



Election Special 2012

Rialto's Kazalunas has the experience to serve on school board

During election season, voters are introduced to many candidates of many walk of life, any one of whom are vying for various seats on various boards. Few of the candidates in any race have amassed as much pertinent experience as Dr. John R. Kazalunas, a candidate in the race for the Rialto Unified School District Board.

Having earned bachelor's, masters and doctorate degrees in education (at the University of Nebraska, the American University and University of Virginia respectively), Kazalunas' extensive studies in the area of education put him heads and shoulders above his competition.

Kazalunas currently boasts endorsements from top political leaders in the area including Rialto Mayor Grace Vargas and the Chicano/Latino Caucus of San Bernardino.

Kazalunas has substantial experience in the world of education, totaling 38 years as a teacher, counselor, vice principal and university professor. Kazalunas also has prior experience on the Rialto School Board, having served for 20 years.

"I held public office for 20 years. I held the offices of president, vice president and clerk," said Kazalunas. "I also worked my way through college using work study programs, part time jobs and scholarships."

Kazalunas was also the first board member in the State of California to complete the Comprehensive Management Program and was awarded the Master Boardmanship Award.

Kazalunas has long been an expert in his field of education. He has had a total of 44 articles published in leading educational journals. The topics of some of Kazalunas' articles have included teenage drinking, sexism, testing and counseling.

In addition to his contributions to educational publications, Kazalunas has also served on two editorial boards: The College Student Journal and a publication named simply EDUCATION.

Kazalunas spent much of his time in the educational system pointing young minds toward promising careers and goals. He also co-directed the National Elementary Guidance Counselors Convention and Steering Committee for the American Personnel and Guidance Convention.

In addition to Kazalunas' extensive experience in education, he

also has an extensive military record. He served in the United States Marine Corps for a total of 21 years.

"I saw action against enemy forces in Korea and Vietnam," he said. "I was also wounded in action while in Vietnam."

Kazalunas is recognized for his contributions in the ongoing fight against hatred and intolerance in America by the Southern Poverty Law Center, and his name is on the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Ala.

Kazalunas is a member of the NAACP, ACLU and is one of the

many founders of the Dr. Martin Luther King memorial in Washington, D.C.

When problems need to be dealt with or resolved, co-workers and supervisors acknowledge that when Kazalunas is present there is no need to worry. Other individuals have said that Kazalunas is the hardest working person they have ever known. Kazalunas is compassionate and a strong voice for the people. He is up front, honest and transparent.

Kazalunas is married to his wife Theresa for 58 years. They have five grown children and eight grandchildren.



ELECT!

Dr. John R. Kazalunas

Korea 1951



Vietnam 1967



Rialto School Board

Served **21** Years in the U.S. Marine Corps

Served **20** Years on the Rialto School Board

Served **40** Years as a Civic Volunteer

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