

<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT AUBURN AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>Name: MICHAEL “MIKE” LYNCH</p> <p>Occupation: Incumbent on ARD Board and Retired California State Park Ranger</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: I currently serve on the ARD Board of Directors, elected in 2016. ARD is a successful organization that provides outstanding recreation and park opportunities to the public and I would like to continue to make a positive and active contribution in the effective and efficient operation of ARD. For 42 years I worked as a state park ranger, supervising ranger, and superintendent for California State Parks in a variety of assignments (now retired), including at the Auburn State Recreation Area from 1977 to 2014. Currently I serve on the Placer County Historical Advisory Board and on the Board of the Placer County Historical Foundation. I have a BA degree, various law enforcement training certificates (POST), and hold a California Community College Teaching Credential in public and police administration. I am an author, co-author and editor of over 10 history related books, including several local history publications on behalf of the Placer County Historical Society and Foundation. Awards I have received include: Elks Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Placer County Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Commendation, and California Police Historian of the Year. I am an Eagle Scout.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT AUBURN AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>Name: JIM GRAY</p> <p>Occupation: ARD Director/Retired Probation Dept/Coach</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: It has been my privilege to serve as a long-standing ARD Board member. In seeking re-election, my goal remains to provide an excellent system of parks, facilities, programs, and services that enrich the lives, health, and happiness for the community. During my previous term I served as a member of the Acquisition and Development Committee wherein I supported the expansion of numerous new facilities; most recently the Auburn Bike Park, pickleball courts, and the Marriott Meadows 24-acre extension at Regional Park. Other priorities included the renovation and enhancement of existing facilities including James Field, upgrading playgrounds and picnic areas for accessibility, naming of the Ridge Runner Baseball Field, and the implementation of solar power at Recreation and Regional Parks. I have an accomplished record of maintaining a solid working relationship with ARD board members and staff while striving to provide infrastructure needs while successfully maintaining a budget.</p> <p>I have served our community not only as an ARD Board member but through coaching various youth sports, and high school and college football. After 35 years I retired as a Supervising Probation Officer and am presently the head football coach at a neighboring high school.</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT AUBURN AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>Name: H. G. GORDON “GORDY” AINSLEIGH</p> <p>Occupation: Bd. of Director Auburn Area Recreation & Park Dist.</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: “Love, health, career and money, in that order”, was philosopher Foster Hibbard’s exhortation.</p> <p>In my career—Foster’s third-most-important aspect of life—I have focused on Foster’s second aspect: Health.</p> <p>Like so many chiropractic doctors, I’m a health evangelist, because good health makes life longer and much more enjoyable!</p> <p>Happiness is a great health promoter, so I support any ARD program that gives people more happiness opportunities, whether it’s a knitting club or Party in the Park. Going further, the science of health is quite clear: Adding exercise to happiness—doing an exercise that’s fun and makes one happy—will greatly multiply the health and the lifespan benefits. So the programs I emphasize most are those which are attractive enough to lure people away from inactivity. Pickleball is the great new champion here, drawing in even more people than our award-winning bicycle park.</p> <p>Also, since that day 50 years ago when I ran the very first Western States 100 Miler, it’s startling how trail recreation has attracted so many Auburn-area residents, thereby creating friendships, adding excitement, curing addiction, and avoiding deadly diseases. To promote these benefits, I’ve planted over 65 trees at Overlook Park to make our trailhead park more inviting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANDIDATE STATEMENT AUBURN AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT</p> <p>Name: CASEY BROWN</p> <p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education and Qualifications: As a dedicated USCG veteran, I am committed to serving our community with the same passion and dedication I brought to my military service. With a deep-rooted history in the district as a father, Jr. Hillmen coach, ARD basketball coach, and active volunteer, I am eager to contribute more significantly by joining the ARD board. My experience as a businessman, fundraiser, and head of household has taught me the value of careful planning and budgeting to ensure long-term financial stability—one of the most crucial responsibilities of a board member.</p> <p>My vision is to build on the district’s success by enhancing our facilities, activities, and events to be inclusive for all community members. I have firsthand experience in collaborating with the community and sponsors to achieve these goals in a fiscally responsible manner. By leveraging my network and connections, I am confident in our ability to elevate the quality and quantity of ARD offerings without imposing excessive budgetary burdens.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support. I am committed to working hard to earn and maintain your trust.</p> <p>Casey Brown.</p>