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AGE: 47

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Four years ago, my son—then a kindergartener— and I moved to Albany because of the schools and the community. As a gay dad, I wanted my son to access quality education and be surrounded by nurturing and accepting people.

As a former public school teacher, I recognize that parents, educators, and students working together are key to success. Moreover, diversity--celebrating all people and perspectives—is vital for a well-rounded education.

Today I run my own marketing technology consultancy. My work in the private sector has strengthened my commitment to ensuring that all children may access excellent education. Leadership needs to ask tough questions and to be part of the solution.

I have worked as an advocate for the betterment of our schools and community for many years—In 2007, I was honored with the American Advertising Federation Volunteer Spirit Award for my work in the San Francisco high schools.

We are at a pivotal time with the recent passage of the bond measures. I promise to be the leader that Albany deserves to ensure we continue to facilitate top-tier education for all of Albany's children.

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