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Name: GARY W. FLANAGAN Age: 70	Name: DAN BAJITOS Age: 62
Occupation: Retired Sheriff's Deputy	Occupation: Retired Firefighter
Education and Qualifications: I have lived in Granite Bay for 40 years and have always been a strong supporter of our local fire department. What I can bring as a member of the South Placer Fire District Board is my steadfast desire to keep our fire department independent and strong. My responsibility would be to the people who live in our community and this responsibility is to assure that our fire department is stable and well equipped.	Education and Qualifications: My name is Dan Bajitos. I am a resident of Granite Bay and have been since 2013. I have loved every minute of it. I spent 22 plus years as a Firefighter Engineer in Santa Clara County. This would be my second term as a Director. We as a board are making progress in solidifying South Placer Fire District both financially and culturally. I want to help maintain quality leadership, fiscal responsibility, oversight, and accountability.
I have attended fire board meetings on a regular basis and have become acquainted with Chief Mark Duer and his firefighters. Supporting their efforts to fight fires and provide medical services would be a huge privilege for me.	
I am a retired veteran of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department where I served as a peace officer for 25 years. I have also served on the Placer County Fish & Game Commission for 13 years and I am currently on the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC). Service to our community is my utmost priority.	
I am endorsed by Placer County Supervisor Suzanne Jones, District 4 Supervisor.	
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Name: DIANE WILL	
Occupation: Business Owner	
Education and Qualifications: My name is Diane Will and I have lived in the South Placer Fire District for 25 years. I have both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Accounting and believe this financial knowledge and experience will be an asset to the Board and the District. I've attended many Board meetings and spent a significant amount of time obtaining a thorough understanding of the District's finances.	
South Placer Fire District is funded primarily by Granite Bay Division property taxes. About 13% of every property tax bill goes directly to South Placer Fire District, plus an additional \$70 per parcel. This provides more than \$10 million in revenue. When the SPFD Board presented the community with a proposed fire assessment fee in 2022, I felt the information provided in support of that measure suggested that the \$70 per parcel fee was all that was being paid to the Fire District by the Granite Bay community. I think the community deserves better financial information and this is why I am running for a Board position.	
I'd like to see our fire stations reopened and if an assessment is necessary to accomplish that, it must be fairly and evenly applied to the entire District, not just Granite Bay.	