

Sheldon Zatkan

Continental Elementary School District No. 39



My name is Sheldon Zatkan and I am running for one of the vacant seats on the Continental School District Governing Board.

My wife, Patty, and I built our house in Quail Creek in 2006 and we retired here full-time in June of 2011. Before moving to Quail Creek we lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for all of our lives. We raised two children, a son who teaches Language Arts in Frisco, Texas and a daughter who runs an English School in Berlin, Germany. I taught, administered and coached at St. Ignatius College

Preparatory in San Francisco for 35 years. I was also an Administrator at St. Francis High School in Mountain View. In the 70's I taught at San Francisco State University and was the first Park and Recreation Director for the City of Larkspur, in Marin County. I have taught Political Science, Public Administration, History, Constitutional Law and American Government in my academic life. I have been on the Faculty Development Board, Board of Regents, the Salary Committee and Liaison to a number of City governments, I have a BA , a Masters Degree and attended Law School for two years in the Bay Area. I volunteered at numerous agencies. Some of my volunteer experiences were being on our local School Board, I was head of the CYO Board in San Francisco, I was member of the WASC accreditation group on the West Coast, and on the San Mateo County Grand Jury. In Quail Creek, I was President of the QC Men's Golf Association, served on the Greens Committee and I am presently serving on the Pima County Justice Board and the Sahuarita Park and Recreation Commission. I drive for Mobile Meals in Southern Arizona and I had helped coach the Boy's Varsity Basketball Team at Sahuarita High School from 2014-2019.

Many people have asked me why would I want to volunteer to be on the Continental School District Governing Board. I answer this question by stating that I have volunteered to help others all of my life. In my career in education, my motto was "being a man for others." I believe that our greatest asset is the time we have to give to others. I believe I have the experience, knowledge, and compassion to support the administration, teachers and student in a myriad of ways. I have volunteered in many capacities for most of my adult life. All my life I have been involved in education. I believe that our younger generation is our future. My goal is to help our young men and women achieve the leadership, character, and educational skills necessary for them to be successful United States citizens. That of course, starts with education at the elementary school level. Continental School has a great reputation and I hope I can help the Board continue to assist the administration, teachers, students and parents to make Continental School the best it can be.