



**Jean Goulart Candidate Statement
Secretary Candidate**

I am Jean Goulart. I am pleased to introduce myself to fellow members. I am a peace educator. I have always held to non-biased education practices and promote diversity and inclusion throughout my life. These beliefs I practice every day. I am a member of Peace Educators Allied for Children Everywhere (PEACE) which is special to my heart.

I would contribute to CAEYC organization all my talent and energy. I have served as secretary, and other board positions in multiple elected terms, for three other organizations unrelated to child development. These positions served child-related venues for youth sports, scouting, and horsemanship. I bring these years of experience with the board process.

My vision for CAEYC is to continue membership outreach, be the organization of experts and partner with like entities in child development issues, and be the force for greater inclusion of and respect for family child care providers.

I will add my voice with the women and men who saw the need for early childhood education and research almost a century ago. Along with the voices that stopped the closure of publicly funded child care in California at the end of WWII, linking my voice to their story for advocacy of children, families, and the professionalism of our field. I chose to save this larger advocacy direction in my career until my family of five had grown, I reached the education goals I had set for myself, and I am ready to advocate, promote, and inspire the mission in front of us.

My journey into our field began as a parent searching for a preschool for my first born son. I was ecstatic to find Montessori. As a participating parent I was asked to become a sub for the school. I returned to college for the units necessary for a sub position and haven't stopped. I graduated from Chabot College in Hayward, CA with an Early Childhood Education A.A. Degree and Certificate of Achievement, from Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA with an Early Childhood Education Bachelor of Science Degree, and from Pacific Oaks College, Pasadena, CA with a Human Development Master Degree and Leadership in Education and Human Services Specialization with Sub-Specialization in College/Teaching Adults. I have many additional trainings under my belt including WestEd PITC, Outdoor Classroom Specialist One, and Certified Professional Foster Parent.

My Professional Experiences include the ownership and operation of Bundle of Joy Preschool Childcare licensed under a large family childcare for fifteen years in Lake County. I had the honor of being nominated by my client families, *and* receiving Provider of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award sponsored by our Child Planning Council. My commitment to the outdoor classroom brought the Terri Lynne Lokoff Children's Tylenol National Teacher Award for my Bundle of Joy Garden and Nature Explore™ Project. My outdoor classroom will be Nature Explore Certified this year. I am currently participating in CLASS, My Teaching Partner Toddler Dimension for professional growth. In my ongoing and long career in ECE I have been employed with resource and referral, state preschool, after school care, combination infant, toddler, and preschool center, in both state subsidized and private early childhood education settings. I hold a Program Director Permit. I established Music Together Lake County after attending my affiliate's annual REAEYC Winter Workshop. We are celebrating a successful second year this coming January. I am an adjunct instructor at Napa

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Valley College. I began this goal while I attended early childhood courses at my community college. I am thrilled to be sharing my enthusiasm for early childhood development teaching Children and Family Studies to our fields future early childhood professionals.

My early childhood organization participation with CAEYC began in the 90's as a conference volunteer and includes CAEYC Board Region One Representative Northern California, CAEYC Public Policy Committee Member, and Conference Proposal Reader. I have also presented at our annual conference. I have received the honors of Annual Conference Award and the President's Award from CAEYC.

My Leadership Experience ventures into multiple venues from being a Professional Growth Advisor, a voting member of our local child planning council, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster youths, Woman, Infants, and Children (WIC) Peer Advisor, and I am close to completing the Mentor Director Program.

My constant career objective is to provide, educate, and advocate for quality child care for children and families directly, indirectly, and through public policy changes. Thank you for your quality service to children and families. I ask for your vote.

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