

# Democratic Party of Contra Costa County Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for seeking the endorsement of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC).

Please submit your completed questionnaire and remit the endorsement application fee of \$30 no later than December 9, 2023. Interviews will not be scheduled without both a completed questionnaire and received payment.

- Pay Endorsement Application Fee:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2024campaignunityfund>.

1. Click on "Donate"
2. The page will say "2024 Campaign Unity Funds" - Just fill in \$30 as the amount to pay.

- Complete Candidate Questionnaire.

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT INFO\*\*\*

- Your application fee must be paid before questionnaires will be processed.
- Interviews will not be scheduled without both a completed payment and completed questionnaire.
- You must have submitted your questionnaire and payment **before December 9, 2023 before 11:59pm PST.**
- Your completed questionnaire will be added to the DPCCC website after all interviews are conducted.
- The DPCCC membership will vote on endorsements at a **Special Meeting on December 14, 2023**. You will be sent an invitation to the meeting which you are welcome to attend.

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Name (First, Last): \*

Shanelle Scales-Preston  
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Preferred Name (if different than campaign name):

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Age

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25-44
- 45-65
- Over 65
- Prefer not to disclose

## Pronouns: \*

- She/Her/Hers
- He/Him/His
- They/Them/Theirs
- Ze/Zie/Hir/Hirs
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: .....

Gender Identity (*check all that apply.*): \*

- Gender non-conforming
- Genderqueer
- Genderfluid
- Non-binary
- Woman
- Man
- Transgender
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: .....

**Sexual Identity (check all that apply.): \***

- Bisexual
- Queer
- Gay
- Heterosexual or straight
- Lesbian
- Asexual
- Pansexual
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: .....

With which racial or ethnic group(s) do you identify? (Mark all that apply): \*

- Native American or Indigenous
- Black, African-American
- Eastern European
- Latino/a/x/e
- Pacific Islander
- Asian
- East Asian
- South Asian
- Southeast Asian
- Middle Eastern, Northern African
- Native Hawaiian
- East African
- West African
- South African
- Central African
- White
- Multiracial/Mixed Race
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: .....

Which office are you seeking? \*

County Supervisor, District 5 .....

CA FPPC ID # \*

1461555

Campaign Website \*

www.shanelle4supervisor.org

Campaign Consultant/Manager \*

Lisa Tucker

**Candidate Email \***

shanellescalespreston@gmail.com

**Social Media Handles \***

Facebook: Vote4Shanelle and Instagram: ShanelleScalesPreston

**1.1 - Why are you running for this office? Give no more than your top 3 reasons. \***

It has been an honor to represent Pittsburg residents as mayor and on the city council since 2018. Together, we have strengthened our community and improved services. I believe a strong and vibrant community is the foundation for a prosperous and fulfilling life. This belief drives me to step forward and offer my dedication, experience, and passion to serve as County Supervisor. My public service started in the federal government more than twenty years ago and has equipped me with the tools I need to advocate for residents and fix problems effectively.

**1.2 - What are the responsibilities that come with the office you are running for? \***

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors plays a crucial role in local governance. Its primary responsibilities include setting policies, approving the county budget, and overseeing various county departments and services. The Board addresses issues ranging from land use and development to public safety and social services. Supervisors also act as liaisons between the county government and the community, advocating for constituents' needs and ensuring effective delivery of public services. Ultimately, they play a key role in shaping and enhancing the overall well-being of Contra Costa County.

**1.3 - What are your personal or professional qualifications that you believe make you the best candidate? \***

I was elected to the Pittsburg City Council in 2018. I served as Mayor this year and have brought change to my community and made a big impact. I have dedicated my life to public service. In my profession, I have worked for over 22 years advocating and serving the constituents of Contra Costa County.

#### 1.4 - What are your top goals for this office? How do you plan on achieving them? \*

My priorities include investing in youth services, transportation, promoting economic growth, strengthening public safety, and protecting our environment.

#### 1.5 - How do you plan on engaging your constituents in dialogue after you are elected? \*

My campaign is centered around the idea that community and people mean everything. I am committed to being an accessible representative for all residents in District V. I plan on engaging constituents in dialogue after being elected. It's essential to be present in the community. I believe in building relationships through community interactions and being on the ground. It's necessary to provide a platform for open discussion on local issues so that constituents have a voice through hosting open office hours, community meetings and, and being accessible so constituents see you in their community.

#### 1.6 - This is a 3-Part Question: Why are you seeking the endorsement of the DPCCC? How will you use our endorsement? How will you support other endorsed candidates and issues? \*

- 1) I am seeking the Democratic Central Committee's endorsement because I am a Democrat and support Democratic values and principles.
- 2) I will use my endorsement in my campaign material, website, and social media.
- 3) I will help other endorsed candidates by making calls and canvassing on their behalf.

#### 1.7 - Please feel free to include any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your candidacy. \*

Throughout my life, I have witnessed the power of unity and the strong ties of community built from our relationships with our neighbors, churches, and organizations where we volunteer, and the incredible potential within each individual. I believe in fostering an inclusive and diverse community that celebrates our differences and embraces our shared goals and aspirations. I am devoted to working tirelessly to ensure that our country is a place where everyone feels valued, supported, and empowered.

## Section 2: Democratic History



2.1 - List your previous and current party affiliations. When did you first register as a Democrat and why? \*

I registered as a democrat at the age of 18 years old.

2.2 - I have read and acknowledge the California Democratic Party's current platform (value statement) and will adhere to these values in the performance of my elected position. \*

To learn about the CADEM Platform, please click [here](#).

Yes

No

2.3 - In your opinion, which elements of the CADEM Platform are most relevant to the position you are seeking? If elected, how do you plan to advance them? \*

Children, Young Adults, and Their Families

Immigration

Affordable Housing

Seniors

Veterans

Transportation

Economic Development

2.4 - Have you actively supported policies and initiatives that prioritize and protect reproductive healthcare and freedom, and can you affirm your commitment to continuing this support if elected? \*

Yes

No

2.5 - If elected, what would you do to advance equity, anti-racism, justice, and belonging? \*

I would ensure that we are looking at equity, diversity, and inclusion within the County, departments, and hiring practices. It ensures representation in every department and at every level including management. While on the council, I think of equity, diversity, and inclusion while on our boards and appointing residents to boards and/or commissions.

2.6 - Have you actively opposed LGBTQIA+ issues, which may involve voting against solidarity, supporting harmful or exclusionary policies, or publicly expressing opposition through statements or comments? (i.e. voting against or making disparaging remarks about the display of pride flags, marriage equality, trans-inclusive policies, or queer-inclusive curricula). \*

Yes

No

2.7 - Have you previously sought the endorsement of the DPCCC? If yes, for what elected office? Were you endorsed? \*

Yes, I sought the endorsement of the DPCCC in 2018 and again in 2022 for the Pittsburg City Council race, and I received the endorsement.

2.8 - Please list any elected offices, positions and date(s), which you hold/held or campaigned for as a candidate. \*

I was elected in 2018 and 2022 to the Pittsburg City Council and Served as Mayor in 2023

2.9 - In what ways have you supported and actively participated in the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels? \*

I have supported several campaigns for Democratic elected's at the local, state, and national levels over the years. I have also served as a delegate in the past.

2.10 - Please list any clubs, boards, commissions, and /or organizations with which you are an active member, including the length of your affiliation and any leadership position you hold/held. \*

Pittsburg Youth Development Center (8 years)

Pittsburg Rotary (5 years)

President (2022-2023), of League of California Cities - East Bay Division (5 years)

ABAG

MCE Clean Energy Board, Chair

Tri-Delta Transit (Eastern Transportation Authority), Board Member, Former Chair

City Infrastructure and Transportation

Community Services Subcommittee

Constituent Management Services

Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee

Pittsburg Arts & Community Foundation

Pittsburg Police Activities League (PAL)

Public Safety Subcommittee

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2.11 - Have you ever endorsed non-Democrats? \*

Yes

No

2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

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### Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

### 3.1 - Please list any other endorsements you have received for this campaign. \*

#### ELECTED ENDORSEMENTS

##### Federal

Congressman John Garamendi  
Congressman George Miller (Ret.)

##### State

Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer  
Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Schools (Ret.)  
Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Schools  
Nancy Skinner, California State Senate  
Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Schools

##### County

Diane Burgis, Supervisor, Contra Costa County  
Karen Mitchoff, Former Supervisor, Contra Costa County  
Lynn Mackey, Contra Costa County School Superintendent

##### Pittsburg

Pete Longmire, Former Mayor, City of Pittsburg  
Sal Evola, Former Mayor, City of Pittsburg  
Nancy Parent, Former Mayor, City Treasurer, City of Pittsburg  
Merl Craft, Former Mayor, City of Pittsburg  
Yvonne Beals, Former Mayor, City of Pittsburg  
Juan Banales, Mayor, City of Pittsburg  
Dionne Adams, Council Member, City of Pittsburg  
Heliodoro Moreno, Vice Chair, Pittsburg School Board Member  
Taylor Sims, Chair, Pittsburg School Board Member  
DeShawn Woolridge, Pittsburg School Board Member

Destiny Briscoe, Pittsburg School Board Member

##### East Bay Regional Park District

Colin Coffey, East Bay Regional Park District

##### Brentwood

Joel Bryant, Mayor, City of Brentwood

##### Oakley

Anissa Williams, Vice Mayor, City of Oakley  
Shannon Shaw, Council Member, City of Oakley

##### Martinez

Brianne Zorn, Mayor, City of Martinez  
Rob Stroter, Former Mayor, City of Martinez  
Debbie McKillop, Council Member, City of Martinez

Mark Ross, Council Member, City of Martinez  
Satinder Malhi, Council Member, City of Martinez  
Jay Howard, Council Member, City of Martinez

Concord  
Dominic Alanoio, Council Member, City of Concord

Clayton  
Holly Tillman, Council Member, City of Clayton

Hercules  
Tiffany Grimsley, Council Member, City of Hercules  
Alexander Griffin Walker, Mayor, City of Hercules  
Dion Bailey, Council Member, City of Hercules  
Chris Kelley, Council Member, City of Hercules

Pinole  
Maureen Toms, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Pinole  
Anthony Tave, Council Member, City of Pinole

El Cerrito  
Gabe Quinto, Council Member, City of El Cerrito  
Carolyn Wysinger, Council Member, City of El Cerrito  
Tessa Rudrick, Mayor Pro Tem, City of El Cerrito  
Paul Fadelli, El Cerrito City Council, to the list

Orinda  
Latika Malkani, Council Member, City of Orinda

ORGANIZATIONS:  
Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades  
Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County, AFL-CIO  
VOTE Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund  
Teamsters 856  
Teamsters 315  
SEIU-2015  
SEIU-UHW  
AFSCME Council 57

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? \*

CNA and other local county unions'

Some of the Democratic Clubs use this questionnaire in their endorsement process. If you would like to be considered for Democratic club endorsement(s), please contact the club(s) directly by going to our DPCCC website club's page:

<https://contracostadems.com/clubs/>

### In Closing

#### Reminders:

\* After submitting this questionnaire, please go and pay your endorsement application fee at:

<https://contracostadems.com/donate>

\* Please direct questions to the Endorsements Committee Chair Tamela Hawley or Vice Chair Cameron Sasai at [endorsements@contracostadems.com](mailto:endorsements@contracostadems.com)

\* The DPCCC Code of Conduct: <https://contracostadems.com/about/code-of-conduct/>

\* The CADEM Party Platform: <https://cadem.org/our-platform/>

If you like, you may submit a biography and/or resume in the section below. Not required.

### Submit Questionnaire

By submitting this questionnaire, I attest that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and to uphold the Code Of Conduct. <https://contracostadems.com/about/code-of-conduct/>

Thank you and good luck with your campaign! We will be in touch with you to schedule your interview time.

Interviews will be scheduled by District Directors.

I have paid my endorsement application fee: <https://contracostadems.com/donate/> \*

Yes

No

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