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#### **OSBA Elections - Official ballots available**

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OSBA Information <info@osba.org> To: Robin Lindeen-Blakeley <rlindeen@corbett.k12.or.us>

Fri, Oct 15, 2021 at 2:35 PM

#### Dear Robin Lindeen-Blakeley:

Ballots are now available! Your board will be voting on OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) representatives. Print and preview your Official Ballot for your board's consideration. Your board's votes may be submitted using your Official Ballot between November 15 and December 17, 2021.

Please make sure your board votes! Ask your board chair to place the OSBA election on your next meeting agenda.

#### Official ballot and materials:

- Preview the Official Ballot
- View Board of Directors candidate information
- View LPC candidate information

#### Other resources:

- OSBA's Election Center containing all election information
- 2021 Elections Calendar(PDF)

Scott Rogers **OSBA** President-elect osbaElections@osba.org

# NOMINATION FORM OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONAL MEMBER

Nominations are due by 5 pm, October 1, 2021 TO: Scott Rogers, OSBA President-Elect Oregon School Boards Association 1201 Return this form and all candidate information Court St NE, #400 forms to the OSBA office by email at Salem, OR 97301 OSBAelections@osba.org, or mail to Oregon Fax: 503-588-2813 School Boards Association, 1201 Court E-mail: OSBAelections@osba.org St. NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301 **Dear Scott Rogers:** With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Board of Directors for the \_\_Multnomah\_\_\_\_\_ Region, Position # \_\_\_18\_\_\_.

Date: September 2, 2021

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City: \_\_\_\_Gresham\_\_\_\_\_\_, Oregon ZIP: 97030\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Kris Howat	<u>t</u>	Region: Multnomah
District/ESD/CC:	Gresham-Barlow School District	Position #: 18
	ected I will faithfully serve as a member of ted to OSBA (or is attached to this docum	the OSBA Board of Directors. My nomination form ent) as evidence.
Kris Howat	t	August 25, 2021
Name		Date
	Be brief; please limit your respo	nses to 50 words per question.
1. Describe in yo	our own words the mission and goals of O	SBA.
effectively ser	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ard members. They enable school board members to nity. OSBA provides a perspective beyond local districts,
2. What do you w	vant to accomplish by serving on the OSB	BA board of directors?
invited to mee		for education issues in the State. Our board members are and trending developments. I want to continue to advance education sphere.
	nip skills do you believe you bring to the be which you demonstrated these skills.	oard of directors? Give an example of
governance re additional reso	emodel, the realignment of OSBA goals, e	evant perspectives. I have been directly involved in OSBA's xpanded opportunities for our students through CTE and the y success in these endeavors hinged on bringing other
4. What do you s	see as the two most challenging issues fac	ced by OSBA?
• •	rization of education in the State. The cha these students and their communities.	nging demographics of our student population, and how to
5 What do you s	ee as the two most challenging issues fac	ced by your region?
		ewly elected board members in timely and appropriate

6. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region?

training opportunities.

COVID adjustments have provided a nice platform to view regional board meetings, but they aren't a perfect substitute for in-person conversation. I'm looking forward to a return to in-person training, conferences, roundtables, and regional meetings. In the meantime, virtual, email, and phone are the communication methods.

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm

#### **CANDIDATE'S DATA SHEET**

To: Scott Rogers, OSBA President-elect

Name:

Kris G. Howatt

Position:

**Multnomah Region, Position 18** 

**Gresham-Barlow School District 10j** 

Address:

1558 NW 12th Court

Gresham, OR 97030-4922

**Business:** 

(971) 220-0936

Residence:

(503) 830-3608 (preferred number)

E-mail:

Kris.Howatt@gmail.com

Fax:

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**Primary Occupation:** 

Small Business Owner - Feather Your Nest Quilt Store

Director, Gresham-Barlow School District Director, Oregon School Boards Association

**Education Background:** 

Sam Barlow HS (1979) Honors - Gresham, Oregon

Mt. Hood Community College – Gresham, Oregon

Political Science Major (2010-2011)

Desktop Computing (1986)

Aviation Major (1979-1980)

Professional Experience:

#### **Small Business Operation (2014-2021)**

Supply Chain Management

- Customer Service (online & in person)
- Shipping Production
- Skills Instruction & Demonstrations

#### Portland General Electric (PGE) - (1979-1994)

- Computer Specialist /Contract Administrator
- Computer Tech Support, Software trainer, Word Processing
- Meter Reader (field work, customer service), Utility Workman

### **LOCAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

1. Name of School District/Board of Education on which the nominee serves:

**Gresham-Barlow School District (GBSD)** 

12,000 student enrollment/100,000 population

2. Date of service on Local School board (including current term):

December 2000 to present

3. When does the current term expire?

June 2023

4. List all dates and offices that the nominee has held on the Local School Board:

Chair	2010-2011, 2017-2019
Vice Chair	2008-2009, 2014-2015, 2021-2022
Interest-Based Bargaining Team - classified	2012, 2016, 2020
Negotiating Team – Classified	2004, 2008
Negotiating Team – Licensed	2012, 2020, 2021
<b>Continuous Improvement Plan Committee</b>	2010-2011
Audit Review Committee	2008-2011
Superintendent Search Committees	2001, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2021
Multnomah County Regional Equity	2019-2021
Wellness Committee/Nutrition Services	2004-2020

5. Local Leadership experience in community (list community service such as church officer, other government experience, Chamber of commerce, etc.)

GBSD Capital Bond Committee	2000, 2013, 2016
Member – Historic Downtown Gresham Business	2015-2021
Member – Gresham Chamber of Commerce	2014-2021
Eastgate Chapel Kitchen Director	2008 - 2014
East Metro Legislative Forum Committee	2008, 2010
East Metro Talented-Gifted Network	2003-2006
Market Mavens LLC – Investment Club {Treas.}	1997 - 2017
Parent Teacher Club {President, Sec, Treasurer}	1995-2001

### **STATE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

1. State Association Leadership – Oregon School Boards Association

	Offices Held Past President President President – elect Secretary/Treasurer Board of Directors	Dates 2013 2012 2011 2010 2006 – present
2.	OSBA Legal Assistance Trust - Chair OSBA Executive Director Search Committee OSBA Policy Review Committee (co-chair) OSBA Finance Committee OSBA Budget Committee OSBA Executive Committee OSBA Governance Review Committee OSBA Legislative Policy Committee	2018-2021 2012-2013 2011-2012 2010, 2012 2010, 2011, 2012 2010 – 2013 2007-2008 2006 – present
	NSBA Annual Conference Delegate  OR Dept. of Education –  Talented & Gifted Task Force (SB-990) – co-chair	2011 (alt.), 2012 2011-2012
	OR Dept. of State Lands – Remediation and Rulemaking Advisory Committee	2011-2012
	"Courageous Conversations" (CFEE) Graduate (Coaching for Education Equity)	2010

#### 3. Other State Association Leadership Experience

**Statewide Regional Tours** 

2012

(Over the course of 6 weeks (September thru October), 17 regional meetings, visiting 600+ board members, traveling 4500 miles throughout the state of Oregon}

**OSBA Annual Convention Speaker** 2011, 2012

**OSBA Leadership Institute Platinum Level** 2011

2010 **NSBA School Board Recognition** 

(School Board Leadership – 1 of 3 in Oregon to receive)

**OSBA** Leadership Oregon Certification 2007

OSBA Leadership Institute - GBSD Board Award 2005 - 2009

(Commitment to ongoing professional development – 5 years)

**OSBA Board Member of Color Caucus** 2018 - Present

#### NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCE

1. National Leadership Experience

**Pacific Region Vice Chair** 2013 Pacific Region Policy/Resolution Chair 2013

2. NSBA Committee Assignments

**Pacific Region Nominating Committee** 2011 (December)

Pacific Region Policies/Resolutions – alternate 2011, 2012 **NSBA Credentials Committee** 2011 (April)

3. Other National Association Leadership Experience

**Native American Caucus Member** 2011, 2012

**NSBA President's Retreat** 2011

**Pacific Region Meetings, delegate** 2010 - 2013 Pacific Region Meetings, non-delegate 2009, 2010 **Federal Relations Network** 2008 - 2018**NSBA Equity Symposium** 2016-2018

**NSBA National Conferences** 2005, 2007, 2010 – 2013, 2016-2019

#### **OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

1. Other Officer positions held (other state or national associations such as American Bankers Association, AMA, etc.)

None

2. Other Speaker or Program Experience

Quilt Shows – Sales & In-store Presentations 2014-2020

OP-Ed – Salem Statesman Journal 2012 (May)

("Schools are Critical to Oregon's Economic Recovery")

Gresham-Barlow All-Staff Convocation 2009, 2010, 2017, 2018

Mission Trip Coordinator – Teec Nos Pos, AZ 2008, 2009

GBSD Volunteer Coordinators Keynote 2004-2006, 2008-2010, 2012-2016

Scrip Fundraising Coordinator 2004 – 2017

(Supporting 4 schools, overall revenue in excess of \$1.5 million)

Master Seamstress – Gresham HS Drama 2003-2013

(15 productions)

Exchange Student Host Family 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013

(China, Taiwan, S. Korea, Spain, Japan) 2007-2008, 2009, 2012

#### **CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

1. See attached written statements by the candidate of 50 words or less, per question, stating why he/she desires to be a director and what the candidate can bring to the position.

OSBA Mission, Why Me, Leadership Examples, Challenge OSBA, Challenge Region, Regional Connection Options

## NOMINATION FORM **OSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (LPC)** REGIONAL MEMBER

Date: September 29, 2021

TO: Scott Rogers, OSBA President-Elect Oregon School Boards Association 1201 Court St NE, #400 Salem, OR 97301

Fax: 503-588-2813

E-mail: OSBAelections@osba.org

Nominations are due by 5 pm, October 1, 2021.

Return this form and all candidate information forms to the OSBA office by email at OSBAelections@osba.org, or mail to Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St. NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

#### Dear Scott Rogers:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee for the Multnomah Region, Position # 17.

#### LPC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Elizabeth Durant

District/ESD/Community College: Parkrose School District

Address: 2331 NE 131st Avenue City: Portland, Oregon ZIP: 97230

E-mail: elizabeth durant@parkrose.k12.or.us Phone: 503-951-7864

This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on September 27, 2021

(date)

(Board Vice Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Elizabeth Durant

Board Vice Chair name: Sara Kirby District: Parkrose School District Address: 10636 NE Prescott Street

City: Portland, Oregon ZIP: 97220

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name: Elizabeth Durant

Region: Multnomah

District/ESD/CC: Parkrose School District

Position #: 17

I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.

Name

Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?

As an out queer parent, I want to lift up the concerns of LGBTQ+ students and families. I am passionate about student voice, and curious how we might intentionally invite student input into OSBA policies. As a long-time resident, I want to represent the diverse needs of East County.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

I'm a relentless advocate. Recently I worked, over a two-year period, to enact a national gender equity and safety commitment within my organization (the United Church of Christ). I mobilized a solid regional coalition, built national connections, and leveraged an education partner to accomplish this work.

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?

We need adequate and sustainable **funding** for the State School Fund that frees us from the constant crisis of looming budget cuts. Despite recent **equity** legislation (HB2935, SB732), school districts remain entrenched in patterns of white supremacy. As the takeover and firing of superintendents across the state has shown, community accountability mechanisms are lacking.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?

**Policing**. Our region struggles with gun violence and excessive use of force by police officers that deeply impact communities of color. The policing system has a long history of racist behavior and broken promises for reform.

**Funding**. The tax base of older, retired, white homeowners are increasingly disconnected from schools which are majority students of color, often renters, immigrants and/or refugee.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?

I'm looking forward to communicating with and through the Multnomah Education Service District Regional School Board Equity Team and local community leaders.

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 p.m.

Materials submitted by the candidate on this form may be subject to a public information request under ORS Chapter 192.

# CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name: Elizabeth Durant

Date: 10/1/2021

Address: 2331 NE 131st Avenue

City / ZIP: Portland, OR 97230

Business phone: 503-256-1835

Residence phone: 503-951-7864

Cell phone: 503-951-7864

E-mail: elizabeth\_durant@parkrose.k12.or.us

District/ESD/CC: Parkrose #3

Term expires: 2025

Years on board: 2

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm

Please send your picture (head shot). A high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable. E-mail to *QSBAelections(@osba.org,* or mail to: Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400,

Salem, OR 97301

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):

Parkrose Board of Education, Member (2019-2020), Chair (2021)

Multnomah Education Service District, Regional School Board Equity Team, Member (2019-present)

Sacramento Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization, Volunteer (2018-2020)

#### Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Dates:

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Interim Pastor

March 2021 to present

Bridgeport United Church of Christ, Sabbatical Pastor

May 2019 to October 2019

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Assistant Minister

July 2016 to February 2019

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):

High school: Buena High School, Ventura, CA, 1988 to 1992

College: Willamette University, Salem, OR, 1992 to 1996; Marylhurst University, Marylhurst, OR, 2008 to 2013

Degrees earned:

Bachelor of Arts, Politics (with honors)

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

Education honors and/or awards:

American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL) Annual Meeting, Presenter, 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities, Younger Scholar's Award, 1994

Other applicable training or education:
Sacred Conversations to End Racism, United Church of Christ (2019-2021)
Mental Health First Aid, NAMI (2018)

#### Activities, other state and local community services:

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Reckoning with Racism Cohort (2020-21) Showing Up for Racial Justice, Interfaith Action Group (2015-17) Oregon State Poetry Association, newsletter editor, poetry judge (2006-08) Write Around Portland, workshop facilitator (2007-10)

#### Hobbies/special interests:

Writing, public speaking, sacred dance

#### Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ (tri-state organization)
Board of Directors, 2019-2020; Chair, Justice & Witness Ministries, 2018-2021

#### Additional comments:

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# NOMINATION FORM OSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (LPC) REGIONAL MEMBER

Date _9/27/2021	
TO: Scott Rogers, OSBA President-Elect Oregon School Boards Association 1201 Court St NE, #400 Salem, OR 97301 Fax: 503-588-2813 E-mail: OSBAelections@osba.org	Nominations are due by 5 pm, October 1, 2021.  Return this form and all candidate information forms to the OSBA office by email at OSBAelections@osba.org, or mail to Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St. NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301
Dear Scott Rogers:	
With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named Committee for the Multnomah Region, Position #18.	below to a position on the OSBA Legislative Policy
LPC CANDIDATE  Name: Jessica Arzate	INFORMATION
District/ESD/Community College: Multnomah ESD	
Address: 18382 SE Stephens St.	
City: Portland, Oregon ZIP: 97233	
E-mail: mailto:jarzate@mesd.k12.or.us Phone: 562-394-77	765
This nomination was approved by official action of ou September 21, 2021  (date)  Board Vice-Chair name	(Board Vice-Chair signature)
District: Multnomah E	SD

Address: P.O. Box 3632

City: Portland, Oregon ZIP: 97208

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# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name:Jessica Arzate	Region: Multnomah	
District/ESD/CC:Multnomah ESD	Position #:18	
I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document)		ation form
Jessica Arzate	9/23/21	
Name	Date	

#### Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?

My hope is to lend my expertise and leadership in PK12 Education and represent my community of East Portland. My hope is also to work on shifting power across the state and within school districts to promote equitable education. It is my mission to help elevate and strengthen the voices of students of color and students who experience the most systemic barriers and provide a platform for advocacy.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

My leadership style is collaborative, innovative, and driven by racial equity. As part of the Design Team for the Regional Kindergarten Readiness Network (RKRN), I help facilitate a collective of 60 regional, cross-sector partners working together to ensure that all systems are ready to serve all of our kids on their journey to kindergarten and beyond. I've co-led the development of design criteria and an initial list of potential metrics for the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot as part of this transformational work

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?

There has been historic investment in education equity through Student Success Plans. OSBA's legislative priorities should be to maintain full funding for the implementation of those plans and to hold districts accountable to improving outcomes called out in those plans. I would also say the second most challenging issue for OSBA will be regarding its role in Board Development, particularly around racially just learning and a Board Member's role in governance. There have been board members across the state that are confusing their own political agendas with statewide policies meant to protect students. OSBA has a critical role in educating and training those boards.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?

Student retention (high mobility rates) due to gentrification and lack of affordable housing and lack of mental health and counseling supports. Our students who have enrollment gaps or transitions are graduating at a lower rate than their peers who remain in one school district. There is a lack of continuity when a student moves from one district to another and causes a significant disruption to their success. Additionally, students in our region are not receiving the adequate support they need to feel and be healthy. Living with trauma and/or mental health illness decreases the likelihood for a student to thrive and achieve the academic potential.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?

My plan is to create meaningful platforms of communication that align with existing regional efforts. First and foremost, I want to listen to my colleagues and be responsive to the unique challenges and opportunities of each district. In my current MESD Zone, I cover all of David Douglas, Parkrose, Centennial, and a small part of Portland Public Schools. Serving on the MESD Board for Zone 4 (East Portland), positions me to best represent my region. I live, work, and serve in my region.

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 p.m.

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# CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name:Jessica Arzate	Date: 9/23/21
Address: 18382 SE Stephens St	
City / ZIP: Portland 97233	
Business phone:	
Residence phone;	Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm  Please send your picture (head shot).
Cell phone: (562)394-7765	A high-resolution digital photo is
E-mail: jarzate@mesd.k12.or.us	E-mail to <u>OSBA elections@osba.org</u> , or mail to: Oregon School Boards
District/ESD/CC: Multnomah ESD	l
Term expires:2024Years on board:	4
Superintendent Evaluation Committee 2017-Presen Oregon Association of ESDs Governance Council 2 Regional Equity Task Force 2018-Present; Design Toregon School Board Members of Color Caucus 20 OSBA Legislative Policy Committee 2019-Present  Other education board positions held/dates:  National School Board Association 2018 Delegate A College of Education Graduate Student Association	017-2019; Multnomah ESD Representative Feam Member Fall 2018; Multnomah ESD Representative 117-Present; Co-President 2017-2018 Assembly Member
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Occupation (Include at least the past five years):	
Employers:	Dates:
Greater Than PDX; Chief Impact Officer August 201 United Way of the Columbia-Willamette; Early Learr United Way of the Columbia-Willamette; Community	
Schools attended (Include official name of school,	where and when):
High school: Millikan High School, Long Beach, CA College: University of California, Irvine 2009; Califor Degrees earned: BA in Anthropology; Minor in Medi M.Ed Dual Language Development 2013	nia State University, Long Beach 2013

Education honors and/or awards: Bi-Literacy Seal Dean's List Other applicable training or education:

Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program 2015

ColorPAC 2017

Center for Equity and Inclusion; Reframing Racism 2015; 2016; 2017-2018

CoCreative; Collaborative Leadership Essentials Training 2019

Center for Executive and Professional Education at PSU; Practical Project Management 2019

#### Activities, other state and local community services:

Women's Foundation of Oregon; Grants Committee 2014-Present; Committee Chair 2017-2019 Women's Foundation of Oregon Board Member 2017-Present; Vice President 2017-2019; Treasurer 2021 Ethnic Studies Advisory Group (HB 2845) 2018-2019 Student Success Act Rules Advisory Committee 2020-2021

#### Hobbies/special interests:

Long Distance Running, Hiking, Mountaineering, Basketball, playing the piano, and creating music with my significant other.

#### Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

Women's Foundation of Oregon Member 2014-Present
City Club of Portland- Civic Scholars Ambassador 2015-2016
East County Rising Member 2018-Present
Regional Kindergarten Readiness Network- Design Team Member; 2018-Present
Regional Kindergarten Readiness Network- Data and Metrics Work Group Chair; 2019-Present

#### Additional comments:

- Experience in developing, designing, and implementing strategic plans
- Experience in facilitating groups with an overt diversity and equity lens.
- Experience serving and building relationships with culturally specific communities
- Experience in developing and delivering learning and training experiences
- 10+ years of professional work experience in Education and non-profit community work
- Effective communicator, collaborator and detail-oriented worker, with a passion for mission-driven work
- Ability to take initiative, foster innovation, and creativity by encouraging new ways of thinking and working.



#### 2021 OSBA Election

Board of Directors Position 17		
	Vote	
No election for Board of Directors Position 17 this year	Vote	
* LPC Position 17		
Elizabeth Durant, Parkrose 3		Vote
* Board of Directors Position 18		
Kris Howatt, Gresham-Barlow 10		Vote
* LPC Position 18		
Jessica Arzate, Multnomah ESD	Vote	
OSBA Board Position 19		
No election for Board of Directors Position 19 this year	-	Vote
LPC Position 19		
No candidates filed for LPC Position 19	Vote	

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