



Susan Christopher

Castaic School Board Member

Susan was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Growing up in a university town shaped Susan's open mind and liberal ideals; growing up in the auto industry's capital with a father who worked for General Motors shaped Susan's union sympathies.

Susan received her B.A. from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

While in D.C., Susan served as intern on Capitol Hill for a democratic congressman, worked tirelessly as a student volunteer for the DNC and young democrats, and worked in inner-city D.C.

schools as a tutor and mentor. This is when she first knew she needed to help make a difference in the nation's worst public schools.

Susan's time in Washington also found her a fantastic husband, Matt Christopher, who works for Microsoft and who's passion is bringing social justice through the creation of businesses in places like Kenya.

Susan attended law school at Pepperdine University with two babies in hand. She passed the bar immediately following law school, and worked as a mom and parent volunteer in local SCV public schools to continue raising her 2 children, now 13 and 10.

Susan brought the Obama campaign to the SCV during the earliest days of the primary races, where she met Todd and Minerva Hoover and began to become more involved with the democratic clubs of the SCV. Susan was elected to the Castaic School Board in 2009. She was named Democrat of the Year for the California Assembly District 37 by State Vice-Chair Eric Bauman and the Los Angeles County Democratic Party last year.

Susan is currently working as an attorney, doing estate plans for young families and individuals with smaller estates at a much lower price point than most of her attorney counter-parts. Susan also helps run two faith-based mentoring programs reaching the youth of the Los Angeles; one partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District providing mentors for at-risk youth, and one partnership with Department of Child and Family Services providing mentors for children stuck permanently in the foster care system.

Susan is committed to making a real difference in public education and looks forward to seeing where the future takes her.