

# 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): \*

Wendy Reicher

Preferred Name (if different than campaign name):

Wendy Reicher

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? \*

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Acalanes Union High School Governing Board Member

CA FPPC ID # \*

N/A

Campaign Website \*

TBD

Campaign Consultant/Manager \*

TBD

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Social Media Handles \*

@wendyreicher4AUHSD  
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1.1 - Why are you running for this office? Give no more than your top 3 reasons. \*

I am passionate about supporting our community's students, sharing my skillset as part of my civic duty and ensuring that our public education continues to meet the excellence we expect.  
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1.2 - What are the responsibilities that come with the office you are running for? \*

Compassion, Collaboration, thorough research of all factors that contribute to our decision making.  
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1.3 - What are your personal or professional qualifications that you believe make you the best candidate? \*

I have significant experience working as a college advisor to high school students, guiding them to write authentic expressions of their unique experiences thus giving me unique insight to the diversity of our student body.  
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1.4 - What are your top goals for this office? How do you plan on achieving them? \*

Grow the diversity of our staff, strengthen the transition from 8th grade to high school and prioritize the growth of our special education curriculum and programming.  
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1.5 - How do you plan on engaging your constituents in dialogue after you are elected? \*

I spend countless hours speaking to families, they see me as a resource to help them navigate challenges of their student's education and consider my role in the community on the Campolindo Parents Club, Coordinating Council and various parent advisory groups a great opportunity to dialogue with our community.

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 feel strongly that my values align with those of the Democratic Party especially as they pertain to education. I am confident I can be a great addition to those advocating throughout the election of the platform and to support the other Democratic candidates. I will attend events that support the DPCCC and I have experience in the role already and can speak with conviction on how these ideals are in effect in a positive way and the importance of advocating for our students.

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

I grew up in Orange County, a highly Republican area in 1988 and registered as such without much thought. In the last 20 years as an adult I have voted the Democratic Ticket but have considered myself apolitical. It was important to me to be registered and endorsed as a Democratic candidate to ensure that voters were well aware that my values and priorities align with the Democratic Platform.

## Section 2: Democratic History

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

Previous party was Republican as a young person, no party status followed by Democrat.



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 relating to education all relate and are extremely relevant to the role of school board member. It is especially critical that students have access to equitable experiences, are free to express themselves without fear of bullying or repercussion and their curriculum supports all means of thought, backgrounds and historically correct information.

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? \*

Every day as a board member we have an opportunity to view our decisions and research through the lens of advancing equity, anti racism, Justice and belonging whether it is adopting resolutions, creating new policy, adding curriculum, approving textbooks, creating advocacy parent groups, rewriting by laws and supporting outside workshops like Dr. Lori Watson to further the knowledge of our staff and students.

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? \*

In the past I have been apolitical. I encouraged my son to volunteer as a poll worker in 2020 which he enjoyed.

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 currently the parliamentarian for the Campolindo Parents Club, and was the president the last two years.

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

Yes

No

2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

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Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

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

Currently the Lamorinda Democrats have approved endorsing me and tonite is the meeting to vote on that endorsement.

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3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? \*

I will be seeing an endorsement from the Rossmoor Democrats:)

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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. \*

While my role is specifically in schools, i completely endorse these values and support educating our students on their vital importance.

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

Conflict resolution and restorative justice is an importance concept and skill that our students can learn and then take into their adult lives.

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. \*

Respecting students civil rights is critical to them feeling like they have a safe space in the world to express themselves regardless of support in their personal lives. Gender based violence and harassment has no place in our school system and bringing forth programs like the Matthew Shepard story in dramatic form was an example of a program i approved and supported in our schools last year. This goes a long way in opening dialogue in schools on the subject and understanding the impact it can have.

### 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. \*

Equitable treatment and championing needs of veterans and military families is critical to demonstrate the important of appreciating and supporting those who have served our country and guaranteed our freedoms. Families in our district need to know they have our complete support. I look forward to learning more how I can be of support during the electoral process on this issue.

### 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. \*

Health and safety is at the core of preserving our community and providing affordable housing in our area is a very timely topic. People are being priced out of communities especially those who want to work and live in the same area. Its important to make that possible. This is integral to our ability to hire strong teachers that can afford to live here.

#### 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. \*

Discrimination in all forms has no place in a modern society and the first place students are educated is in the home. Through carefully selected programming we can assist in supporting education to parents as well programming designed in schools to teach students about all of these ways in which age old practices are not acceptable and the impact they can have. It is our duty to raise compassionate citizens.

#### 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 believe in a women's right to choose and that as a mother to a daughter and a women, I don't believe in judicial intervention on what should be a personal choice. Affordable healthcare should not be a luxury and it is our duty to make sure that everyone has accessible medical support.

### 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. \*

Safe working environments are a right not a luxury and in working with teachers unions its critical to have the utmost respect for their needs. Small businesses and especially those owned by minorities should be encouraged and supported and they are the backbone of our countries uniqueness. We need to make those opportunities more accessible and promote them in order to encourage more women and people of color to take on their own business and be entrepreneurs.



**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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