

Debra Jones

Candidate statement:

I've lived in Natomas for just about 30 years. My husband and I have raised our children here, and from the moment I moved here, I've been involved in this community. I have served on the Board of the Natomas Community Association, and was appointed to the Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council for Sacramento County. I was later appointed to the City of Sacramento Planning Commission. I've served on a community advisory committee for the new inauguration of Natomas High School, and served on the School Site Council at Bannon Creek Elementary School. In my work as a transportation and environmental planner, I've often said that "people tend to support what they help create". When I look around my community, I am proud of what I have helping to create – the South Natomas Community Center, the Market West Shopping Center in North Natomas, Sacramento Regional Transit's Line 11. I'm prouder of what my neighbors have created and how we live to care for each other.

In 2016, I continued my service to my community by when I was appointed to the RD1000 Board of Trustees. Of all the work that I have done in support of this community, nothing resonated more deeply with me than the mission of the District – to protect the Natomas area from flooding by operating and maintaining the levees that surround. I saw firsthand the strong commitment of the District's employees, staff and trustees. I learned the history of the District, and how integral it was to the development of the entire community. I was on the Board a short time, and treasured the time I was able to be a part of this important community resource. I'm filing this petition now in the hopes of rejoining the Board to help continue the work of improving the District's facilities and services, thereby increasing the safety of the Natomas basin.

This is our community. We live here and we have all helped to create it and shape it. Beginning in 1911, RD1000 has been an integral part of our community. We owe much to the farmers, ranchers, businesspeople, residents, schools, who are and have always been supporting what they have helped to create. If I gain the privilege of serving the voters in this community once more, I will express gratitude by working diligently with the Board, and District staff to ensure the health and safety of all residents of the Natomas Basin.