



# E-TEAM

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## **ETeam BOARD CANDIDATES 2019-2020 or 21 School Year**



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**Jamie Grossman**  
***Co-President Candidate***

I am running for E-Team Co- President with Geraldine Hernandez-Abisror. My two daughters attend ECES and will be in the 4th and 2nd grades next year. For the past two years, I have served as a Co VP of Student Services. My experience thus far has been equally challenging and rewarding and I hope to continue to help the ECES Community as both a member of the E-Team Board and the Charter Board. Our school community is faced with budget restraints and more fundraising limitations from LAUSD than ever before. I am resolved to continue the hard work of the E-Team to find better ways to engage our parent community and raise the necessary funds to continue the great programs and teachers at Encino Charter. We are a special school and I look forward to working hard to continue our legacy. Thanks for your consideration.



**Geraldine Hernandez**  
***Co-President Candidate***

My name is Geraldine Hernandez-Abisror and I'm running to serve as Co-President for Encino Elementary E-Team for 2019-2021. Our family (myself, Slade Abisror and our daughter Isa) joined Encino Charter in August 2017. Our daughter is currently in Ms. Huff's 2nd grade class.

Currently, I have been serving as the Co-Treasurer for E-Team since March 2018 and as the Chair for Encino Charter Elementary Governance Council since Sept 2018 and served as parent board member since Sept 2017. I am also a room parent volunteer for Ms. Huff's class. I'm passionate about education and I have been collaborating with other local parent leaders in our district and with our School Board Representative Nick Melvoin's office in the efforts for advocating the increase of State funding for public education. I was recently accepted in September 2018, to the Riordan Leadership Institute Fellowship program, where I am undergoing 9 months of governance, leadership, non-profit board training and education in order to be more effective, in serving non-profit boards & my community.

As far as my professional background, I have over 20+years of diverse and unique experience working across government, non-profit and private sectors. I was the former Confidential Assistant and Commission Appointment Secretary for former San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. and was the Director of Operations for Generation Earth, which organized the 1st United Nations World Environment Day held in North America. I recently have worked in commercial property management for Brookfield Properties, and I currently freelance in special events, specializing in Tenant & Executive Management.

Since joining this great and special school community, our family has been grateful, honored and committed to being active in giving back to our school and community. I'm running to serve as Co-President because I believe in the value of sustaining what our current and past E-Team leaders and community have built for our children that other schools do not have. I want to continue to work with our administrators, teachers, parents, community and LAUSD to ensure Encino Charter Elementary receive the best support they deserve. I promise that I will make every effort to serve and represent our community well, if elected.



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**Lori Gordon**  
***Co-VP of Fundraising Candidate***

My name is Lori Gordon (Teti is my married name!) and I am running for Co-VP of fundraising! I have 3 boys, two of which are at Encino Charter. Roman is in 2nd grade and Leo is in Kinder-- I longingly dream of the days when my 2 year old will start there as well and I can have one simple drop off in the mornings:). I love this school and the community so much and I try to be as involved as possible, but I do work full time as an Executive Producer in unscripted television. I make a living producing wild characters while attempting to create storylines that captivate and engage an audience, so one might say that I'm literally faced with a challenge every single day:) Nothing would make me happier than taking on this challenge at Encino Charter! I can't wait to help make this school better and better and if there is anything I've learned from Reality television, it's that anything is possible! (PHOTO TO COME)



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**Kelly Kozakov**  
***Co-VP of Fundraising Candidate***

Hi! I'm running for Co-VP of Fundraising. My husband and I have three amazing kids - Gia (2nd grade), Eli (Kindergarten), and Mila (2.5yrs old)! I have been an active room mom for the past 3 years and have also helped with many school events. Next year I would like to focus on other volunteer opportunities and hope to make this school even better! Together, with Lori Gordon, I know we will make a great team and work hard for the school we all love. Thank you for considering me for VP of Fundraising.



**Matt Weiss**  
***Co-Treasurer Candidate***

My name is Matt Weiss and I am running for Treasurer of the E-team. My daughter, Ellie, will be in second grade in the Fall. I have a strong career background in finance and currently serve as Treasurer of an HOA board located in Encino. Currently, I volunteer when needed at ECES, but I would like to become more involved and contribute additional time in order to help improve our school for all students, teachers, and parents.

As Treasurer, I will ensure our financial statements and tax returns are accurately prepared. I will also address all accounting related matters as it relates to the E-Team operating budget, including recording incoming donations and settling invoices from outside vendors.

I am excited to contribute to the Board and I appreciate your consideration for the Treasurer position.



**Kristin Lebovic**  
***Co-Treasurer Candidate***

Dear ECES Families,

My name is Kristin Lebovic, mother of Charlotte Lebovic (first grader) and two younger children eagerly awaiting to join their big sister at ECES. The community that we have supports invaluable parts of our children's education, and I would be honored to contribute to the continued success of the E-Team by being elected as Co-Treasurer for the upcoming term. My career background as a tax attorney and CPA align with the responsibilities of the role, as I've been employed in public accounting and in private industry and have lead teams accountable for internal and external government tax audits, financial statement audits, tax compliance and tax accounting.

If elected, I plan to work alongside with Matt Weiss to enhance the transparency of how funds are used and contributing to our children's education. In addition, it is my goal to find resources available in the community by applying for grants and other special programs that are available to provide additional encouragement for developing new and innovative skills.

For me, being part of the E-Team would be an inspiring way to support the ECES community. I appreciate your consideration and support.



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**Sanaz Jedian**  
***VP of Student Services Candidate***

My name is Sanaz Jedian, and I am running for Student Service. I have three kids named Itai, Ariela and Adina. They are in 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kinder.

I am currently room parent in my two daughter's classes and help out with pizza sales. I love being involved and think it's very important. My background is in banking and currently have my own business. I love designing and it's become a passion of mine.

Student services needs someone that is organized and will be on top of things, that's really up my alley because to run your own business with three kids you need to be efficient and organized.

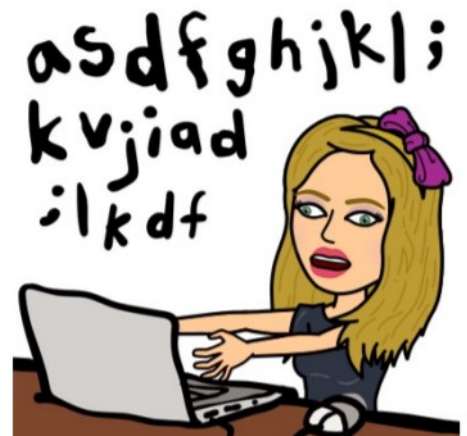


**Lisa Clayden**  
***Recording Secretary Candidate***

Dear ECES Friends, I am the current Corresponding Secretary on the ETeam Board of Directors. I am excited to now run for the open position of Recording Secretary!

As Corresponding Secretary, I have maintained your ECES website for several years. I am also a room parent, and a member of the Charter Leadership Council and the Dance Party Yeah! Committee.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue working with our school community, and to utilize my professional experience in the role of Recording Secretary.





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**Kim Garr**

***Corresponding Secretary Candidate***

Hello, ECES community! My name is Kim Garr, and I am running for corresponding secretary of the E-Team. My daughter, Pearl, will be in second grade next year, and in a year and half's time my younger daughter, Iris, will be entering kindergarten.

Last year I was the Kindergarten Advisor, and I really enjoyed being a part of the board and knowing that I was helping to make my daughter's school a better place. I've been a room parent for the past two years, and as a full-time mom I'm committed to being a part of my children's school experience. I would love to be even more involved, helping to continue the work that the past board members have selflessly and tirelessly done to improve our school.

I hope to help strengthen our already amazing community through continued communication, and to help provide a fuller education for all of our kids.

Thank you for considering me for this position.



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**Lisa Hermes**

***1st Grade Advisor Candidate***



My name is Lisa Hermes and my son, Carter, will be in first grade at ECES Fall 2019 (my daughter will be in kindergarten Fall 2021.) Building a community for my son and our family is a top priority for us! I am a seasoned LAUSD middle school teacher and understand the value of an involved parent association. I am an active member of the DPY! Committee and have successfully organized two parent nights for our kinder classroom 23. I have enjoyed jumping right into the ECES community this year!

As First Grade Advisor, I will coordinate parents mixers, drive excitement for the awesome fundraising events, and be the liaison for all first grade families!

Thank you for your consideration.



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**Laila Parsi**  
***2nd Grade Advisor Candidate***



My name is Laila Parsi and I am running for 2nd grade advisor.

Our son Dara will be in 2nd grade next year. We came to ECES in 2018, but even in this short amount of time I have noticed how amazing this school is with the help of dedicated parents. Dara is our only child and I have been an active mom in any school we have been to so far. I know almost all the parents in our classroom as well as few of the other classes. I would like to be involved and help out, to keep all qualities in our awesome school. Thank you for considering me :)



**Debra Levinrad**  
***3rd Grade Advisor Candidate***

My name is Deborah Levinrad and I am running for Third Grade Advisor. I'm very excited to be able to be involved in such an amazing school! My son, Aaron is in 2nd grade and we have had 3 wonderful years at Encino Charter. I also have a grown son, Joey and step daughter, Leah who are both attending college.

I am so grateful to have the unique perspective of a Mom who has experienced being a parent of young children before. I am enjoying and learning from Aaron everyday! I feel so lucky to be able to do it all again. I was a room parent for Aaron's Kinder and 2nd grade classes. I am also on committee for DPY and help with Gala.

I hope I can make 3rd grade an even more special year for you and your child. I hope to bring 3rd grade parents and students several fun community events where everyone can be involved and get to know each other. ECES has an amazing community and I hope to be even more involved.

Thank you for your consideration!



**Erin Aghai**  
***4<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor Candidate***

My name is Erin Aghai, and I am running for 4th Grade Advisor. My daughter, Emily, is in 3rd grade and we have had an amazing 4 years at Encino Charter.

I am currently the Co-President of the ETEAM board and have previously served as Kinder and 1st Grade Advisor. I love being a part of this great community!

My background is in Child Development and I work part-time as a Parent and Me Facilitator at Temple Judea.

I look forward to planning many community building events for 4th grade families.

Thank you for your consideration.



**Kristin Moss**

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor Candidate***

Hello! I'm currently the Co-VP of Fundraising for the ETEAM board and excited to run for 5th Grade Advisor during my last year of having a child in elementary school. I have 3 children - Lyla going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and two older middle schoolers in 7th and 8th grade. We've had an amazing 10 years in the LAUSD public school system, and I'm so proud to be part of the active ECES community!

I'm currently Head of Social Media at Amazon Studios and have worked in marketing at Disney, Lionsgate and MGM which has given me tremendous insight into the minds of parents and kids alike!

As Co-VP of Fundraising, I've worked with all the very active parent volunteers to raise over \$250,000 each year, allowing us to hire additional aides and improve our existing educational programs. I've thoroughly enjoyed being a part of and working side by side with this amazing community of parents & students.

My philosophy for 5<sup>th</sup> grade is to make sure we leave ECES in a better place than when we entered, and continue to play an active role in the entire ECES community! I would eliminate separate 5th grade fundraisers, instead working as a collective across the entire school to pay for our science teachers, computer lab, and other ETEAM programs that are critical to 5th grade learning. I'll also help our 5<sup>th</sup> grade families navigate Pali camp and graduation with ease and help our students be the best citizens they can be. Thank you for your consideration.