

**Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters Fall 2007 Voters' Guide**  
General Election – November 6, 2007

**Questionnaire for Candidates Qualified for the  
School Board**

**Candidate's Name as listed on the Ballot** \_\_\_\_\_ **Joseph M. Guzman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Party Affiliation** Non-Partisan \_\_\_\_\_

**Biography:** 50-word maximum – occupation, education, experience, qualifications, etc.

I am presently a Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. I have a Ph.D. in Business. My broad professional experiences include authoring significant education research and managing technologies for the DoD. My key qualification is my four children and my concern for the education of all our children.

**Questions:** 300-word maximum, divided among the following four questions:

**Question 1: What is the most critical issue facing our public schools today and how would you apply them in this County?**

The shortage of students trained in math and science to support our technological competitiveness is an important national challenge. Our Academy of Science at Dominion High, support for AP participation and planned expansion of technology training enhance our graduates' competitiveness for college. I believe that knowing how to write and think are equally important. Balance and enrichment are key. I have supported and will continue to support expanded enrichment opportunities in our schools.

**Question 2: What will be your budget priorities in meeting the ever increasing needs of our schools?**

Supporting enhanced teaching quality and the teaching process are priorities. Our teacher compensation package and our support for advanced training and certification set Loudoun County Public Schools apart from neighboring school systems. Supporting increased compensation for National Board Certification will receive my continued emphasis.

**Question 3: What will you do to lessen the disruption of school boundary changes?**

Boundaries must be adjusted as our student population continues to grow. We have approved policies to expand legacy and grandfathering options for students. While chair of the Policy Committee, I also led discussions on what guarantees we could provide to parents and residents. Setting the proper expectations for

boundaries and future adjustments can be as important as the measures themselves.

**Question 4: What other issues would you like to discuss?**

I have placed high priority on enhancing educational quality and expanding our educational options while aggressively managing the growth of our budget, which accounts for over two-thirds of the property taxes paid by county residents. Class sizes in our schools remain low, outcomes on every level have improved and recognition of our system's excellence has grown, all while holding steady the school's share of our county budget. Teacher compensation is highly competitive and turnover is phenomenally low.

The excellent public education that Loudoun provides is an asset to the entire county. It is an asset I oversee with the greatest care for our children's future and the taxpayers who fund it.

***What is the best way for voters to obtain more information on your campaign:***

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I agree that the answers to these questions may be used by the League of Women Voters in disseminating information about me and my position on the issues that are the subject of this questionnaire. I understand in meeting its obligation to provide information to voters that the League may use these answers, unedited, in multiple media, including but not limited to print and web sites.

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**Candidate's Signature**

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**Date**