

Democratic Party of Sacramento County - Central Committee: Candidate Questionnaire

Note: The answers to the questionnaire will be shared with the members of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County and local Democratic clubs and may become public.

The DPSC Candidate Questionnaire contains questions from many subject areas that you may feel are not pertinent to the office you seek. We ask these questions because: candidates may go on to other offices, we use one questionnaire for all candidates, and we share the questionnaire with our many clubs which have broad interests. Please answer to the best of your ability. Thank you!

Section 1

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What is your anticipated budget and how much have you raised to date?

My campaign budget is \$80-90,000. To-date, I have raised \$35,000.

What are your primary sources for fundraising? Please list your top three campaign contributors.

1. Individual Donations
2. Union Contributions
3. Democratic Club Contributions

Will all your campaign materials be printed by a union printer?

Yes. I have used a union print shop for all my campaign material so far, and I will continue to do so.

Do you voluntarily decline contributions from any particular contributor or class of contributors (e.g., Big Oil, Walmart, developers, lobbyists, charter schools, etc.)? If so, list who they are and why.

They have not offered me money and don't expect them to do so.

Please list your top five elected or appointed offices currently/previously held and any key affiliations, clubs, or community organizations. Please include your role and a contact name and phone number for reference.

This is my first time running for elected office but I am a member of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County, the Elk Grove Democratic Club, Women Dems, the Fem Dems, Stonewall, and Wellstone. I am the founder of The Resistance, an Indivisible group focused on fighting the hateful policies coming out of the Trump administration.

Please attach your biography, a list of current endorsements, and any campaign literature or social media information as a single file. Please name your file: lastname/office sought.

Attached

Have you ever been registered to vote as a member of a political party other than the Democratic Party, or No Party Preference? If so, please state when, why, and for how long.

No

Have you ever endorsed, contributed to, campaigned for, or otherwise supported a candidate for election or appointment to a partisan or nonpartisan office that was not a member of the Democratic Party? If so, who, for which office, and why? Please be specific.

No.

Are you a dues-paying member of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County?

Yes

Do you plan to purchase a ballot statement?

Yes

What will your ballot designation be?

Educator/Small Businessowner

Have you read the Platform of the California Democratic Party? It can be downloaded at <https://www.cadem.org/our-california/platform>

Yes

Have you read, and will you adhere to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices distributed by the Sacramento County Elections Department? It can be downloaded at <http://www.elections.saccounty.net>

Yes

Have you ever been the subject of sexual harassment/abuse/assault allegations investigated by law enforcement, governmental institutions, businesses or any other organizations? What was the result of any such investigation?

No

Is there anything in your history on the subject of sexual harassment/abuse/assault which, if revealed, would bring you, your proposed office, or the Democratic Party into disrepute?

No

How long have you lived in the district you seek to represent?

13 years

Out of the last five elections, how many have you voted in?

5

Why did you decide to run for your position and what do you hope to accomplish during your tenure? List your top three issues.

My top priorities would center on equity. I believe in equitable opportunities for all children, families, and seniors in our community and equity for the employees that serve as a part of CSD staff.

1. For our recreation program equity translates to serving the most people, from a broad range of backgrounds, the best way we can. This would include better outreach and more access for low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities. This would also include ensuring strong union protections for our recreation workers.

2. For our parks program equity translates to serving the most people, from a broad range of backgrounds, the best way we can. This would include making sure parks are kept up across all of Elk Grove and when new parks are formed, continuing to take community input into consideration so that more community members will have access. This would also include ensuring strong union protections for our parks workers.

3. For our fire program equity translates to ensuring crisp response rates for all community members and ensuring that our union brothers and sisters receive their fair share. Right now, we are in need of one more fire station to ensure that response rates stay at or under industry standard of 6 minutes. I would work with 522 and CSD to make sure we are on our way to getting the next station open. In

addition, parks and recreation are an important part of Elk Grove; however, ensuring an equitable budget for fire is important to maintaining public safety and a strong union.

If you are an incumbent, what have you accomplished during your tenure?

N/A

Section 2 - District & Governance

Are you familiar with the budget(s) for which you will be responsible, if elected? If so, state how large it is, what its principal revenue sources are, and what its largest expenditure categories are.

CCSD has a budget of about 83 million dollars. Its principal revenue is property taxes and its largest expenditure is wages and benefits for firefighter and parks and recreation employees.

Will you support moving to by-district elections (rather than at-large) where they are not held now? Please explain.

Yes, I believe in fairness and all district residents should have elected officials who represent their unique concerns. I have a strong advocate for this in the Elk Grove community thus far and will continue to be once elected.

What sets you apart from other candidates for this office?

I am the proud mother of two daughters who have benefited tremendously from CSD programs. My 7 year old, Maya, is a champion swimmer and learned to swim through CSD. My 10 year old, Olivia, is an artist and actress and learned those skills through CSD programs. My husband and children have been a part of the CSD Father/Daughter Dance for the last 7 years. My entire family continues to benefit from CSD Programs today and I want to be a part of it.

I am a small-business owner responsible for developing programs for students with disabilities. Throughout my life, I have been a champion for equity and the underserved always working to ensure that all people receive equal access to programs and services; and as a CSD Board Member, my approach would be no different. Representing the people of Elk Grove and Galt, I will work hard to enhance the high quality parks, recreation and fire services that make our community great so that all community members can benefit.

How will you work with community advocates? What will you do to be accessible to community members and other stakeholders?

As an active member of the Resistance and Indivisible movements, I work with activists throughout Sacramento County on a regular basis. As an elected official, I will continue to seek out the advice, guidance and support to leaders in the community.

What will you do to promote transparency and ethics?

I believe that all decisions made by local government should have a public debate. I will hold regular town hall meetings to solicit the public's input and strongly support immediate disclosure of campaign contributions.

What whistle-blower protections should there be for public employees who expose corruption, sexual harassment, or other illegal/unethical activity?

As a member of the #MeToo movement, I strongly believe there is no place in society for harassment of any kind – be it based on gender, race, religion or sexual identity. Those who are accused of committing such activities should be disciplined, and those who report those activities should be protected from reprisals.

Do you believe that current campaign finance rules should be changed? If so, how would you change them?

Yes. To level the playing field, I believe we should move to publicly financed campaigns.

Section 3 – Civil Rights

What will you do to advance LGBTQ rights?

Bringing equitable treatment to all is one of the reasons I am seeking elected office. As a CSD Boardmember, I will bring protections based on sexual identity to the Board. In addition, I will advocate for ways in which we can look to increase representation within our work force.

Discuss your feelings about the bullying and harassment of LGBTQ students because of their real or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity. How will you help promote a safer environment in schools for all students?

As a school psychologist, I am a mandated reporter and see bullying on a regular basis. I see the destructive toll it takes on our young people. As the mother of two school age daughters, I am keenly aware of the need for every student to feel validated.

What will you do to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in education, employment, and housing?

Again, as a school psychologist and member of the Stonewall Democratic Club, I will bring my strong belief in equitable treatment for all to my position on the CSD Board. There is no room for discrimination in any part of our society.

What is your position on a woman's right to comprehensive healthcare, including the right to choose and access contraception, and the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion?

As a woman, I support universal health care for all including the right to abortion and access to contraception. Until women have control over our bodies from the skin in, we will not be free or equal.

If elected, what will you do to close the gender pay gap?

I will continue to seek equitable pay and treatment for women in the workplace. I believe that people should receive equal pay for equal work no matter a person's gender.

What is your position on immigration? Do you support an amnesty program for those immigrants already living in the United States? Do you support a clean DREAM Act, without any enforcement funding attached to it? Should undocumented immigrants have a path towards citizenship? Why?

Yes, I support a robust immigration program that brings in people who seek a better way of life. I also support amnesty for those already here, including DREAMERS. I believe our country is best when we attract people who want to come be part of the democratic process.

What will you do to protect immigrant communities?

I support the state's position to be a Sanctuary State and protect our immigrant communities from harassment and deportation.

Should there be limits on free speech or assembly in public places, such as protesting or picketing? Please explain.

No, I believe people have the right (and often the duty) to be heard. Our First Amendment rights protect us from government overreach.

Do you support background checks for all gun and ammunition sales? What other restrictions on firearms do you think are appropriate?

Yes, and I support an Assault Weapons Ban and background checks for all gun owners. I also support a waiting period and raising the age which people can buy guns.

Do you feel the criminal justice system is just and fair to everyone? If not, what reforms would you like to see?

I do not believe our justice system treats everyone equally. The rich and powerful often get better treatment and greater access to legal protection. My husband is a Public Defender with Sacramento County, and I believe everyone resident no matter their income level deserves equal representation. I would like to see more accountability for police, ending for-profit prisons, and the end to the cash bail system.

Do you support capital punishment? If so, please explain when you think it's appropriate.

No, I oppose it in all cases.

Please share your views on the Black Lives Matter movement.

As a local community activist, I have protested alongside BLM and understand that members of minority groups and those in underserved communities need to have their voices heard. Our country has discriminated against the African-American community for centuries and it is time for justice.

How will you work toward greater police accountability? What role would the community play in that?

I support an empowered civilian oversight of local law enforcement. I have publicly advocated for a police commission as the community should have a role in ensuring that police are accountable to those they are entrusted to serve.

Do you support the universal use of police body cameras? When is it appropriate to release police body camera footage?

Yes, I support the universal use of police body cams and their release for public review. I believe that this will promote accountability and foster trust between the public and law enforcement.

What will you do to make your community more accessible to people with disabilities?

Part of my job as a school psychologist is to ensure those with physical and learning disabilities are treated with equity and respect. I will take those experiences to government service by advocating for inclusive parks and recreational opportunities for all those with disabilities.

What will you do to ensure that non-English speakers can fully participate in public meetings and access public services?

I strongly support immersion courses in schools and having access to translators in all government interactions.

Section 4 – Healthcare

Do you believe that healthcare is a human right? If so, what do you believe is the most effective way to provide quality healthcare for all?

Yes, I believe in that universally mandated government healthcare will ensure that every person has access to quality healthcare. I am a strong advocate for SB562.

What is your position on parental notification prior to a minor terminating a pregnancy? Please explain.

I believe that allowing girls access to abortion services without parental consent is critical.

What measures would you support to ensure adequate mental health services for all?

Mental health services are a vital part of a universal healthcare. Every resident of our country deserves the right to be treated for any health concern they are facing. There should be more access to mental health in the schools.

What will you do to help address high child mortality rates in the black community in Sacramento County?

Pre-natal and services and maternity education programs are a vital need in reducing mortality rates.

Section 5 – Good Jobs for All

Describe your relationship with organized labor.

I am a strong supporter of the right to organize. I have been a union member, my husband is a union member, and I will continue to work closely with union members and organizers.

Do you support the right of workers to unionize by card check?

Again, I believe in the right to organize. Employers are infringing on that right when they prevent or harass employees who seek union representation.

Have you attended the Sacramento Central Labor Council Candidate Academy?

Yes

Do you support project labor agreements?

Yes, I support PLAs because they ensure quality local craftsmanship and fair wages and benefits.

Which labor unions will you be interacting with in your role? What is your plan for building collaborative relationships with union and nonunion employees?

As a Community Services Boardmember, I will interact with the fire and city employee unions (Teamsters). I will also have the opportunity to advocate for PLAs when presented with various projects. I have already reached out to many labor unions throughout my candidacy and will plan on maintaining this open door policy when elected.

What is the role of the office that you seek in promoting good jobs for our region?

As a CSD Board Member I can participate in labor negotiations for Firefighters Local 522 and Teamsters local 150 to ensure fair pay and benefits.

What solutions would you propose to solve budget shortfalls and how would you prioritize the needs of your constituents?

For government to be sustainable, it must balance its budget and live within its means just like families do. I would look to cut out unnecessary or redundant programs and preserve those that promote public safety and improved quality of life.

Do you believe income inequality is an issue in your community? If so, what steps would you take to address it?

Yes, I believe income inequality exists throughout our country. I support pay equity and universal basic income to address these inequalities.

Section 6 - Local Economy & Public Resources

Under what circumstances would you support raising revenues by means of taxes or fees to support public services and why?

I would not support raising taxes unless there is a fiscal emergency. However, I am more receptive to user-fees that would affect only those who utilize a specific services.

Under what conditions would you support the privatization of public or natural resources (i.e. water, publicly-owned buildings, schools, park lands, parking facilities)?

As a rule, I do not believe in privatization of public services unless the service cannot be performed by a public entity.

What is your position on "public/private partnerships"?

Again, I would only support those activities if the public sector is unable to provide those services.

When is it appropriate to use public money or tax incentives to subsidize private business?

I believe it is appropriate to use incentives to attract family wage jobs to our community.

What is your plan to support and encourage local small business development?

As a small business owner, I know the challenges faced in complying with local and state laws. I support streamlining the permitting processes.

Section 7 – Environment

Do you support the construction of the Delta tunnels and the Southeast Connector? Please explain.

I believe that the proposed water conveyance systems will harm our local ecosystem. While Southern California needs more water, I don't think it should come at the expense of our area's environment.

When is it appropriate to expand the urban growth boundary?

I believe that infill projects are more preferable than annexing farmland for growth and development.

Please describe your position on regional habitat and working lands conservation.

I believe we need to work together to protect our regions irreplaceable landscapes.

What will you do to address climate change in your role? Please be specific.

I consider myself an environmentalist. I care deeply about the environment and work to minimize my carbon footprint. I will work to ensure the CSD does the same, especially when considering landscaping for our 33 planned parks.

Please describe your education and/or experience with land use planning.

I have a minimal understanding of land use planning, but I am learning more each day as I work side by side other elected officials who come across land use issues frequently.

Have you read the General Plan and do you agree with its vision of future development? If not, what changes would you propose?

I have read CSD's 10 year plan which was just redone recently. I would include a more environmental approach to park development, include a theater in the plans, and advocate for the development of a more robust equity plan.

Section 8 – Education

Do you support Restorative Justice and funding such programs?

As a school psychologist, restorative justice has played a valuable role in kid's lives. It has proved to decrease suspensions and expulsions while focusing on the teaching of new skills. I support funding these programs.

What role do you believe charter schools should play in public education?

I believe that schools should only be chartered if they provide educational services that are not available in the public school system. I support the three bills sponsored by the California Teacher Association which work to ensure a greater depth of accountability and oversight for charter schools.

Do you support reforming teacher tenure, due process protections, or teacher salary and benefits? Please explain.

As someone in the field of education, I believe teachers are one of our most precious assets. I believe they are due all the compensation and respect they deserve.

What will you do to minimize bullying and promote tolerance in school?

As I stated before, as a school psychologist, I see bullying on a regular basis. I think schools need to do more to educate their staff and students about the corrosive effects that bullying has in our school system.

Is there an achievement gap in your school district? If so, what will you do to close that gap?

Yes, I believe more attention and resources should be put into low performing schools.

For school board candidates: Please explain LCFF and LCAP in three sentences or fewer.

N/A

Do you believe that public adult education, colleges, and universities should be tuition free?

Yes, I believe that public education for children and adults can be the great equalizer – allowing people from all income levels the opportunity for success.

Section 9 - Housing

What is your plan to address homelessness in your community?

Government should provide housing and job training. They should also provide substance abuse and mental health services to those who are unable to help themselves. Elk Grove has a unique and powerful way of addressing homelessness in our community that is working. I would like to learn more about the current system so that we can expand and fill in the gaps where needed.

What is your plan to relieve the rental housing crisis?

We need rent stabilization and more availability of affordable homes.

Do you support rent control and just cause eviction?

Yes, housing in our area is not affordable for people of all income levels. Government should step in to ensure that all people have access to housing options.

Do you support the adoption of inclusionary housing ordinances?

Yes, I believe people from all income levels deserve a safe place to live.

What is your plan for funding affordable housing construction?

I believe that fees from single family homes should be used to fund affordable housing construction. Local governments should also work with HUD to secure funding to create housing for those across the economic spectrum.

Would you support a local ordinance to end Housing Choice Voucher discrimination (Section 8)?

Please explain.

Yes, I oppose housing discrimination in all its many forms. People have the right to equal access in housing choices.

What is your plan to ensure that working class people have opportunities for home ownership?

Good paying jobs in our area which are supported by PLAs and good, strong contracts will allow for more people to afford homes in the cities in which they live.

Section 10 – Transportation and Public Transit

Would you support a local sales tax measure to fund transportation and public transit? Please explain.

I would support a transportation tax if it goes before the voters of our community.

If you are seated on the board of SACOG, STA, or Regional Transit, how would you use your role and what would you prioritize?

As a CSD Boardmember, I will work closely with our local government transit committees to improve our roads and enhance our public transit systems.

What is your plan to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled in the region?

I believe in a public transportation option – whether it’s light rail, buses or trains. Our roads and highways are getting to the point where they adversely affect people’s quality of life. It is also harmful to the environment. I support all attempts to reduce the miles traveled by vehicles in our area.

What is your plan to improve local and regional public transit? Please describe a priority project.

As a CSD Board member, I would like to work directly with public transit as a way to increase recreational opportunities for many community members who cannot currently benefit from CSD programs due to lack of transportation.