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RD 1000 CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

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The District has been providing flood protection in the Natomas Basin by maintaining levees and flood control infrastructure for property owners since 1911. The responsibility for oversight of flood protection is governed by a seven-member board elected by property owners.

Since 1993 I have served as a Trustee of Reclamation District 1000. My relevant professional experience as a Certified Public Accountant (40+ years) and accounting instructor (14 years) at California State University Sacramento (CSUS) have provided the foundation for the financial oversight that the board exercises through the Finance Committee that I chair. This includes the annual budget, internal financial reporting, and the annual audit. In recent years we have received the Special District Leadership Foundation's (SDLF) *Transparency Certificate of Excellence* which is a testament to our commitment to open government. In addition, we are one of the handful of public agencies that have taken the necessary steps to fully fund our post-employment health benefits (OPEB) through a funding trust.

The board serves as a brain trust for the district with representatives in areas such as finance, legal, engineering, environmental compliance, agriculture and management. In recent years board members were recruited to provide a high level of experience in each of these areas.

My role has been finance based on my background and experience. I hope that you will vote for my re-election.

Experience:

- Founding shareholder of Gilbert Accountancy, CPA's, with 60+ employees upon my retirement in 2017. Primary emphasis was auditing governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- Chair-California State Railroad Museum Foundation
- President-Golden Empire Council/BSA
- CSUS Accounting instructor
- Vietnam Veteran
- 40+ year resident of District