

## Jim Zito

Jim was born in Brooklyn, NY to Italian-American parents. His grandparents immigrated through Ellis Island in the early 1900s. Jim's father is a WWII veteran still living in Brooklyn, where he worked over 40 years as a bus mechanic with the NYC Transit Workers Union. Jim's mother was a seamstress, and then stay-at-home mom.

Jim and his four siblings attended Catholic schools through high school. Jim worked various jobs, including baker's assistant and school janitor since he was twelve, and earned a partial scholarship to attend State University of New York at Stony Brook. There he completed a BS in Computer Science.

Upon graduating, Jim worked as a software engineer with Digital Equipment Corp in Colorado Springs, CO. In 1984 he moved to east San Jose and worked for over 27 years as a systems' engineer, technical services and program manager. He continued his education, earning an MBA and several technical and managerial certificates. Jim left the "corporate world" in 2012. After having some time off, he works in various positions in consulting & program development.

Jim moved to Evergreen in 1989, and while raising his family, became passionate about the quality of life and education in our community. He served on a variety of City, County & District educational and community boards and commissions - including the SJ Planning commission, 2040 General Plan, and Evergreen Area Development task forces. He is active, and participated in the formation of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish here in Evergreen.

Jim is a strong supporter of student learning through modern technology, techniques and programs. His priorities are to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century vision and to invest the District's limited funds in smaller class sizes, student programs and services, efficient technology, professional development and an equitable learning environment at all eighteen EESD schools.