

**Candidates for Petaluma Health Care District Director
Statements of Qualifications**

CRISTA BARNETT CHELEMEDOS Occupation: Executive Director of Senior Advocacy Services

As the Executive Director for the local non-profit Senior Advocacy Services, the mission of my agency aligns with the mission of the Petaluma Health Care District. Each serves to provide important services to create a healthy community with access to quality health care. The hospital serves as the cornerstone of the district and should be enhanced with other services consistent with accomplishing the goals of a healthy community.

I will use my experience to serve as a voice to work through and then beyond the current challenges to develop a forward planning district that serves the needs of today and tomorrow. As a long time Petaluma resident, it would be an honor to serve on the board and have your vote. I will commit to representing the community by holding your health care needs paramount to all other.

GABRIELLA AMBROSI AGE: 62 Occupation: Business Owner - Eldercare Provider

I can bring to the Board a diverse view of health care, based on my experience in providing care for the elderly in Petaluma since 2003, as well as having worked in the health care environment in many different European countries.

My experience in health care includes working as a Registered Nurse equivalent in a prominent University Hospital in Padua, Italy. I later served in several marketing positions in international companies, which included training medical professionals in the use of a number of medical devices. This required me to acquire knowledge about how health care is delivered in different countries.

I have been a Petaluma resident since 1994, when my husband and I relocated to the area where he was raised and his family lives. For the last 15 years I have had the privilege of serving the elderly population in Petaluma, by providing caregiving services. In this role, I have become very familiar with the health care challenges associated with aging and it is my great desire to be an active part of the Petaluma Health Care District Board of Directors as an advocate for all the wonderful people I serve, many of whom cannot advocate for themselves.

JOE STERN AGE: 48 Occupation: Financial Advisor

I have served on the board of the Petaluma Health Care District for the past two years as Treasurer. My goal is to fulfill our vision to foster a healthier community, a thriving hospital and local access to comprehensive health and wellness services.

Our most important priority is to reach a definitive agreement with St. Joseph Health to operate Petaluma Valley Hospital for the long term. Small, community-based hospitals are struggling in a competitive environment and St. Joseph Health offers a strong, integrated health system with a track record for quality and safety. I will continue to work diligently to reach an agreement that represents a long-term commitment to Petaluma.

Our other priorities include working to improve our social determinants of health. These include access to local housing, economic opportunities, and early childhood education. I have lived and worked in Petaluma for 17 years and believe it is a beautiful "place." I seek your support to help make it even better.