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Disappointed in board member



As a [Poway](#) Unified School District homeowner, parent and teacher, I am deeply disappointed in the actions of school board member Kimberley Beatty during the recent election. Passing out door hangers with defaced pictures of fellow board members, while perhaps within the limits of the law, shows an absolute lack of professionalism. This was an act that likely would have been cause for disciplinary action had a student done the same thing during a school election.

I believe elected board members have a responsibility to set an example of professional respect for the community and district. Yes, Ms. Beatty is also a PUSD voter who is entitled to her opinion, but I think there were dozens of other ways she could have supported her preferred candidates.

Ms. Beatty's actions go directly against what PUSD is trying to accomplish on our campuses. Currently, our schools are being strongly encouraged to participate in multiple initiatives such as "Start with Hello" and "No Place for Hate," programs designed to encourage a culture of respect, inclusion, and acceptance. Ms. Beatty has displayed a classic case of "Do as I say, not as I do." As with any institution, culture starts at the top. Her hypocrisy has further damaged any trust I had in her abilities as a PUSD board member.

As our newly elected board gets their work underway, I call on each board member to commit to setting the example of good character they wish see in all PUSD employees and students.

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