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Trump gave rich corporations huge tax breaks and so has the Alameda Unified School District. Our school board has put illegal tax measures on the ballot where large corporations pay a small fraction of what you and I pay. Most recently, Measure A taxed homes and small businesses at 26½ cents per square foot but large stores, such as Safeway and Target, at about one penny per square foot. The courts threw out a similar Alameda tax scheme in 2013 so board members knew this was illegal. California clearly and unambiguously requires taxes “apply uniformly to all taxpayers within the district” (Government Code 50079). After covid started online high school instruction totaled only 3½ hours per week. I will see that Alameda’s students have appropriate instruction time online. I will follow state law supporting equitable taxation, not letting rich corporations off the hook. I attended UC Berkeley, UC San Francisco and Stanford. I served on a city budget commission, library board, helped author the world’s first successful domestic partnership legislation, created the idea of square footage taxation to legally circumvent Proposition 13 (Library Relief Act of 1980) and contributed to healthcare legislation. Remove Trump and school board members who bow to corporate greed.