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Happy Valley Elementary School District
School Board Candidate Statement – Clifford Hodges

As a native to Santa Cruz and product of local public education (SC High - '98) I have a deep love & respect for our local schools. Most of my adult life has revolved around education. After graduating secondary, I attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received Bachelors and Masters degrees in Engineering. Following a stint in Silicon Valley, I left tech to start my life's work in outdoor education. Over 18 years my employees and I have worked with tens-of-thousands of people introducing them to new activities in nature and working to foster a bond between people and the outdoors.

Over the past year as an appointed Board Member at Happy Valley School I have worked hard to improve the school grounds with multiple volunteer workdays, and was a driving force in board meetings to push for a new Spanish language education program for our children. I have lived in the district for over a decade and my daughter attends the school; I am deeply invested in the success and progression of Happy Valley and hope to be involved in the school for many years to come. It would be an honor and pleasure to continue to serve on the board.

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