

Santa Clara County Democratic Party Endorsement Questionnaire
City Council and Special Districts

November 2014

Name:

Office sought:

Personal Information

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Current Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Party Registration: _____ Registration Date: _____

Have you ever registered with another party? (If yes, please explain.)

Previous offices held:

Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: _____

FPPC ID #: _____

Campaign Manager: _____ Campaign Consultant(s): _____

Campaign Website: _____

Projected funds needed to win: _____ Funds raised to date: _____

Are you an incumbent in the office you seek? (Y/N):

Opponents (to the best of your knowledge):

Have you been endorsed by any Democratic Club or the Santa Clara County Democratic Party?
(If yes, please provide a partial list):

Prominent Endorsements (Please list a **MAXIMUM of 10**):

Please mark **only one position per issue** below. You will have an opportunity to explain any of your positions during your interview with the Endorsement Committee.

<u>Selected Issues of Concern</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Reservations (please explain)</u>
<u>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</u>			
<u>Continued use of the death penalty in criminal sentencing</u>			
<u>Education and rehabilitation over incarceration for minor crimes</u>			
<u>Crimes against protected classes being categorized and prosecuted as “hate crimes”</u>			
<u>EDUCATION</u>			
<u>Maintaining per student spending at or above the national average</u>			
<u>Spending taxpayer money for private school vouchers</u>			
<u>Prioritized efforts to close the achievement gap</u>			
<u>Implementing age-appropriate sex education</u>			
<u>ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT</u>			
<u>Sustainable efforts to balance environmental interests and needs for housing</u>			
<u>Efforts to reduce, eliminate, or neutralize California’s existing environmental regulations</u>			
<u>Transportation projects and fuel efficiency standards that mitigate the environmental impacts of automobiles</u>			
<u>EQUAL OPPORTUNITY</u>			
<u>Extension of benefits to LGBT domestic partners</u>			
<u>Equal rights for gays and lesbians in employment, housing, and the military</u>			
<u>Marriage is between any two committed and loving people who intend to spend their lives together</u>			
<u>A woman’s right to reproductive options</u>			
<u>Selected Issues of Concern</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Reservations</u>
<u>EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (Cont’d)</u>			
<u>Comprehensive coverage for contraception and abortion under public and private medical insurance</u>			
<u>Public funding for prenatal care, family planning, and abortion services for low-income/immigrant women</u>			
<u>Parental notification for a minor to receive an abortion</u>			
<u>Maintaining and expanding public health and human service assistance programs</u>			

<u>Development of affordable housing as a responsibility of government</u>			
<u>Availability of multilingual voter information</u>			
<u>GOVERNMENT & BUDGET REFORM</u>			
<u>A simple majority vote to pass tax measures</u>			
<u>A “split roll” property tax</u>			
<u>IMMIGRATION</u>			
<u>Programs that expand and expedite pathways to citizenship</u>			
<u>DREAM Act (makes higher education funding available for children of undocumented immigrants)</u>			
<u>WORKPLACE</u>			
<u>Requiring written documentation for union dues to be used for political purpose</u>			
<u>A living wage for all workers</u>			
<u>Crossing an organized labor picket line</u>			
<u>Governmental hiring practices which are reflective of the demographics of the community being served</u>			

If you have questions or need clarification on any of these issues, please feel free to contact the Endorsement Committee prior to your scheduled interview.

Please answer each of the following questions in **200 words or less**. Be aware that **some questions have more than one part**:

1. Why do you believe that you should receive the endorsement of the Democratic Party?

2. Please list any groups who you anticipate actively opposing your candidacy, and why.

3. Have you endorsed Republicans for elected office? If so, please explain.

4. Describe your accomplishments as a Democrat and what you have done to help strengthen the Democratic Party at the Local, State, and/or National level.

5. Describe the constituency of the jurisdiction in which you are running, both voting population and non-voting population.

6. What do you feel are the major issues facing your community? What have you done to positively impact these issues thus far? What is your long-term vision for dealing with these issues?

7. What are three (3) priority areas you would defend in a budgetary crisis? Please explain your choices.

8. Underserved minority communities face many barriers to civic engagement. How will you go about engaging these communities and changing the composition of local boards and commissions? Women also face these barriers. What will you do to help reach equal representation in elected office for women?

9. What is the your jurisdiction's role in supporting fair and equitable labor standards and working conditions for public employees through negotiation?

10. If the vote for Measure B were on the ballot today, would you vote for it? Yes/No

11. What will you do as an elected official to strengthen environmental safeguards in our community?

12. What will you do as an elected official to establish collaborative measures with different constituencies (ethnic, neighborhood, non-profit) to bring in your jurisdiction?

13. What will you do as an elected official to promote increased voter participation in elections?

14. Have you read the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Local Issues Platform? What do you think about the platform and will you commit to supporting the advancement of the positions in each plank?

Thank you for taking the time and effort to participate in the Santa Clara County Democratic Party November 2014 endorsement process. Please return this questionnaire by 5pm on the day before your interview. All interviews will be held at the local Democratic Party Headquarters. Interviews are scheduled for a maximum of 30-minutes per session. Please email me indicating your preferred time slot.

This questionnaire is due back 5pm on the day before your interview. Please email your questionnaire to darcie.green@gmail.com.