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BHEA Endorses Margo, Paysinger

The Beverly Hills Education Association supports incumbent Noah Margo and former BHHS principal Carter Paysinger in the upcoming BHUSD Board of Education election

At the first meeting of the 2015-16 school year, the BHEA Representative Council voted to formally endorse incumbent Noah Margo and former BHHS principal Carter Paysinger for the BHUSD Board of Education election later in the fall. The two candidates are among five people vying for three open seats. The three other candidates are Isabel Hacker, Lewis Hall, and Mel Spitz.

The interview panel for the BHEA's Political Action Committee met with all five candidates earlier this month. The interview panel was made up of Chris Bushée (former BHEA President and current Grievance and PAC Chair), Carol Courneya (President of the Instructional Assistants unit of BHEA), Mark Frenn (former BHEA President and PAC Treasurer), Andre Law (OTBS Representative), Gregg Riesenberg (Bargaining Chair), and Telly Tse (BHEA President). Each of the candidates were asked questions relating to their understanding of and attitude towards Common Core, school safety, the Board's role in working with administrators and staff, Measure E, staff salary, and health benefits.

"Based on the responses they gave regarding every topic we discussed, it is apparent that Noah Margo and Carter Paysinger have the experience, knowledge, and balanced approach it takes to be a successful Board of Education member," says Telly Tse. "As educators, the welfare of the students we work with is our number one priority and



L to R: BHEA-endorsed candidates Noah Margo and Carter Paysinger

Noah and Carter's record has shown that it is their top priority as well. BHEA is happy to support the two of them and we look forward to utilizing the many resources we have to ensure they win a seat on the Board of Education."

Noah Margo is a former LAUSD teacher and currently works as a contractor. He has three children, all of whom attend BHUSD schools. His wife, Laura, is an active member of the PTA. Noah's campaign website is noahmargo.com.

Carter Paysinger is a former teacher, coach, athletic director, and principal of Beverly Hills High School. He retired earlier this year after a 30+ year career in the district. He has one child and is married to Karen, an educator at LAUSD. Carter's campaign website is itstimeforcarter.com.

The election takes place on Tuesday, November 3rd. Absentee ballots are mailed in early October.

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Alana Castanon and Jeffrey Harris Join Certificated Bargaining Team

On August 27, the BHEA Executive Board unanimously approved BHEA President Telly Tse's recommendation of Beverly Vista STEM Teacher Alana Castanon and Hawthorne Math Teacher Jeffrey Harris to the Certificated Bargaining Team.

"I am confident both Alana and Jeff will learn quickly and be very effective members of the team," says Tse. The first bargaining session takes place September 3.

2015-16 BHEA Reference Sheet

BHEA Leadership

President: *Telly Tse (HS)*
Vice-President: *Lisa Dickens (HS)*
IA President: *Carol Courneya (HS)*
IA VP: *Malahat Yomtoubian (HS)*
OTBS President: *Yangchen Dolkar (DO)*
OTBS VP: *Deadra Toribio (DO)*
Secretary: *Kate Marks (HS)*
Treasurer: *David Siskin (HM)*
K-12 Director: *vacant*
HS Director: *Christopher Bushée (HS)*
HS Director: *Dan Moroica (HS)*
MS Director: *Terry Postlewaite (BV)*
K-5 Director: *Shelly Lucky (BV)*
K-5 Director: *Temmy Lehman (BV)*
BV Site Rep: *Judith Chan*
BV Site Rep: *vacant*
ER Site Rep: *Amy Arebalo*
ER Site Rep: *Rebecca Metrano*
Haw Site Rep: *Stephanie Lehrer*
Haw Site Rep: *Lori Schwartz*
HM Site Rep: *Ethan Smith*
HM Site Rep: *Mary White*
HS Site Rep: *Tim Briggs*
HS Site Rep: *Phil Chang*
HS Site Rep: *Josh Glass*
HS Site Rep: *Molly Peterson*
HS Site Rep: *Marla Weiss*
HS Site Rep: *vacant*
DO Site Rep: *Sergio Mandiola*
HS IA Rep: *Elisa Ibarra*
K-8 IA Rep: *Claudia Ordonez (BV)*
HS OTBS Rep: *Andre Law*
K-8 OTBS Rep: *Estela Castaneda (ER)*
DO OTBS Rep: *James Hanson*

Certificated Bargaining Team

Gregg Riesenber (HS), Chair
 Christopher Bushée (HS)
 Rebecca Hickok (HM)
 Alana Castanon (BV)
 Jeffrey Harris (Haw)
 Phil Chang (HS), Alternate
 Dan Moroica (HS), Alternate

Committee Chairs

Bylaws: *David Siskin (HM)*
Election: *Josh Glass (HS)*
Grievance: *Christopher Bushée (HS)*
Human Rights: *Andre Law*
Organizing: *Lisa Dickens*
Political Action: *Christopher Bushée*
PD: *Debra Joseph (HS)*
Social: *TBD*

PAR (Peer Assistance & Review): *Katy Carter (HM), Roel Hinojosa (HS), Marla Weiss (HS)*
Extra Pay: *Malia Frutschy (HS), Shelly Lucky (BV), Carly Verstegen (BV)*

Have a question or concern?

We have many resources available to help you find the information and answers you need.

- Visit our newly-renovated website at www.bhea.org
- Contact your school site rep (they are trained and happy to help you)
- Email us at info@bhea.org using your personal email address
- For potential grievances, email (again, using your personal email address) Grievance Committee Chair Christopher Bushée at christopherbushee@gmail.com

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www.remind.com/join/bheam

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Enter this number:
(541) 359-4488
 with the message
@bheam

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Upcoming CTA Conferences

GLBT Issues Conference
November 13-15, 2015
Fairmont Hotel
San Jose, CA

Fall Leadership Conference
November 20-22, 2015
The New Tropicana Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

Issues Conference
February 26-28, 2016
Hyatt Regency Orange County
Garden Grove, CA

To apply for funding to attend a conference as a BHEA representative, please email us at info@bhea.org.

To apply for an incentive grant, go to www.cta.org/conferences

Remaining Rep Council Meeting Dates

September 10, 2015
 October 8, 2015
 November 12, 2015
 December 10, 2015
 January 14, 2016
 February 11, 2016
 March 10, 2016
 April 14, 2016
 May 12, 2016

Meetings are on Thursdays at 3:45 pm in Room S316 at BHHS. All members are welcome to attend and observe.

Certificated Bargaining Dates

September 3, 2015 (Thursday)

Other 2015-16 dates TBD

Bargaining meetings take place at the district office board room between 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. These meetings are private. Updates from meetings are announced through BHEA-BHUSD Joint Communications.

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Starts September 1, 2015

Check your email for more info!