

# 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): \*

Jorge Rojas Jr  
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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 of Antioch Treasurer .....

CA FPPC ID # \*

N/A

Campaign Website \*

NA

Campaign Consultant/Manager \*

NA

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Social Media Handles \*

NA

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

1. Financial Stewardship: You'll have a direct impact on managing the city's finances, ensuring taxpayer money is used responsibly and transparently.
  2. Community Service: Serving as treasurer allows you to contribute to the well-being of your community by overseeing budgets that fund essential services and infrastructure.
  3. Professional Growth: Holding a public office like treasurer provides valuable experience in public administration, finance, and leadership, which can be beneficial for future career opportunities.
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1.2 - What are the responsibilities that come with the office you are running for? \*

The responsibilities of a city treasurer include managing the city's finances, overseeing budgeting and investments, ensuring transparency in financial reporting, collecting taxes and fees, and safeguarding public funds.

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

Banking Financial Services over 20 years and CFO of a Cleaning Janitorial Services Company.

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

My top goals as city treasurer are to ensure fiscal transparency, optimize the city's financial management, and improve investment strategies to maximize returns for community projects. My plan includes implementing efficient budgeting practices, enhancing financial reporting systems, and actively engaging with the community to prioritize spending on essential services.

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

After being elected, I plan to engage constituents by hosting regular town hall meetings, setting up an online portal for feedback and transparency, and conducting surveys to gather input on key financial decisions. I'll also maintain an open-door policy to encourage direct communication and ensure the community's voice is heard in financial matters.

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? \*

NA. Treasurer Office

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

A genuine desire to serve the public's best interests, all of which are crucial for effectively managing the city's finances.

### Section 2: Democratic History

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

When I turned 18 years old. And the commitment to social equity, economic opportunity, and inclusive policies that prioritize the well-being of all citizens. The party's focus on sustainable growth, healthcare access, and education aligns with my values and my vision for a thriving, fair community.



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? \*

Commitment , support, defending rights.

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'd advocate for transparent financial practices that support minority-owned businesses and community programs. Additionally, I'd work to create and sustain financial policies that remove barriers, promote fair treatment, and ensure every community member feels valued and included in the city's growth and decision-making processes.

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. \*

None

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

Community engagement as part of the CCHCC

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. \*

Director Contra Costa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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

- Yes
- No

2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

NA

### Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

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

NA

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? \*

NA

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 &amp; 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. \*

Advocating for budget allocations that support restorative justice programs, community policing initiatives, and resources for mental health and mediation services. These efforts can lead to reduced recidivism, stronger trust between law enforcement and the community, and more effective, non-violent resolution of conflicts, ultimately contributing to a safer, more just community.

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**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. \*

Include increased funding for schools, after-school programs, and early childhood education, ensuring every child has access to quality learning opportunities. By prioritizing these areas, we can help close achievement gaps, support working families, and create a strong foundation for the next generation's success.

### 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. \*

Enhanced funding for healthcare, housing, and social services tailored to their needs. By prioritizing these support services, we can ensure that seniors and veterans receive the care, respect, and resources they deserve, improving their quality of life and fostering a community that honors their contributions.

### 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. \*

Increase access to safe, affordable housing options through smart budgeting and support for sustainable development practices. By prioritizing both, we can address housing shortages while also protecting the environment, creating a healthier, more livable community for all residents.

### 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. \*

Promotion of policies that protect against discrimination, ensure equal access to services, and uphold the dignity of all residents. By prioritizing these values, we can foster a more inclusive community where every individual's rights are respected and everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

### 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. \*

Advocating for increased access to affordable healthcare services and ensuring that reproductive rights are protected and respected. By prioritizing these areas, we can improve overall community health outcomes and empower individuals to make informed choices about their bodies and futures.

### 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. \*

Create equitable opportunities for all residents to thrive economically by supporting local businesses, particularly those owned by underrepresented groups. By fostering a fair and inclusive economic environment, we can stimulate job creation, reduce income inequality, and promote sustainable growth that benefits the entire community.

### 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.

**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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