

# 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): \*

Lynda Deschambault  
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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? \*

East Bay Regional Parks District Ward 2 .....

CA FPPC ID # \*

1470487

Campaign Website \*

www.lyndaD4parks.com

Campaign Consultant/Manager \*

Lynda Deschambault and Renee Zeimer Asst

Candidate Email \*

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Social Media Handles \*

Instagram: URL: <https://www.instagram.com/lyndad4parks/> Tiktok Credentials: URL: <https://www.tiktok.com/@lyndad4parks>; Twitter URL: <https://x.com/lyndad4parks> : Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563220748015>

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

(1) This is my life’s work. Since childhood, I have found my joy and time to regenerate in nature. I chose my university training and career path—to protecting our open spaces and natural resources.

(2) I have trained for this. I have been an advocate for environmental science, environmental justice, environmental education, and an avid parks and open space steward. I love going to work every day! My colleague said it best: “Lynda understands the connection between all terrestrial inhabitants and the environment for which she dedicates her life to protecting.”

– Darrel Cruz, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

(3) I am ready to do the job. I have almost 4 decades of experience and I have already been volunteering for more than 5 years on the EBRPD Parks Advisory Committee. I know the issues the parks are facing and I have the skills to address them. When elected I will be a knowledgeable, science driven, voting voice for the community and for the parks that we so love.

We cannot afford to have special districts like this one—act as a political stepping-stone to higher office. Those who run for this parks district, must be skilled and knowledgeable in assuming the important task of the oversight of our nation’s largest regional parks district, and ensure its natural resources, and the workers who maintain them are recognized and compensated.

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

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has seven Board of Directors, who are responsible for representing the people who elected them, and to uphold the mission of the agency. Collectively we vote on policy for preserving the cultural and natural resources of the district's parks, and for providing healthy recreation for future and current generations. We have a fiscal responsibility to a balanced budget and workspace programs, and to drive policies needed for the implementation of and maintenance of the parks and its master plan. Our meetings are regulated under the Brown act, so our responsibility is to ensure we always conduct meetings, policies and legislation in the public eye. Further, we are responsible for an open and transparent process. One that encourages diversity and equitable public participation and assists in outreach and education for a fair participatory process that represents all users-- and mirrors the members of our community

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

I am the only candidate with in-the-field job experience. I have degrees in Chemistry, Soil Science, and a Master's degree in business. I bring a 37-year career in environmental science, 20 at the US-EPA. In addition, I spent evenings providing public service. I already have policy experience in elected and appointed positions. I served as a Parks and Recreation commissioner, Mayor and councilmember. I served on the League of California Cities Environmental Quality Committee and on the Contra Costa County Solid Waste Authority. In addition, I have 20 years of experience as the founder and director of Contra Costa Climate Leaders.

As an advocate, I fought for settlement dollars for tribes and communities affected by toxic harms. I will fight for an equitable workforce and programs that serve the diverse needs of park users.

I honor the 7 generations principle of Native wisdom by mentoring the next generation; keenly listening, closely observing and learning from park users of all ages and diverse backgrounds..

I am the only candidate with 5+ years on the Parks Advisory Committee. I have deep understanding of our parkland challenges and the need to become climate resilient. Our parks are facing consequential challenges due to climate change – fire, algal blooms, sea level rise, and the urgency of now. I have managed large budgets for soil-contaminated cleanups and community “Right-to-Know” programs. I am an avid hiker, trained classroom educator, certified herbalist and a nature enthusiast! Experience Matters!



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

My priorities: <https://lyndad4parks.com/priorities/>

I will be one of 7 elected officials driving policy for the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), the largest regional park district in the nation. I will oversee 75 parks, which covers a total of 120,000 acres. Other states and countries look to us at the EBRPD as their role model. The park district is writing its "2nd Century Plan," which is its master plan; and it will function as the blueprint for the agency going forward. I will champion and facilitate, and use my experience and deep connections, to work together to achieve and to institutionalize:

**\*\*Climate Resilience.** Implementing solutions to the climate emergency: Ensure emergency response planning and management of risks such as fire, sea level rise, drought, disease, and extreme weather events is included in all staff reports, and front and center in the new 2nd Century Plan that will be written in 2025.

**\*\*Community Involvement.** Fostering an open and transparent process. Build capacity for engaging diverse users and ensuring that our parks are accessible, including those with disabilities, and representative of the current and future needs of our Bay Area communities and cultures. Through true multiculture collaboration, I will reach out to communities that are missing from the decision-making table and make space for them in the public process so that environmental injustices, worker injustices and accessibility injustices can be meaningfully addressed.

**\*\*Park Use Guidelines** Develop science-driven criteria to minimize user conflicts and insure preservation of natural wildlife habitats.

**\*\*Second Century Plan** Shape the development of a comprehensive, forward-looking plan that combines new technologies with the wisdom of Native land stewards to guide the second century of the East Bay Regional Park District

**\*\*A Balanced and Sustainable Budget** Provide financial stability and resources needed to support a dedicated workforce, the maintenance of the parks, land acquisition, and the capital improvement & investment of safe and healthy outdoor spaces for generations to enjoy

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

I honor the 7 generations principle of Native wisdom by mentoring the next generation and listening deeply, observing closely and learning from park users of all ages, diverse backgrounds, traditions and interests. Public involvement and building community capacity is my specialty and will be my focus. I have the experience to combine my knowledge with community voices. We have limited time to make our parklands climate resilient.

I was the manager of the Federal Community Right-to-Know Program for the USEPA Region 9 office, which provided outreach and education to underserved communities. Empowering them with important information on publicly available data on toxics releases and chemical exposures. I became a project manager for three of the nations most contaminated Superfund Sites. Each site involved extensive community engagement, community outreach and capacity building to engage and address low-income community issues of concern. I have extensive experience working in partnership with and building relationships with tribal communities and with environmental justice organizations.

I speak Spanish, and I have done training, outreach and the arrangement of materials in other languages. I will ensure the Second Century Plan includes a separate chapter on diversity and environmental justice, along with a measurable plan to ensure representation for all users, especially low-income communities. Because of my experience, I will make certain that in developing the plan, it is robust and transparent. Moreover, I will make it a priority to ensure that the communities that we serve can attend and participate in a meaningful way.

### 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 endorsement, because I have great respect for democracy and I am a proud active and engaged Democrat in my county of Contra Costa, where for 30 years I have used the public process to put policy and people into action.

(2) I would proudly highlight the party endorsement in public; give it a prominent place on my website and social media posts; and give it a high profile in my campaign materials. The endorsement would also validate my past public service as an environmental scientist and as a dedicated public servant, ready to preserve and protect Bay Area parklands. Sadly today, both science and public service are undervalued and under attack by conservatives and corporate interests.

(3) The endorsement would energize my supporters who believe that experience matters when running for seat on the park district's board, especially at a time when parkland decisions must take into account climatic changes and the impacts on our natural and built communities for years to come. I would be proud and honored to be listed and to list other endorsed candidates! Especially when we share a strategy for common issues!

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

Endorsed by community voices, as well as current and former East Bay Mayors, elected officials, climate resilience organizations, and environmental leaders.

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## Section 2: Democratic History

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

I was registered Green Party for a number of years. In 2016 when Bernie Sanders registered and pushed the democratic party to a more progressive agenda, I switched to the democratic party as well. with the divide in our country, I remain and I am a proud democate

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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 elements that apply directly are: Energy and Environment, Climate Crisis, Energy, Environment and Nature, Environment, Water, Equality of Rights and Opportunity and Sustainable Communities.

These are all priorities of my campaign. As we write the "2nd Century Plan," the blueprint for the agency, I will work to ensure that the deliverables required in the plan are clear and measurable, and advocate for a stand-alone Climate Resilience Plan. All of these CADEM elements will be part of that plan. Moreover, in order to implement and ensure they are advancing, I will encourage ongoing robust staff reports that include a section that assesses progress and the "climate impact" along with the "fiscal impact."

When elected, I will also ensure that policy makers receive direct input from the science stewardship team so that each of our decision-making reports includes a voice for nature, a science review, and assures that policy decisions are science driven and comply with local, state, and federal guidance.

I will promote that we upgrade our energy provider to Deep Green (100% renewable energy for EBRPD operations) whenever available and financially feasible. In addition, I will encourage a new EV truck technology options review for our fleets; and consider an EPP (Environmental Purchasing Policy) that includes requirements for our contractors, as well as for ourselves. I would also work for a review of facilities and consider microgrid options for key operating locations commensurate with the need for cooling centers and emergency operations.

I will work to ensure collaboration from the other elected officials and engage community voices.

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 will work with the new equity manager, unions, and community groups to ensure that the EBRPD's 2nd Century plan includes (and institutionalizes) a separate chapter on diversity and environmental justice, along with a measurable plan that addresses the needs for a diversified workforce, representation from all park users and coalition of stakeholders committed to parkland and habitat preservation & protection.

I would like to see more about history and the cultures that helped to form our parks, names that represent the first people and expand and update our indigenous information centers, and more presentations and programs like the recent Port Chicago 50 that highlights the sacrifices they made for worker's rights and racial Justice. Parklands have historical and cultural values that we need to see represented in our workforce as well as in the programs that are workers provide.

With my background as an environmental scientist, my love of nature, and my experience as a manager with a master's degree in Organizational Development & Human Resources Management, I will make certain that the plan is robust, transparent, measurable, and put into action.

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 I have not previously sought the endorsement of the DPCCC

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

- Moraga Youth Involvement Advisor                      1990-1992    appointed
- Moraga Parks & Recreation Commissioner            1999-2001    appointed
- Moraga Mayor and Councilmember                    2004-2008    elected
- Moraga Town/Gown Saint Mary's Liaison            2004-2008    appointed
- League of California Cities Environmental Quality Committee  
2004-2008    appointed
- Contra Costa County Solid Waste Authority            2004-2008    appointed
- East Bay Regional Parks DistrictParks Advisory Committee  
2017-present    appointed

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

I am active in elections, but also active throughout the year. I have carried clipboards and encouraged voter registration outside the Oakland theatre, speaking in Spanish, to register our newly sworn in American Citizens! I have collected signatures and registered voters at outdoor farmers markets, events and concerts. Throughout the year, I sign letters along with key environmental stakeholders on key issues like master plans, general plans, and climate action plans. I attend meetings to promote sustainable policies like plastic bag bans, and electrification of all new homes. In addition, I have reviewed numerous local government housing elements, to ensure housing is sustainable, affordable, near jobs and near public transportation!

On local issues, I call my elected officials, and I go up to Sacramento on lobby days. Thru my non-profit organization, I attend all 19 of the Contra Costa County city council meetings, and/or reach all of our elected officials on best practices to address the climate crisis at the monthly mayors' conferences. I am experienced, active and engaged in the Democratic Party at all levels of government!

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. \*

•I am a 20 year member of the Moraga Valley Kiwanis, and our local Community Garden attending meetings and doing community service once a week.

•Founder and president 34 years, Generation Green- I oversee the budget and finances and filing requirements.

•Founder and Executive Director Contra Costa County Climate Leaders I mentor high school and college interns, train and produce daily posts on social media, monthly newsletters and periodic workshops for the elected officials and staff in all 19 cities and the county of Contra Costa.

•Co-Chair Al Gore’s Climate Reality Contra Costa County hub we meet twice monthly and work on 90 day policy actions with the cities and the county of Contra Costa.

•Dues and donations annually to: Planned Parenthood, Doctors without Borders, Smithsonian Native Museum, Nature Conservancy, Native Plant Society, Moraga Historic Society, Kiwamis, Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, greenbelt alliance, and others as needed.

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

Yes

No

2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

Prior to 2016, when I became a registered democrat-- I supported both dems and green party candidates

### Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

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

Several applications (like this one) are underway! Endorsed by community voices, current and former East Bay Mayors, elected officials, climate resilience organizations, and environmental leaders.

Some include, but not limited to: directors on the EBRPD board, Individual leaders with roles in organizations like Save Mount Diablo, Greenbelt Alliance, Native Plant Society and More. Formally endorsed by 350 Bay Action, Sustainable Rossmoor, Green Party of Contra Costa County and Alameda party, San Ramon Valley Democratic Club and more! Check out list here: <https://lyndad4parks.com/endorsements/>

### 3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? \*

Sierra Club, AFSCME Union, Labor Council of Contra Costa, Labor Council of Alameda, League of Conservation Voters, Jane Fonda PAC, Democrat parties of Contra Costa and Alameda, democratic clubs like Democrats of Rossmoor, Lamorinda Dems, Diablo Valley Dems, Young Dems of Contra Costa, also the API community, Asian Democratic Caucus, AAGG, APEN Action, Evolve, Our Revolutions, Jane Fonda Climate PAC, Animal Rights PAC, and more.

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. \*

I support the CADEM Platform and its underpinning values.

Whether the issues are criminal justice & conflict resolution, education & child support services, seniors & veterans support services, labor & economic justice, affordable housing & environmental protections, equity & human rights, health care & reproductive rights, economic justice & business development-- parks play a major role in creating sustainable and healthy communities. They contribute to a high quality of life that supports individual, family and community well-being. They add economic value, buffer zones and safe havens. I completely support these values as written. They are part of my daily life's work, and the reason I am a proud and active democrat!

These values are how I live my life, and how I act accordingly.

As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

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- *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. \*

Please see above. These values are how I live my life, and how I act accordingly.  
As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

### 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. \*

Please see above. These values are how I live my life, and how I act accordingly.  
As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

### 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. \*

Please see above. These values are how I live my life, and how I act accordingly.  
As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

### 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. \*

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As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

### 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. \*

Please see above. These values are how I live my life, and how I act accordingly.  
As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

### 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. \*

Please see above. These values are how I live my life, and how I act accordingly.  
As an elected official, I will honor, adhere and uphold these values as written!

### 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. \*

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### 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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