



REGION I REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE

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Personal Statement:

I came to America at age twenty-two with fourteen years of education in Vietnam and three months of survival English from a refugee camp in Indonesia. I have been in the field of education for more than 33 years working as a bilingual instructional assistant, a community liaison, an ELD, mathematics, and science teacher, a district language development specialist, and currently as a coordinator IV for the Language & Literacy department at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. I have also been an adjunct faculty member in the Teacher Education department at California State University, Stanislaus since 1999, at University of the Pacific, and at the Teacher's College of San Joaquin since 2001. My experience in various educational capacities has provided me a deep understanding of teaching and learning, especially for students who speak English as an additional language. Furthermore, my involvement in a variety of committees and projects at both local and state levels has deepened my vision, expertise, and leadership ability.

I had the privilege to serve as the Region I Representative on the CUBE Board of Directors from 2016-2021 when I maintained contacts and supported the five chapters in the region. Currently, I am the principal for the Van Lang Vietnamese Heritage School, a community language school that I founded in 2016. CUBE has been an important part of my professional learning since I was a bilingual assistant. I started attending CUBE in 1992, continued to be part of the organization, and eventually presented at almost every conference since 1995. I believe CUBE is a catalyst and a vital vehicle for educators who work with students and parents from many diverse language and cultural backgrounds. I am inspired by CUBE's vision of Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency, & Educational Equity for All, and empowered by many members of the CUBE family.

I was able to start the connection between CUBE and Asian, especially Southeast Asian, communities when I was on the Board. Recently, I was the lead and worked collaboratively with CUBE to organize the very first successful Asian Language Institute at the 34th CUBE Annual conference. It is my dream to continue strengthening and expanding this connection to increase the involvement of many other communities in our CUBE family. I believe being the Regional Representative for Region I will enable me to fulfill this dream and support CUBE's vision of Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency, & Educational Equity for All.

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As a refugee from Vietnam, I have experienced and witnessed the benefits of being bilingual/biliterate. Not only is it a professional advancement, but it also enables me to view and understand the world from multiple perspectives. I met and was fully supported by many of CABE's dedicated educators since I was a paraprofessional, a teacher, and now a county office of education coordinator. I would like to give back to the community that has nurtured me to become who I am today and use my experience, skills, and knowledge to provide a successful multilingual/multicultural education for all students, especially our English learners.

Là người Việt tỵ nạn, tôi may mắn trở thành một giáo chức thông thạo hai ngôn ngữ. Việc này không chỉ giúp tôi thăng tiến mà còn cho tôi khả năng tiếp nhận sự việc bằng nhiều quan điểm khác nhau. Tôi đã được sự giúp đỡ tận tình của nhiều giáo chức từ khi tôi còn là một phụ giáo. Tôi mong được dùng kinh nghiệm và kiến thức để cống hiến cho ngành giáo dục nhằm giúp tất cả học sinh, đặc biệt là học sinh hai ngôn ngữ có một chương trình học thật vẹn toàn.