

## VOTER GUIDE

### GSNorCal Service Unit Delegates - 2021 Election

Starting this year, all Service Unit Delegate nominees from service units with uncontested races (not having more candidates than available delegate positions, with adherence to the girl and adult delegate number eligibility as stated in the [GSNorCal Bylaws](#)) are automatically considered elected. *They will not appear on election ballots and do not require votes.* These service units and service units with no nominees are listed below in the Uncontested Races and No Nominees sections.

Nominees from 7 Service Units (SU305, 307, 309, 321, 347, 618, and 625) require votes due to more nominees than available delegate positions. Nominee bios are listed below. **Please review the nominee bios for your service unit only and cast your vote January 4-25** at <https://www.gsnorcal.org/en/our-council/about/delegate-governance.html#sudelegates>. All registered members age 14 and older are eligible to vote.

### Contested Races

#### **Service Unit 305, Chabot**

*[Eligible](#) to elect 1 girl and 1 adult delegates*

#### **2 Girl Nominees – Vote for 1:**

##### **Rebecca Ireland**

I will be an effective Service Unit delegate because I am passionate about Girl Scouts, and making sure everyone can get the best out of their GS experience. I am in two Girl Scout troops (one that is an exchange with Japanese Girl Scouts and my troop in Chabot service unit) and am working on my Gold Award. I have also completed both Bronze and Silver Awards. I have also been a Program Aid for Chabot Day Camp multiple years. Outside of Girl Scouts, I am in two Jewish groups-Tri Valley Cultural Jews and Cultural and Secular Jewish Organization. In those Jewish groups, I am the teen representative to the boards, and am the social action coordinator for the national group (CSJO). I would say that I am very strong in my beliefs and I am able to voice my opinions effectively, as well as listen to other people. I am a competition debater at my high school and have done a lot of public speaking. I would love to be able to have the experience as a service unit delegate.

##### **Irene Mino**

I have been nominated by my Service Unit's team members.

*Congratulations to **Gina Mino (adult)**, who is automatically considered elected as no other adults are nominated.*

## **Service Unit 307, Coyote Hills**

*Eligible to elect 1 girl and 2 adult delegates*

### **2 Girl Nominees – Vote for 1:**

#### **Rhiannon Hertel**

I would be a good delegate because for 2 years I've been part of the leadership team for Teens Take Over, which teens plan a Girl Scout event called Craftapalooza. This shows that I have leadership capabilities and enjoy serving Girl Scouts. I like to encourage younger girls to join Girl Scouts and to strive to achieve their dreams.

I have earned my Bronze award and am planning my Gold award.

I'm the student leader at my school's Drama club and have directed many of the classes in the absence of the teacher. Plus I've been the backstage manager for several elementary school plays. Learning how to manage students as well as lights, sound board, microphones and stage direction.

I helped plan a money earning event with my troop that we then had to remake into a virtual event, so I can think on my toes.

I have been delegate for my Service Unit before and enjoyed the experience and would like to do it again and serve Girl Scouts.

#### **Anvi Kothari**

I will be an effective Service Unit Delegate for Girl Scouts of Northern California because I have all the adequate skills needed for this position. I have been a Girl Scout for 7 years.

I have been the leader for 2 years and managed cookie and nut sales for 3 seasons, both of which require clear communication and effective organization. I have completed my Silver and Bronze Award and am in the process of my Gold Award. Outside of Girl Scouts, I am currently in the process of founding a volunteering club at my school. I have volunteered a great deal of my time to helping and tutoring the kids at my local library and now online.

*No adult nominees.*

## **Service Unit 309, Crossroads**

*Eligible to elect 2 girl and 2 adult delegates*

### **3 Girl Nominees – Vote for 2:**

#### **Sarah Carter**

I would love to be a Service Unit Delegate this year! Last year I got to serve a term, but unfortunately did not get the experience of attending the annual meeting due to the pandemic, so I would love to have a do-over this year! In my previous Girl Scouting years I have been a Silver Award recipient and a Counselor in Training. I love working with kids through Girl Scouts, and I think Girl Scouts is such an amazing organization that helps young girls discover their passions and are given opportunities to serve the community and even hold leadership positions. I love to participate in our service unit in any way that I can, whether it's planning an event, assisting with an event, or just showing up, I believe it is important to dedicate time to things that you love and are passionate about.

### **Elizabeth Ellis**

Since joining as a Daisy, I have been able to be a Girl Scout in three separate councils, here, Oregon, and Guam. I have been able to see the impact Girl Scouts has had on me and on different communities. I have also had the opportunity to be part of Destinations to Florida and to the Channel Islands. I am supposed to go to Italy with Destinations this coming summer. Girl Scouts has let me grow beyond my local communities, beyond our nation, and to the international community. I would like to take this range of experiences and help shape Girl Scouting for my final years as a girl and into a lifelong Girl Scout.

### **Crystal Wang**

Being a lifelong Girl Scout and dancer has gifted me the ability to effectively communicate, problem-solve, and persevere. Recently, I completed my Bronze Award. During the course of the project, I developed my communication and problem-solving skills and found that they are crucial to getting things done with a team. I worked with three of my Girl Scout sisters and we encountered many challenges that required us to work collaboratively together. Even when life threw lemons at us, we stayed strong and persevered until the end. Being able to communicate effectively is an important quality for delegates to possess because I can ensure that the opinions and concerns of my Girl Scout community reach the council. I can also use my teamwork skills to work with my fellow Girl Scout sisters to resolve community issues. As a regional Service Unit Delegate, I hope to play a role in making sure everyone's voices are heard and will work my hardest to make our community a better place.

*Congratulations to Nikki Parikh (adult), who is automatically considered elected as no other adults are nominated.*

### **Service Unit 321, Diablo Shadows**

[Eligible](#) to elect 1 girl and 2 adult delegates

#### **3 Girl Nominees – Vote for 1:**

#### **Alyssa McGallian**

I've been a Girl Scout since I was in kindergarten and have continued to be very involved along with my mom and grandma. I've actively participated and helped with day camps, camporees, and other events. Outside of Girl Scouts, I have experience in other leadership positions and would like to continue gaining experience and helping when I can.

#### **June McMahan**

I would like to be your Diablo Shadows Service Unit Delegate. I work well in groups, have effective public speaking skills, and excel in leadership. I have been in Girl Scouts for 10 years, starting as a Daisy, participating in camping trips, Thinking Days, and seven years in Diablo Day Camp. I'm Poptart! I earned my Bronze Award by hosting an event that educated brownies on the Plastic Ocean through the Wonders of Water journey. I earned my Silver Award by teaching middle schoolers self-love through self-care methods. In the most recent cookie sale, I sold over 4,200 boxes. While I was selling, people asked "Aren't you too old to be a Girl Scout?" "Where are the little girls?" These questions hurt me, but

they motivate me to want to improve the program for future Girl Scouts. As a Service Unit Delegate, I want to change the image of Girl Scouts to show that older girls are doing important work in the world. Many girls leave Girl Scouts because they are not interested in the program content because it doesn't seem relevant to the age or interests of the girl. The world is moving quickly, and Girl Scouts needs to keep up with it by creating engaging content for older girls, too. Not only should Girl Scouts be fun, but participation in the program should be respected in the community. Our hard work should be recognized for the value it provides, and I want to make that happen.

### **Caedmon Serrano**

I am in 10th grade and a second year Senior Girl Scout. Helping other high school girls stay in this organization until they graduate is important to me. I am passionate about making sure older girls are represented in Girl Scouts. I am hardworking and have a lot of ideas. I really enjoy Girl Scouts and helping younger girls find confidence and become better leaders. I attended the Lead the Way conference and learned many new skills. I have earned my Bronze and Silver awards by helping others, and I found the work for those projects satisfying. I enjoy public speaking and leading group discussions. Additionally, one of my favorite things to do in Girl Scouts is sell cookies because I love talking to people and hearing about their experiences in their own lives.

In my spare time, I enjoy writing, reading, and singing. When COVID is not happening, you can find me on the volleyball court or at the drive-in movies. I speak a little bit of espanol and pirate, but not pirate espanol.

*Congratulations to **Roberta Thomas (adult)** and **Vivian Vo (adult)**, who are automatically considered elected as no other adults are nominated.*

### **Service Unit 347, Novato**

*Eligible to elect 1 girl and 1 adult delegates*

#### **2 Adult Nominees – Vote for 1:**

#### **Patricia Buckley**

I have been a Girl Scout member for 55 years and have served as both a service unit delegate and national delegate. I have been part of the Novato service unit team for 26 years, during which time I have served as LSM, PSM and treasurer. I have always had a keen interest in the governance aspect of the council and was part of bylaws review committees in both our legacy council and current council. Our council is geographically large and varied. As both a council learning facilitator (trainer) and delegate, I have come into contact with people from all these different areas of the council. I want to see that girls from every part of our council have the same experiences and opportunities in Girl Scouting.

#### **Jennifer Wu**

I have been registered as a Girl Scout in Novato since 2000. In that time, I have been an active troop leader, service unit team member, as well as past delegate. I currently serve in the roles of Co-LSM and Membership Manager in the Novato Service Unit. I also lead the weekly grade K-3 Welcome Troop, an Ambassador Troop, and Co-lead a C,S,A travel troop. I have organized and run events for all girl levels

focusing on fun and Girl Scout traditions. When COVID prevented us from in person activities, I transitioned to virtual programming in early March. This included running and recording an 11 part series with a new Daisy troop to earn the Daisy Petals. These recordings are available to any girls or troops in need of assistance with the Petal Program. Past Recognitions include: Green Angel, Outstanding Volunteer, Appreciation Pin, and Chris Arkley Significant Impact Award. I care very much about the Girl Scout Movement and the impact it has on helping to develop strong and independent young ladies. It would be my honor to further serve my service unit as a delegate. Thank you for your consideration.

*Congratulations to **Carli Wu (girl)**, who is automatically considered elected as no other girls are nominated.*

### **Service Unit 618, Saratoga**

Eligible to elect 1 girl and 1 adult delegates

#### **2 Girl Nominees – Vote for 1:**

##### **Amarangana Tyagi**

I believe in order to be an effective Service Unit Delegate, one must possess the core leadership skills of listening, and clear communication. I was recently selected as a student representative to give feedback to the school board on the challenges of distance learning. I successfully gathered the opinion of my peers and summarized the most poignant ones to the school board. As a result, the school incorporated the collective feedback into various after school programs. As part of my 9 year journey in SU 618, one of the most rewarding experiences was organizing a Hurricane Sandy relief fund in elementary school teaching me empathy and kindness. After seeing Hurricane Sandy's devastation, I was eager to find opportunities to help people in need and was lucky enough to find one by sewing pillowcases for a local homeless center. That inspired me to become active in local issues, leading me to prepare and serve food in a local volunteer soup kitchen. Continuing this passion, I plan to have a career in medicine. Leading the flag raising ceremony for the City of Saratoga on Memorial Day allowed me to appreciate all the sacrifices veterans made so I can enjoy my freedom. Designing a playground using recycled materials, I won the most creative award for my entire service unit. Outside of Girl Scouts, as a junior, it is my third year on the varsity basketball team, and as a certified lifeguard. I would be honored to be a delegate for Service Unit 618.

##### **Miranda Yee**

I believe that I will be an effective Service Unit Delegate because I have a lot of experience as a girl scout and am able to make an educated decision for the community. I have been a girl scout since Kindergarten and have participated in many group activities and events. I have also completed the bronze and silver awards along with a number of G.S. badges. Some leadership roles I have done include volunteering for community events hosted by the city of Saratoga, and creating camp videos for an online Girl Scout Summer Camp, and since fourth grade, I have been leading craft stations in our service unit's annual recruiting event called Twilight Camp. I am interested in media arts, STEM, music, and making fun crafts. I would say that I am a very motivated, adaptable, and responsible person, so as a delegate, I will do my very best to be responsible when voting. This would be an amazing opportunity to

see how a democratic system operates in front of me and will allow me to become more involved with my community.

*No adult nominees.*

## **Service Unit 625, Santa Clara**

Eligible to elect 1 girl and 2 adult delegates

### **2 Girl Nominees – Vote for 1:**

#### **Sana Aliminati**

Hello there! My name is Sana Aliminati and I'm a high school junior in Troop 60261. To be an effective Service Unit Delegate for Girl Scouts of Northern California, one needs to be dedicated to fulfilling the role for an extended period of time, organized and, foremost, a good communicator. I strongly believe that I encompass all of these traits. Being the Vice President of my school's Leadership club (the school's largest club dedicated to coordinating school events catered to the student body while also acting as a liaison with auxiliary) I've fine-tuned the skill of conveying feedback and important information between two parties with minimal miscommunications. As the President of my school's Rotary club, I've also developed my public speaking, a primary component of basic communication. These skills are crucial to being a Delegate as I would have to act as a reliable intermediary, reporting important updates to and from Troop 60261 and the council. Additionally, I'm good at compiling information in an organized fashion and am Troop 60261's designated notetaker for meetings. Note-taking, as well as organization, is an under-looked, but indeed valuable skill, as it would be needed in taking comprehensive records on the council's discussions so that my troop can be properly informed. Finally, I'm willing to do whatever it takes to fulfill this role to my best ability. With unwavering persistence, I'm sure that I can put my best effort into making sure I embody the epitome of this role for a whole year.

#### **Halle Kubota**

My name is Halle Kubota and I am a GS Senior. My experiences have helped me develop skills of teamwork, communications, and leadership.

Being a GS has made me sensitive to the needs of the communities around me and how to take action to fix the problems I see. Through projects that I have worked on to earn the Bronze and Silver awards, I have learned how to work effectively with others, be an effective communicator to express my ideas and convince others, and put plans into place to get the work done. Most recently I earned the Harvest Award with a Take Action project that involved creating a food blog to educate people about food choices that are good for both one's body and the earth.

Outside of GSs, I am involved in activities that allow me to help the community. I am a Youth Ambassador for a non-profit that enriches the lives of youths with needs through interactions with barnyard animals. In this role, I am on the Public Relations committee. I also give input on fundraising ideas.

I practice communications skills as an English tutor to children in Malaysia where I host class every Sunday on Zoom. I am also on the Communications Team with the STEM Leadership Institute at my high school where I give input about projects like improving the Senior website.

It would be an honor to use my skills as a leader, communicator, and team player to serve as your SU delegate!

*Congratulations to Heather Harris (adult), who is automatically considered elected as no other adults are nominated.*

## Uncontested Races

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### ***Congratulations to the following Service Unit Delegates:***

- **Service Unit 101, Montgomery Village:** Emily Aja (girl), Shannon McMath (adult)
- **Service Unit 102, Round Barn:** Zoe Rebecchi (girl)
- **Service Unit 108, Petaluma:** Jennifer Friesen (adult)
- **Service Unit 121, Willits:** Annalee Gonzalez (girl)
- **Service Unit 127, Redwood:** Laelia Maynor (girl), Diane Moore (adult)
- **Service Unit 202, Twin Sisters:** Erin Hanes (adult)
- **Service Unit 205, Upper Valley:** Ann Sorenson (adult)
- **Service Unit 206, Vacaville:** Diana Borchert (girl), Susan Smith (adult)
- **Service Unit 207, Vallejo:** Anntionette Landers (girl), Erin Tator (adult)
- **Service Unit 302, Cresta Blanca:** Shannon Lynn Thomas (girl)
- **Service Unit 308, Dos Pueblos:** Elizabeth Thomas (girl)
- **Service Unit 310, Alameda:** Eleanor Banchieri (girl), Merryn Oliveira (adult), Anne Wong (adult)
- **Service Unit 322, Harvest Sands:** Amani Youngblood (girl)
- **Service Unit 323, Las Trampas:** Margaret Nunes (adult), Sophia Nunes (adult)
- **Service Unit 324, Creekside:** Christina Angell (adult), Maya Chatterjee (girl)
- **Service Unit 328, Walnut Creek:** Sandra Novales (adult)
- **Service Unit 329, West Contra Costa:** Amy Dertz (adult), Eliza Otero (girl)
- **Service Unit 332, San Ramon:** Natalie Hangad (girl), Sonia Parikh (girl)
- **Service Unit 346, Mission Rafael:** Pilar Diaz (girl)
- **Service Unit 362, San Francisco:** Diana Dively (girl), Aubrey Sumi (girl)
- **Service Unit 388, Coastside:** Natalie Dean (girl)

- **Service Unit 390, Diamond Crest:** Chelsea Chang (girl)
- **Service Unit 392, Redwood City:** Melissa Paz Flores (girl)
- **Service Unit 393, South County:** Annika Kaval (girl)
- **Service Unit 601, Palo Alto:** Kanika Thakur (girl)
- **Service Unit 602, Evergreen:** Riya Prabhakar (girl)
- **Service Unit 608, Los Altos:** Barbara Burbach (adult)
- **Service Unit 623, South San Jose:** Tanna Parker (adult)
- **Service Unit 638, Willow Glen:** Christina Howard (adult), Rochelle Malian (adult), Eleanor Vickery (girl)
- **Service Unit 640, Morgan Hill:** Megan Gill (girl)
- **Service Unit 703, South Siskiyou:** Carolyn Wheeler (adult)
- **Service Unit 705, South Shasta:** Jeanne-Marie Carr (adult)
- **Service Unit 706, Intermountain:** June Pellegrino (adult)
- **Service Unit 708, South Butte:** Nakyla Stolp (girl)
- **Service Unit 718, Paradise:** Katrina Hornbuckle (adult)
- **Service Unit 722, Greater Redding:** Bridgette Jacobsen (adult)
- **Service Unit 730, Chico:** Kacee Perez (adult), Kiara Wells (adult)

## No Nominees

*The following service units do not have any nominees and will not be represented by Service Unit Delegates this year. We encourage you to nominate yourselves next year!*

- **Service Unit 103, Sonoma Valley**
- **Service Unit 104, Redwood Empire**
- **Service Unit 105, West Sonoma**
- **Service Unit 106, Friendly Neighborhood**
- **Service Unit 107, Chalk Hill**
- **Service Unit 112, Ukiah**
- **Service Unit 125, Eureka**
- **Service Unit 128, Eel River**
- **Service Unit 133, Crescent City**
- **Service Unit 142, Lake County**

- **Service Unit 201, Benicia**
- **Service Unit 203, Napa**
- **Service Unit 320, Delta Gateway**
- **Service Unit 326, Lafayette**
- **Service Unit 327, Orinda/Moraga**
- **Service Unit 342, Richardson Bay**
- **Service Unit 345, Marin Del Centro**
- **Service Unit 382, Sister Cities**
- **Service Unit 384, Pacifica/Daly City**
- **Service Unit 387, Crystal Springs**
- **Service Unit 389, Mid Peninsula**
- **Service Unit 301, Berkeley/Albany**
- **Service Unit 303, Oakland**
- **Service Unit 604, Gilroy**
- **Service Unit 605, Mountain View**
- **Service Unit 610, Blossom Hill/Los Gatos**
- **Service Unit 620, Milpitas**
- **Service Unit 630, Cupertino**
- **Service Unit 642, Branham/Almaden**
- **Service Unit 643, North East San Jose**
- **Service Unit 661, Campbell/West San Jose/Downtown San Jose**
- **Service Unit 671, Sunnyvale**
- **Service Unit 707, North Tehama**
- **Service Unit 710, Trinity**
- **Service Unit 715, Glenn**
- **Service Unit 717, Greater Oroville**
- **Service Unit 735, North Siskiyou**