

## Linda Harvey Testimony on SB 107

Thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of Senate Bill 107. This bill is extremely important in order to bring clarity and helpful information to local school board races.

Because of the limited budgets of school board candidates, and the often inaccurate disinformation campaigns launched against school board candidates on social media, clarity and valid information about a candidate's positions are often muddled or missing.

Too often local school board candidates have to spend an inordinate amount of time managing disinformation campaigns instead of being able to spend time lining up with a party's traditional platform issues and standing strong on those.

It's a matter of identity and shouldn't that option be available in these important races?

I cannot recount how many elections where people are searching for information about local school board candidates. "Who should I vote for?" "I haven't heard of any of these people." A party designation would give a person a starting point about who may share their values on issues of parental involvement, school funding, curriculum choices, student and family data and privacy, school safety, and an array of other pressing issues that will dominate school board agendas.

Every voter deserves to have this information, should the candidate wish to declare a party affiliation.

I urge you to vote YES on SB 107. Thank you.