oversight, and creative development for entities including Glaceau Brands/Coca-Cola NA, House of Blues, Metro and Entertainment Marketing.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

The University of Montana, Journalism/History, B.A.

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:

2017 PPS Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group; ODE Work Group to improve district-wide school complaint process; PPS TAG Advisory Council

- A **proven student safety and equity advocate** with hands-on experience navigating PPS to successfully change policy.
- **20+ years of professional experience** and a fresh perspective on problem-solving.

"A strong education is the great equalizer. As a board member, I will focus on proven **Safety, Accountability, Fiscal Responsibility and Equity** measures to help **define a true educational vision and rebuild trust** in PPS."

Virginia has relentlessly pursued the stabilization of lead-based paint in PPS since 2013. "You cannot look the other way because once you have the knowledge, you are culpable."

Virginia on KATU News, PPS and Accountability, July 21, 2016

"Virginia is whip-smart, caring and dedicated. She is a consensus-builder and a doer, not a critical observer. We discovered that PPS schools, *including many with high percentages of kids living in poverty*, had routinely forfeited hundreds of thousands of dollars earmarked for TAG services. She did not rest until the district had implemented new accountability measures for the *benefit of kids at all schools* and held PPS staff accountable for follow-through."

Amy Mason Doan, PPS TAG Advisory Council

"Virginia is a rare combination of a true leader and a team player. I marveled at her ability to lead a group of such diverse personalities to a record-breaking fundraising goal."

Mimi Farley, Alameda Auction Procurement Chair

Additional Endorsements:

Paul Anthony, PPS Board Member
Julia Esparza Brown, PPS Board Member
Stephen Griffith, Former PPS Board Member
Stephen Kofoury
Pamela Knowles, PPS Board Member
Amy Kohnstamm, PPS Board Member
Bill Scott, former PPS Board Member
Carol Turner, former PPS Board Member
Bob Van Brocklin, Attorney at Law

Many more at: virginiaforschools.com