



## CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES and QUESTIONNAIRE

AUGUST 2015

Dear Democratic Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to run for public office. The San Bernardino County Democratic Party is committed to endorsing and helping elect Democrats at all levels of government. To assist you and other Democrats in your quest for public office, we have scheduled Candidate interview sessions on Saturday September 12, 2015. You must bring copies of this completed questionnaire, a check for \$25.00 and be prepared to answer questions from a panel of democrats from the San Bernardino County Democratic Party. Endorsement is a two-step process: The interview teams will make a recommendation to the Central Committee for each office, and then the Central Committee will ratify or reject the recommendation.

The San Bernardino County Democratic Party's **Candidate Interviews** will be held:

- Saturday, Sep 12, 2015
- Interviews will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled interview time.
- California Teachers Association (CTA) Office
- 430 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

We have added individual candidate interviews to our endorsement process to help ensure a meaningful Democratic Endorsement. Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes prior to your scheduled interview appointment to sign-in. You must bring 11 collated and stapled copies of your completed questionnaire and the \$25.00 application fee to the interviews.

**Please RSVP to schedule your interview no later than noon on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 by calling Second Vice Chair Judy Jacobs at (909) 984-8002.**

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY, AND BE AWARE OF THE DEADLINES.**

Questions: Please feel free to call 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Judy Jacobs at (909) 984-8002.

*"It is the policy of the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee (SBCDCC) to endorse candidates in partisan and non-partisan races, to inform the county of those candidates who uphold the principles and practices of the Democratic Party.*

*Please note: **only registered Democrats shall be considered for endorsement.**"*

— SBCDCC Bylaws

**PROCEDURES:** This endorsement process is only for the local non-partisan elections. The endorsement of candidates for Non-Partisan, Local, City and Countywide office is what is being considered by these procedures, questionnaire and events.

- A. All eligible candidates who wish to be endorsed by the SBCDCC must complete the questionnaire and bring 11 collated and stapled copies to the candidate interview on September 12, 2015, along with an application fee of \$25 payable to "SBCDCC."

Candidates who do not complete the questionnaire cannot be considered for endorsement.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek the prior endorsement of their local Democratic Clubs. A list of clubs may be found at [www.sanbernardinodemocrats.org](http://www.sanbernardinodemocrats.org)

**The endorsement of candidates will take place at the monthly meeting of the SBCDCC on Thursday, September 24, 2015.** Our meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. and are held at:

California Teachers Association Office  
430 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

- B. ATTENDANCE AT THE INTERVIEW IS MANDATORY IF YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENDORSEMENT. Attendance at the Central Committee meeting for endorsement is encouraged but not mandatory.

- C. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

The San Bernardino County Democratic Party looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Judy Jacobs,  
Second Vice Chair for Candidate Development



## 2015 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All Candidates **MUST** fill out and bring **ELEVEN** copies of this Endorsement Questionnaire to the interviews scheduled for September 12, 2015 along with their \$25 application fee. **Please have your questionnaire copies collated and stapled.** We are not able to do this for you at the time of the interview.
2. Please answer each question and those questions relevant to the office you seek. **PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR ANSWERS SO THEY ARE LEGIBLE.**
3. You may answer the questions on a separate page if needed.
4. Please call Second Vice Chair Judy Jacobs no later than noon on Tuesday, September 8, to schedule your interview appointment. All interviews will be held on Saturday, September 12 in San Bernardino. Judy's number is: 909-984-8002. To ensure that your request for an interview is confirmed, please speak with Judy personally.
5. The SBCDCC strongly suggests that you read the CA State Party Platform at [SanBernardinoDemocrats.org/ALL THINGS DEM/CA Party Platform](http://SanBernardinoDemocrats.org/ALL_THINGS_DEM/CA_Party_Platform)

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City & zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ FPPC Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Manager's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENDORSEMENT.

By signing, you attest that you are :

1. Registered "Democratic Party Preference"; and
2. That these are your own responses and you stand behind your answers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Print Name on each page. Thank You

1. Explain briefly why you are running for this office.
2. Have you run for public office before? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ What office? \_\_\_\_\_ What v
3. How long have you resided within the City/District you are running?
4. What are the most important issues that you plan to address if you are elected to office?
5. What experience and other qualifications would you bring to this office?
6. What are your campaign plans and anticipated campaign funding?
7. What endorsements have you received (individuals and/or organizations) and what endorsements are you seeking?
8. Describe your involvement in the Democratic Party.
  - a. When did you first register as a Democrat?
  - b. Are you a member of a Democratic Club in San Bernardino County? If yes, which club(s)?

9. List other campaigns in which you have been involved

10. Your educational history (all candidates):

11. Your occupational history (all candidates):

12. **Economy and Labor Issues** (all candidates answer):

Do you agree with the following statements? Mark *Yes* or *No*

- a. Public agencies should not privatize essential government services and outsource public-sector workers. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Employees have the right to unionize without interference from employers, to collectively bargain and unions have the right to collect dues from members. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Contractors that provide public services and/or receive economic development incentives should provide a living wage and affordable healthcare for their workers. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Businesses and public agencies should provide defined-benefit pension plans for their employees rather than defined-contribution plans. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Project labor agreements (PLA's) should be used to establish employment terms for construction projects, helping ensure that jobs stay local, pay fairly, and are filled by skilled workers. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Do you support the Affordable Care Act? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Answer the following questions:
  - 1. Do you support Trade Agreements without protection of American Jobs and American Workers?
  - 2. Do you believe in a family sustainable wage and why?
  - 3. Will your campaign materials be printed by a unionized worker for a fair wage?

13. **Civil and Human Issues** (all candidates answer):

Do you agree with the following statements? Mark *Yes* or *No*

- h. It is important to hire staff and appoint board and commission members that include women, people of color, people with disabilities, and other underrepresented populations. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Affirmative action is a good way to ensure a diverse and qualified workforce. \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Every woman's right to reproductive choice should be preserved. \_\_\_\_\_





Print Name on each page. Thank You

- k. Full equal rights, including marriage equality, should be extended to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. \_\_\_\_\_
- l. A path to legal residency should be provided for some long-term undocumented immigrants as part of a comprehensive immigration reform. \_\_\_\_\_
- m. Do you agree that all human beings are entitled to basic human rights and dignity, regardless of ethnic, gender, sexual preference or social class? \_\_\_\_

**14. Public Education (School and Community College Board Candidates Required to Answer; optional for others)**

- a. Have you been endorsed by your District's Teachers or Faculty Association/Union? If yes, provide name, if no, explain.
- b. What, if any, post-secondary education opportunities for students do you support? How would you utilize your Board position to make that happen?
- c. Explain your views and position on Charter Schools
- d. K-14 education is just beginning to recover from the post 2008 funding-cuts. How would you use your position as a Board member to ensure that adequate funding remains a priority for California?
- e. How do you plan on increasing student achievement and reduce the dropout rate?
- f. What is your view on evaluating K-12 teachers based on student test scores?
- g. What is your position on religious expression in our public schools?



*Thank you for your participation!*