

Democratic Party of Sacramento County

Questionnaire: City Council Candidates

NOTE: The answers you provide on this questionnaire will be made available to DPSC members and will become public. Questions that are underlined> are yes/no questions and do not require an explanation unless your response is “no.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Candidate Name	Allen Wayne Warren
Office Sought	City Council, District 2
FPPC ID	1419167
Occupation	Real Estate Developer & Councilmember
Employer	
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Campaign Manager or Contact Person	Sam Walton
Campaign Consultants (list all)	Sam Walton
Anticipated Budget & Funds Raised	\$150,000
Are you a dues-paying DPSC member?	

Optional demographic questions:

Racial/Ethnic Identity	
Gender Identity/Pronouns	
LGBTQ+?	
Veteran?	
Young Democrat (35 or under)?	
Union Member?	

Please list all offices you have held or organizations to which you belong or in which you have held a leadership position, and what position you held:

Office/Organization	Position Held	Duration
City Council	Councilmember	7 years

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

ISSUE QUESTIONS

Section 1 – Viability & Campaign

1. Do you plan to purchase a ballot statement?

Yes

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

Yes

3. Have you always been a registered Democrat? If no, please state what else you were registered as, when, for how long, and why.

Yes

4. What will your ballot designation be? Incumbent
5. What are your primary sources for fundraising? Please list your top three campaign contributors.

In previous campaigns I have been primarily self-funded. However, I am considering raising money in the next cycle.

6. Do you voluntarily decline contributions from any particular contributor or class of contributors? If so, list who and why.

I have generally been reluctant to accept many contributions. As a result I have primarily funded my own campaign.

7. **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, list who, for which office, and why? Please be specific.** Yes
8. Have you ever been investigated (by a governmental agency or private entity) for allegations that you engaged in discrimination, harassment, abuse, or retaliation? If so, what was the result of the investigation?

I had a disgruntled staff person make some unfounded allegations against me. The City investigated and found no merits to the allegations.

9. Is there anything in your history on the subject of discrimination, harassment, abuse, or retaliation, which, if revealed, would bring you, your proposed office, or the Democratic Party into disrepute?

No

10. How long have you lived in the district and community you seek to represent?

Most of my life.

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

All

12. Why did you decide to run for this office and what do you plan to accomplish during your tenure?

I decided to run for office because I wanted to make a greater contribution to making Sacramento a better place.

13. What sets you apart from the other candidates for this office?

I have lived in Sacramento most of my life and during that time I have taken many actions to assist the community by building affordable housing, facilitating the growth of employment and training programs, facilitating educational opportunity for District residents, encouraged business development and enhanced cultural awareness. As a result of my actions, I have helped thousands of people to have a better life. There is no other candidate that can compete with this.

14. If you are an incumbent, what have you accomplished during your tenure? If you are a non-incumbent, what have you accomplished in the community prior to running?

As an incumbent I have been able to attract needed resources to District 2. This includes traffic improvement, bridge replacements, street scape improvements, attracting business, bringing more accountability to the Police Department, providing shelters for the homeless, strengthening access to college and increasing employment and training, increasing affordable housing, providing expanded youth recreational programs, and increasing cultural cohesion and awareness.

Also, I have served as Chairperson of the Golden One City and Save the Kings Efforts on behalf of the City of Sacramento. It's the largest union job producer in the City of Sacramento history. This is an example of a great public/private partnership.

Section 2 - District & Governance

15. 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.

The approved 2019/2020 budget for the City of Sacramento is \$1.2 Billion. The principal revenue sources are Taxes and charges, fees and services. Together they account for approximately 82 percent of the City revenue. The largest expenditure categories are Employee services and services and supplies. Together they account for approximately 77 percent of all expenditures.

16. Does your city conduct its elections by-district (rather than at-large)? If not, would you support moving its elections to by-district?

Sacramento has a system of election by district and I support that.

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

Most of my efforts have been aimed at working with community advocates. I have been accessible to the community members and other stakeholders.

18. What will you do to promote transparency and ethics at city hall?

I voted for and will continue to support the Code of Ethics and Sunshine Ordinance to create a good government framework.

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

The City of Sacramento has a Whistleblower Protection program that allows for several ways for individuals to report corruption and other inappropriate actions. Whistleblowers have the option to keeping their identity private and they are protected from retaliation.

20. Does your city have contribution limits, public financing for campaigns, or any other campaign finance reform? Do you support adopting any such measures or changing the current measures that your city has in place?

The City of Sacramento does have contributions limits and a public financing system that has been adopted. I support public financing for campaigns.

21. What is the most disadvantaged area or constituency in your city or district? What is your plan for ensuring that that area or constituency receives the representation and services it needs?

I believe the homeless are the most disadvantaged in our community and I have been very supportive of finding ways to help to house and guide them to other social services.

Section 3 – Civil Rights

22. Do you support 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?

Yes

23. Do you support giving undocumented immigrants living in the United States a path towards citizenship?

Yes

24. Do you believe that LGBTQ people should have equal rights in employment, housing, education, and to marry?

Yes

25. Do you support background checks for all firearm and ammunition sales?

Yes

26. Do you believe that capital punishment should be abolished?

Yes

27. What will you do to advance LGBTQ rights?

I will encourage fair treatment, equal housing, employment and access to needed health care.

28. What will you do to end discrimination in employment and housing?

I have and will continue to support non-discrimination policies in every aspect of life, not just employment and housing

29. What will you do to close the pay gap?

I will support studies, reports and plans that aim at reducing the pay gap for women and minorities.

30. What will you do to protect immigrant communities?

Work to help find a path to citizenship and fair treatment.

31. Do you support placing limits on free speech or assembly in public places, such as protesting, picketing, or panhandling? If so, how would you decide what those limits should be?

As a general rule, I hold free speech as one of the most important rights that a person can have. However, I don't violence and would vote to restrict actions that are aimed at violence.

32. Do you believe that the criminal justice system is just and fair to everyone, particularly black and brown communities? If not, what reforms do you publicly support?

I believe the criminal justice system has not been fair to particularly to black and brown communities. I have supported expanded use of body cameras. I support community-based organizations that aim to build a more open and transparent relationship with law enforcement, the courts and the prison system.

33. What are the issues affecting black and brown communities in your district and will you do to address those issues?

The black and brown communities need employment and training, better access to health care, affordable housing, better educational opportunities and fair treatment by the justice system. I have given thousands of dollars to community based nonprofit organizations that work as first responders in assisting the community with these problems.

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

I support policies to restrict the use of lethal force and I will always work with community group to get their input.

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

I support universal use of police body cameras and I believe the camera footage should be available to the public within 24 hours.

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

I will continue to encourage access to all facilities that are open to the public.

37. What will you do to ensure that non-English speakers can fully participate in public meetings and access public services? I support and will continue to support services that are available in different languages.

Section 4 – Healthcare

38. Do you support Medicare-for-All?

Yes – All that want it.

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

California law allows minors to obtain an abortion without parental consent or notification and I support this law.

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

I would support measures that provide additional facilities and financial support for services.

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

I will support more funding for programs aimed at reducing child mortality rates.

Section 5 – Good Jobs for All

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

Yes

43. Have you attended the Sacramento Central Labor Council Candidate Academy?

/No

44. Describe your relationship with organized labor.

I have a good working relationship with labor.

45. Will you support the adoption of project agreements or community workforce training agreements for your city?

Yes

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

In my role, I interact with many organized labor groups, including building trades, public employees and teachers.

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

My role is to support policies that encourage business development, and this includes new green technologies, and high-tech industries.

48. What solutions would you propose to solve budget shortfalls and how would you prioritize the needs of your constituents in deciding what to cut first?

A solution for a budget shortfall and how it would affect my constituents would depend on a lot of variables including, things like why there is a shortfall, what services are affected, what alternatives are available, and is it short or long-term.

49. Is income inequality an issue in your community? If so, what steps would you take to address it?

Income inequality is an issue in my community and I have been working to encourage better job training and skills development. In addition, I look for policies to prevent equal opportunity so that they can be eliminated.

Section 6 - Local Economy & Public Resources

50. Under what circumstances would you support raising revenues to support public services?

I would support raising revenues to support public services when the need for such services have been clearly established and that there are not enough resources to need. However, this decision would only be made after I have been

convinced that the City is using existing resources in the most efficient manner possible.

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

I would lean away from privatizing public or natural resources.

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

I think public/private partnerships should be utilized as much as possible. This partnership could make public services available that may not be available without private help.

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

It is appropriate to use public money or tax incentives when the long-term benefit to the public far outweighs the use of limited public money.

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

Support and initiate activities and policies to create a business friendly environment, such as minimizing the fees on small business.

Section 7 – Environment

- 55. Do you support the construction of the Delta tunnels?**

Not sure about the issue. I am still studying

- 56. Do you support the construction of the Southeast Connector?**

Yes, as I understand it.

- 57. When would it be appropriate to expand the urban growth boundary?**

After maximizing existing boundaries.

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

Should be considered in all land use decisions.

59. What will you do to address climate change in your role?

Continue to promote mass transit and urban life styles.

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

BA in Political Science and a minor in business and over 30 years in land use development.

61. Have you read the general plan and do you agree with its vision of future development? If not, what changes would you propose?

62. If you are seated on the board of LAFCO, SAFCA, or SMAQMD, how will you use your role to promote environmental sustainability?

Will promote smart growth and efficient land use.

Section 8 – Education

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

Yes

64. Do you support Restorative Justice and funding such programs?

Yes

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

Charter schools can be helpful in serving children who are not currently being served.

Section 9 – Housing

66. Do you support the adoption of rent control and just cause eviction protections for your city?

I support rent stabilization efforts to maintain adequate affordable housing and fair treatment for tenants.

67. Do you support the adoption of an inclusionary housing ordinance for your city?

Yes

68. Do you support the adoption of a local ordinance to end Housing Choice Voucher discrimination (Section 8) for your city?

Yes

69. What is your plan to relieve the rental housing crisis?

Make the development of more rental housing and find ways to hold down the cost of development and step up processing of approvals.

70. What is your plan for funding affordable housing construction?

Expand public private funding options.

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

Expand affordable housing programs

Section 10 – Transportation and Public Transit

72. Would you support a local tax measure to fund transportation and public transit? If so, which specific form of local taxation would you support?

Not sure

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

Mass transit and insuring equality for the entire community, including the disadvantaged.

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

Promote mass transit.

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

Increasing connectivity to the Sacramento Metro airport.

Signature:
Allen Warren

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