

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.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Vision Statement: Democratic Party of Contra Costa County

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

2. Name (First, Last): *

PATRICIA PONCE

3. Preferred Name (if different than campaign name):

4. Age *

Mark only one oval.

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

5. Pronouns: *

Mark only one oval.

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

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

Check all that apply.

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

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

Check all that apply.

- CAPRI12348@YAHHOO.COM
- Bisexual
- Queer
- Gay
- Heterosexual or straight
- Lesbian
- Asexual
- Pansexual
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other: _____

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

Check 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: _____

9. Which office are you seeking? *

CITY OF SAN PABLO COUNCIL County Union
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10. CA FPPC ID # *

11. Campaign Address *

12. Campaign Website *

NONE

13. Campaign Consultant/Manager *

NONE

14. Campaign Phone Number *

15. Campaign Email *

16. Candidate Phone Number *

17. Candidate Email *

18. Social Media Handles *

19. 1.1 - Why are you running for this office? Give no more than your top 3 reasons. *

I am running for office because I care about my community

I want to continue representing the city

20. 1.2 - What are the responsibilities that come with the office you are running for? *

City council represent the community they were elected to serve.

Manage the city budget.

Approve ordinance and resolutions, introduce new laws, etc.

21. 1.3 - What are your personal or professional qualifications that you believe make you the best candidate? *

I have been serving in city council for almost four years now. I am the current Mayor.

I am in a management position for 9 years.

I hold a bachelor's degree in human services.

22. 1.4 - What are your top goals for this office? How do you plan on achieving them? *

Continue the work to meet RHNA numbers.

Continue to be fiscally responsible. Continue to promote public safety.

Continue to support and invest in city services for youth, senior services, beacon programs in our local schools, promote economic growth, environment protections.

23. 1.5 - How do you plan on engaging your constituents in dialogue after you are elected? *

Continue to attend community events, get to know constituents. Be active in the community. Give constituents a platform to voice their concerns.

24. 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? *

As a democrat I am seeking the endorsement for the democratic party because I value the democratic values and principles.

I will use the endorsement in campaign materials, etc.

I will be supportive of other candidates by canvassing, phone banking, etc.

- 25. 1.7 - Please feel free to include any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your candidacy. *

Almost four years ago as a first time candidate I was honored to receive your endorsement.

I cannot believe that four years have come and gone, I would be honored to

receive the endorsement once again, I want to continue the good work for

the San Pablo community. It has been and honor to serve my community

with your support my service to the community would be much more

meaningful.

Section 2: Democratic History

- 26. 2.1 - List your previous and current party affiliations. When did you first register as a Democrat and why? *
- I registered in 1993, I registered as a Democrat. I saw my values reflected in the Democratic values.
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- 27. 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](#).

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

- 28. 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? *

Housing

Public Safety

Economic Development

Homelessness

Senior, Youth Services. Small Businesses.

29. 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? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

30. 2.5 - If elected, what would you do to advance equity, anti-racism, justice, and belonging? *

Every decision I take I always think about advancing equity, anti-racism, justice for every single community member.

31. 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). *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

32. 2.7 - Have you previously sought the endorsement of the DPCCC? If yes, for what *
elected office? Were you endorsed?

Yes, I sought an endorsement in 2020 and I was endorsed.

33. 2.8 - Please list any elected offices, positions and date(s), which you hold/held or *
campaigning for as a candidate.

San Pablo City Clerk, 2018

San Pablo City Council, 2020

34. 2.9 - In what ways have you supported and actively participated in the Democratic *
Party at the local, state, and national levels?

I have supported several campaigns for democratic elected officials.

35. 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. *

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36. 2.11 - Have you ever endorsed non-Democrats? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

N

37. 2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

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Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

38. 3.1 - Please list any other endorsements you have received for this campaign. *

John Gioia-County Board Supervisor

Alexander Griffin Walker, Council Member-Hercules

Tessa Rudrick, Mayor City of El Cerrito

Rita Xavier, City Council-San Pablo

Arturo Cruz, City Council-San Pablo. Abel Pineda City Council-San Pablo

39. 3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? *

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County Union

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.*

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

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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.*

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

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.*

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

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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.*

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

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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.*

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

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.*

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

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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; Supports initiatives to counteract "food deserts" by developing local grocery stores and community gardens in underrepresented areas.*

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

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/>

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

Files submitted:

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.

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

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

50. I have paid my endorsement application fee:

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Yes

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