

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): *

Iztaccuauhtli Hector Gonzalez
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Preferred Name (if different than campaign name):

Iztaccuauhtli (Iz-tac = White, Cuauh-tli = Eagle) Hector Gonzalez
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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? *

Pittsburg Council Member

CA FPPC ID # *

1469414

Campaign Website *

WhiteEagle.Info

Campaign Consultant/Manager *

None

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Social Media Handles *

None Yet

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

Public Safety
 Economic Development
 Homeownership for first-time homebuyers
 Afterschool Programs for Youth

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

High Ethical Standards, Integrity, and Social Justice Commitment
 Ready to Serve @ 800%
 Be a Strong, committed, Loving Energetic Leader
 Also, Below
 Hire/Fire City Manager, Hire/Fire City Attorney, Prioritize City Goals, Budget to follow City
 Priorities/Goals

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

50 years of being a student of Life, BA in History with 2 years of Aeronautical Engineering.
 Past Substitute Teacher & World History Teacher at PUSD & WCCUSD. Small Business
 Owner for 25 years
 Gonzalez/Farmers Insurance and Financial Services Agency
 Anahuak Realty and Loans
 Experience with Insurance, Bonds, Bookkeeping and Budgeting

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

Work for a More Prosperous Pittsburg
 Support our Police and Firefighters to keep Pittsburg Safe for our Business and Families
 Provide Resources that will prosecute Criminal Activity
 Promote Economic Development Programs for Existing and New Business to provide more sustainable jobs
 Support Literacy programs by partnering with our schools and community colleges.
 Promote the rich history and culture of Pittsburg

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

e-mailing them 2X a month and having an in-person questions and answers one to 2 times per month or per quarter.
 Go to many Community events and meetings throughout the year.

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 a committed Democrat
 Committed to keeping our party Strong in CCC
 Help the CADEM slate endorsed candidates who's races overlap with my Pittsburg City Council race with volunteers during GOTV (Get the Vote Out).

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

Together and United we are Stronger
 Divided we become Weaker and less efficient

Section 2: Democratic History

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

1 st at Age 18 Republican because of my Christian Beliefs About 19 I switched to the Partido de La Raza Unida Prior to the 2003 CA recall on Gray Davis, I had joined the Green Party Sometime between Al Gore loss partly due to by 3rd parties taking some of the votes and Obama's Primary I became a member of the Democratic Party

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? *

Several but let me focus on 2. Business and Economy. Establishment of a committee of Residents and Business Owners to see our under-utilized Buildings and Land to bring in Outreach create Future Vibrant Business for the Next 44 to 88 years.

World Peace and International Relations Reinforce our 5 Sister Cities Program with Italy, Mexico, S Korea, Japan, and China. Focusing and rotating 1 per year Culture Exchange trip of business owners, workers, teachers, community organizers, Activists, Residents and Band Students.

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? *

Empowering our City Manager, Attorney, and their team to follow Federal and CA Law to advance equity, anti-racism, and justice.
Having Workshops in person and online and team building activities that are inclusive to create a belonging activity.
Support Patriotic, historical, and cultural activities, teach ins and networking entertaining community activities

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. *

I was a candidate for District 5, CCC Board of Supervisors in the primary. I garnered 11% of the Votes.

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

I have Voted and Supported Democracy since I was 18 years old
Actively Learning Researching being informed on issues that affect our democracy, human rights, social justice, Economy. Speaking and engaging clients, family, neighbors, and community members from going to the Darkside of Trumpism, Racist, Anti-Democracy, Anti-Woman Rights, Not Supporting the rights of humans to live in Peace to be able to reach their full potential.

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. *

United Latino Voices, Contra Costa College, 1-year Current Treasurer
NOPAL, Network of Politically Active Latinos Members; President, CCC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2022 - 2023

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. *

Pablo Benavente Candidate for City Council, Ana Maria Farias AD 15 Candidate currently on CCCBdEdSchBd3, Yazmin Llamas-Morales, Martinez USD, Yolanda Mendrek, Liberty Union High School District Board Member, Anthony Gonzales, Professor of English and Co-coordinator of Puente at Diablo Valley College. Anthony Edward Caro, Candidate for CCCBdEdSchBd1. Arturo Cruz, San Pablo City Council, I plan to start asking for more endorsements. I'm focused 1st on DPCCC and Labor.

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? *

CCC Building and Construction Trades

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. *

Agree 98 to 99%. Only 1-2% opposing Criminalization of low-level offenses.

Example Police officers paying persons to do their college classes and work is wrong. Petty things can lead to bigger things like corruption and not following Protect and Serve that can lead to harassment and violating rights of our citizens.

Another Example is Smash and Grab, when someone breaks your vehicle window and steals your purse, gym bag, cell phone charger, amazon box in front of your house, or people stealing from our stores causing some to lose \$ increasing prices for the rest of us or leaving our community which we will have to drive more causing more pollution to buy essentials. Low-level crimes must have low-level consequences but still deterrence.

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

Same as prior.

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. *

Agree.

On Replacing Sworn Peace Officers in Schools with Trained non-police personnel

If there are Federal or State Funds that pay for Sworn officers 50% or more, it is a promising idea to keep them in schools. If not might be cost effective to not have sworn officers.

We have not had a shooting in our community schools. I do hear from friends in Oakland of shooting lock downs at Oakland Schools in these situations sworn Officers might help prevent this. We need more training resources for our sworn personnel to help de-escalate hostile situations.

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. *

Agree on us supporting our Seniors, Elders and Veterans

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. *

On Supporting Eviction protections, anti-harassment, and habitability protections:

I believe in tenants' rights and shared community funding for attorneys and resources to advise tenants on their rights. I think we could have workshops and educational services and resources for those that want to establish their roots and live long term the steps for buying their home.

On Rent Control: An issue that may occur if rent control is lower than inflation and cost of maintaining and or profiting from providing housing (Single Family Residential and Apartments) there may be a tendency for less commercial development of new apartments and Single-Family Residential Housing. I can provide some 1st hand and 2nd hand examples of Single Family Residential that have provided Rental Properties and Some Tenants that have been taken advantage of.

On Fossil Fuel Extraction: I have gone Hybrid in 2004 and plug in in 2019 and Fully Electric in 2021. Even though I am committed to phasing out fossil fuel extraction or drastically reducing it I think we have to be careful how we as a Party and leaders talk about this with the community at large since the majority of our working community are still using Internal combustion Engine and with gas prices going up they sometimes start feeling that they should support the Republicans. This is one reason President Biden has not allowed Ukraine to strike at Russia Oil Industry since it could raise gas prices and have more people dissatisfied with increasing energy costs

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. *

I Agree. When Trump became President , there has been an increase of Racism and Antimmigrant, Anti-LGBTQIA+, and attacks on women's reproductive health.

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. *

I Agree. With Single Payer to be successful we need a county to do a test case for 1-3 years showing benefits so that then other counties and then states can follow.

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. *

Support for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship focusing on women, people of color, I agree. My experience as a small business owner gives me insight on how to reach common ground and educate individuals who may have a bias against women and people of color .

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

* 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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