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## Writer endorses candidates for behavior he claims to be against

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Let's stop the cronyism and set the record straight.

I am responding to [a letter published in the Sun by retired SKSD teacher Tom Juvik](#), who makes many false claims, most laughable is that I'm beholden to any political movement or funded special interest groups. He knows first hand through our recent email exchange that all my support and donations come from citizens and local business owners in our community.

Mr. Juvik supports three candidates, all endorsed by three special interest groups. SKEA , WEA, the district political action committee. These groups influence many board decisions.

Ms. Higgins, Mr. Villars, and Ms. Espy also group their signs together. They participate together in sign waving, campaign events, and share the same endorsements of the majority of the current board.

Juvik's twisted perspective is these endorsements and donors don't represent any special interests or political movement. However, he oddly claims three candidates with only community endorsements are partisan and special interest backed political driven candidates.

It's disingenuous to besmirch three community members who stepped up to serve the school board with a focus on education, balanced budgets, transparency and parental rights.

**Besmirching accusations of a "spooky coalition", "the three stooges" while claiming we are backed by special interests is laughable. Juvick is clearly supporting exactly what he claims to be against.**

**Let's not perpetuate the continuing mistakes of the past by voting for any candidates with special interest connections who are beholden to others. Time to end this cycle of cronyism and give back control to our community!**

**Please vote for Cross, Edwards and Sehmel.**

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