

# 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 , August 12, 2024. 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 August 12, 2024 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 August 29, 2024**. You will be sent an invitation to the meeting which you are welcome to attend.

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The DPCCC aspires to be an organization where members are empowered and feel safe to be who they are, regardless of ethnic, cultural, or social demographics. We are committed to fostering equity and social justice through our policies and actions.

We hold ourselves accountable for unwanted behavior and we expect decision-making to be based on justice principles. We actively oppose **racism, sexism, classism, ageism, ableism, homophobia, and all other forms of prejudice wherever we see it**, and we take action individually and collectively to right past wrongs in our communities.

Section 1: Candidate Information

Name (First, Last): \*

Dilli Bhattarai  
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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? \*

City Council, City of Hercules .....

CA FPPC ID # \*

Still waiting for FPPC# from Office of CA Secretary of State

Campaign Website \*

www.dilli4hercules.com

Campaign Consultant/Manager \*

Laxmi Bhattarai

Campaign Phone Number \*

650-440-8266

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**Social Media Handles \***

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/dilli-bhattarai-0ba19430/>

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

I am running for this office, to ensure that all community voices are heard and represented. I am committed to attracting and promoting new businesses for sustainable economic development, ensuring financial stability, and enhancing public safety to build a more equitable Hercules for all. My vision includes green and autonomous transportation services, improved public parks, and library systems in creating a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive community. Additionally, Dilli advocates for transparency and accountability in local government, aiming to build trust and enhance civic engagement among residents.

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

As a Council Member in Hercules, responsibilities include making executive decisions, overseeing the city's budget, and representing community interests. Council members engage in strategic planning for the city's future, collaborate with various stakeholders, and ensure accountability and transparency in city operations.

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

As a Planning Commissioner in Hercules, I have firsthand experience in sustainable development planning, local governance, and community engagement. My professional background includes 20+ years of experience as finance professional managing revenue between \$100 million to \$1 billion in Silicon Valley's high-tech companies where I've developed a strong understanding of complex business operational issues, analyzed revenue and managed balanced budget. Personally, I am deeply invested in the well-being of our community, and my commitment to transparency, sustainability, and inclusive decision-making reflects my dedication to serving the residents of Hercules effectively. My blend of experience, passion, and a clear vision for the city positions me as the best candidate for the Council Member office.

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

Hercules is a city with incredible potential, and I am dedicated to working with all of you to create a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable future. My top goals as a Council Member are:

- Promoting Economic Growth: Supporting local businesses and attracting new opportunities to boost our local and regional economy.
- Enhancing Quality of Life: Improving parks, libraries, infrastructure, and community services for all residents.
- Advancing Sustainability: Implementing green initiatives to protect our environment and promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Strengthening Public Safety: Ensuring our police and emergency services have the resources they need to keep us safe.

I will achieve these goals by leveraging my experience, collaborating with stakeholders, and actively seeking community input.

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

After being elected, I plan to engage my constituents through regular town hall meetings, community forums, and digital platforms like social media and email newsletters to keep residents informed and encourage two-way communication. Additionally, I will establish advisory committees that include diverse community members to ensure all voices are heard and considered in decision-making processes.

#### 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? \*

I am seeking the endorsement of the DPCCC because I align with the Democratic Party's values of equity, social justice, and community empowerment. Your endorsement would amplify my platform and strengthen my campaign by signaling to voters that I am committed to these shared principles.



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

In evaluating my candidacy, I would like to emphasize my deep commitment to the City of Hercules and its residents. My experience as a Planning Commissioner has given me a unique insight into the challenges and opportunities our city faces. I bring a track record of thoughtful decision-making, collaboration, and a genuine desire to make Hercules a place where everyone can thrive.

Moreover, I am a strong advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. I believe that our city's strength lies in its diversity, and I am dedicated to ensuring that all voices are heard and valued in our government. My approach is rooted in transparency, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to the well-being of our community.

Your support would be instrumental in helping me continue to serve Hercules with integrity and dedication. I am eager to work alongside the DPCCC and other community leaders to create a brighter future for our city.

## Section 2: Democratic History

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

In 2008, my values aligns with party's values.

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? \*

The most relevant elements of the CADEM Platform to the position of Council Member in Hercules include:

Social Equity and Inclusion: I will prioritize policies that promote equity, ensure diverse voices are heard, and foster inclusivity in local governance.

Economic Justice: I plan to support local businesses, promote affordable housing, and ensure that economic growth benefits all residents.

Environmental Sustainability: I will advocate for green urban planning, renewable energy initiatives, and the expansion of green spaces to combat climate change.

If elected, I will advance these elements by integrating them into my work, ensuring that Hercules reflects CADEM's values of equity, sustainability, and justice.

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? \*

If elected, I will advance equity, anti-racism, justice, and belonging by advocating for inclusive policies, promoting diverse community engagement, supporting anti-racism initiatives, and ensuring diverse representation in city leadership. My goal is to create a more just and welcoming Hercules for all residents.

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? \*

No .....

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

No .....

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

I've been involved in local Democratic events, contributing to community outreach efforts, and supporting Democratic candidates in Hercules city, state, and federal levels through canvassing and voter education initiatives. ....

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. \*

Hercules Democratic Club .....

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

Yes

No

2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

N/A

Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

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

I just filed my papers last Friday and started my campaign, so I have received (verbal) endorsement from current council members Dion Bailey, and Chris Kelly from city of Hercules, Gabe Quinto, from city of El Cerrito, and contra costa county supervisor Mr. Federal Glover.

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? \*

Buffy Wicks, California State Representative / assembly member, Fiona Ma California State Treasurer, and John Raymond Garamendi, United States Representative

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/>

Part 2: DPCCC Values Section

Please proceed to fill out the 2nd section of the Candidate Questionnaire on the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County's Values.

#### DPCCC Value: Criminal Justice & Conflict Resolution

- *Opposes criminalization of low level offenses, advocates for Community Support Services, funding for prompt rape kit processing, gun violence prevention measures; Opposes scapegoating, racial profiling, religious profiling, bigotry, vigilantism, exploitation, and any xenophobic conduct that polarize communities and denounce actions by the government or individuals that keep undocumented immigrants in the shadows of our society; Supports Law Enforcement Training, Civilian Oversight Committees, independent investigators for cases involving the use of deadly force or in-custody deaths, restorative justice;*
- *Supports a properly funded and staffed the U.S. foreign service that promotes democracy and human rights around the world; Supports candidates who work to de-escalate tension especially in areas of conflict like Israel/Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, and other parts of the world through good faith negotiations and work for world peace; Endorse candidates who support the Democratic Party as it works to counter aggression by countries that violate the sovereignty of other countries and that fund and implement physical, cyber, and financial attacks on democracies and developing countries.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance focuses on equity, inclusion, and sustainability in Hercules:

Equity and Inclusion: Implementing policies to address systemic inequalities and promote diversity will ensure that all residents have equal opportunities, fostering a more inclusive and cohesive community.

Economic Justice: Supporting local businesses and affordable housing will create economic opportunities for all, reducing disparities and boosting community prosperity.

Environmental Sustainability: Advocating for green initiatives and renewable energy will protect the environment and improve public health, making Hercules a more livable and resilient city.

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Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Criminal Justice & Conflict Resolution focuses on:

Reforming the System: Advocate for fair sentencing, better legal representation, and rehabilitation to ensure justice and reduce recidivism.

Community-Based Solutions: Support mental health services, restorative justice, and conflict resolution to address crime's root causes.

Transparency and Accountability: Promote oversight and open communication for fair policing.

These steps will enhance safety, address inequalities, and strengthen community relations.

My stance is to support a well-funded and effective U.S. foreign service dedicated to advancing democracy and human rights globally. I endorse candidates who seek to de-escalate conflicts, particularly in regions like Israel/Gaza, Sudan, and Haiti, through good faith negotiations. Additionally, I back those who align with the Democratic Party's efforts to counter aggression from nations that violate sovereignty and attack democracies through various means.

### DPCCC Value: Education & Child Support Services

- *Advocates for high-quality, affordable child care; support programs for low income families including access to parks and job retraining; ensures educational materials (textbooks, library books) are inclusive, historically accurate, and reflect scientific consensus including age-appropriate, medically accurate sex/gender education; replacing sworn peace officers in schools with trained non-police personnel; Supports policies that respect students' civil rights related to gender expression and addresses issues like gender-based violence and harassment.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Education & Child Support Services is to prioritize accessible, high-quality education and comprehensive support for all children and families. I will advocate for increased funding for schools, expanded early childhood education, and enhanced support services for students and families.

These efforts will improve educational outcomes, ensure that all children have the resources they need to succeed, and support families in creating a stable and nurturing environment. Ultimately, this will lead to a stronger, more equitable community where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

### DPCCC Value: Seniors & Veteran Support Services

- *Supports the California Master Plan for Aging including dignified living at home housing options that are age, disability, and dementia-friendly; prioritize public housing initiatives over privatization for seniors and adults with disabilities; support retraining for those aged 55-65, and extend unemployment; oppose mandatory retirement; call for stronger oversight of reverse mortgage programs, rigorous prosecution of financial crimes against seniors; support comprehensive single-payer healthcare, with interim Medicare Part D reforms; support HICAP services, affordable mental healthcare including issues around isolation, quality caregiving, and increased funding for In-Home Supportive Services. Preserve programs like Adult Protective Services and home-delivered meals; advocate for the removal of the FICA income limit to strengthen Social Security and preserve pensions.*
- *Champions the needs of veterans and military families by promoting equitable treatment and benefits, access to education including tuition waivers and retraining, adequate healthcare funding including government assistance for those exposed to toxins; elimination of veteran homelessness, establishment of Veterans' Courts and justice programs and support independent investigations of claims of hazing, rape, sexual assault and harassment and that the military remove the chain of command from all investigations and prosecutions; support a path to citizenship for military service members, and protections against discrimination based on ethnicity, disability, gender identity, political affiliation, race, religion, or sexual orientation; oppose deportation of military personnel and limitations on citizenship for children of veterans who are born abroad.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Seniors & Veteran Support Services is to ensure that our seniors and veterans receive the care and resources they deserve. I will advocate for improved access to healthcare, affordable housing, and comprehensive support services for both groups.

These efforts will enhance the quality of life for seniors and veterans, providing them with the support they need to live comfortably and with dignity. This will also foster a more respectful and inclusive community that values and supports its older residents and those who have served our country.

### DPCCC Value: Affordable Housing & Environmental Protections

- *Supports eviction protections, rent control/stabilization, anti-harassment ordinances, and habitability protections; Supports zoning and housing policies that ensure sustainability and affordability, including infill and mixed-use developments that balance job opportunities with housing availability; Promotes the integration of green spaces and community gardens in all communities; Supports local authority in phasing out fossil fuel extraction and preventing the zoning of new extraction sites; Advocates for strong regulatory measures for setting science-based health and safety setbacks from residential areas for industrial sites, including oil and gas wells and toxic dump sites.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Affordable Housing & Environmental Protections is to promote policies that provide affordable housing and uphold strong environmental standards. I will push for more funding for affordable housing initiatives, support sustainable development, and advocate for stringent environmental regulations.

These measures will increase housing availability, reduce homelessness, and ensure that our community grows sustainably while preserving natural resources. The result will be a healthier, more equitable community with safe, affordable homes and a clean environment for all.



### DPCCC Value: Equality & Human Rights

- *Actively advocates for a just and inclusive society, speaking out against all forms of racism, discrimination, harassment, hatred, and violence; Supports movements and initiatives that address discrimination; Enforces policies that ensure equal opportunities and equal pay for equal work across genders, races, and abilities; Upholds the rights of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals for acknowledgment of their stated name, gender, and pronoun; Supports the use of gender-neutral language to foster an inclusive environment; Promotes the participation of women, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and people of color in elected office and ensures access to facilities consistent with individuals' gender identity and disability access; Supports the right to free speech, ensuring it does not extend to discriminatory practices against any group based on race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Equality & Human Rights is to advocate for policies that ensure fairness, safeguard individual rights, and combat systemic inequalities. I will work to promote equal opportunities, enforce anti-discrimination measures, and ensure all residents have access to necessary resources and protections.

These actions will build a more inclusive community where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. By addressing inequalities and upholding human rights, we will create a fairer society that supports and values every individual, enhancing unity and well-being across the community.

### DPCCC Value: Healthcare & Reproductive Rights

- *Advocates for the preservation of rights under Roe v. Wade, guaranteeing confidential and unrestricted access to reproductive services without the need for consent or judicial intervention, ensuring continued coverage of all healthcare options; Works toward implementing a universal, single-payer healthcare system, while in the interim, seeking reforms to make Medicare Part D more affordable and accessible, including the ability for Medicare to negotiate drug prices.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Healthcare & Reproductive Rights is to support comprehensive healthcare access and protect reproductive rights for all residents. I will advocate for affordable, high-quality healthcare services, including preventive care, mental health support, and reproductive health services.

These efforts will ensure that everyone has access to necessary medical care and reproductive choices, leading to better health outcomes and personal well-being. By upholding these rights, we will foster a healthier, more equitable community where individuals can make informed decisions about their health and future.

DPCCC Value: Economic Justice & Business Development

- *Support for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship focusing on women, people of color, and those with limited entrepreneurship opportunities including veterans; Support the rights of employees to organize and Project Labor Agreements; Ensures a safe working environment free from harassment, intimidation, and retaliation; Advocates for the establishment of local banks and credit unions, limiting regressive financial operations like check cashing businesses and pawnshops; Promotes Project Labor Agreements to protect workers; Supports initiatives to counteract "food deserts" by developing local grocery stores and community gardens in underrepresented areas.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. \*

My stance on Economic Justice & Business Development is to promote fair economic practices and support local business growth. I will advocate for policies that ensure equitable economic opportunities, provide resources for small businesses, and stimulate job creation.

These efforts will drive economic growth, reduce disparities, and strengthen the local economy. By supporting fair business practices and nurturing local enterprises, we will create more opportunities for residents, enhance community prosperity, and build a more vibrant and inclusive economy.

**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.

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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.

**By submitting this questionnaire, I agree to accepting the endorsement of the DPCCC if offered.** \*

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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