

EBYD Questionnaire for Democratic Central Committee Candidates

Please limit responses to each question to no more than 200 words.

Name: ___Karen
Weinstein_____

City: ___Berkeley_____

AD District: ___15_____

Are you a member or honorary member of EBYD? ___I think honorary_____

Please describe your professional, volunteer, and public service history (profession, clubs, organizations, affiliations, etc.)

Member - Undocumented student task force Berkeley City College

Board member - Berkeley Public Schools Fund

Vice Chair-Berkeley Commission on the Status of Women

Member - Berkeley Commission on Parks

Member-Presidents Advisory Board-Berkeley City College

Vice Chair - Berkeley Democratic Club

Leadership Circle- East Bay Women's Political Caucus

Member - Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club

1. Identify a moment you stood up for young people in our region. Recently I was at a meeting in which the Administrators of Berkeley City College said they were not going to contribute any money to the Undocumented Community Resource center and the students that work in it. I stood up for them and advocated that they find money for them. I also spoke with students about the issue of sexual assault on campus and spoke to faculty member about the importance of the college having a Title IX rep to help students. There are many other examples, but these are the most recent.

2. What are your top three priorities for the Central Committee if you are elected as a delegate?

a. Educate voters on issues of importance to our community. Help elect those Democrats who have Democratic progressive values.

b. Increase voter registration by coming up with a strategy plan

c. Legislative Action Plan: Work with legislators within our community to come up with a list of priority legislation and work to support the bills.

3. If you had to identify one policy goal that you think the state legislature and governor can achieve by 2020, what is it and how can our region and regional party help?

Mental Health Justice - Decrease the number of mentally ill individuals in our prisons.

Increase funds for mental health treatment and rehabilitation. Support the work of our

legislators. like Assemblymember Thurmond and educate our community about the importance of this issue.

4. What does Black Lives Matter mean to you and what lessons can we learn from this movement in our region? It means stop killing and ending violence against innocent Black people because they are Black. It means demilitarizing the police and realizing that Black people are incarcerated at a much greater rate than any other group. We need to analyze violence in our own communities by looking at police statistics and researching our schools to see how equity can be established. When Black students are being expelled or suspended at a higher rate than other groups, we must change this.

For the following, **please rank your support on a 1-5 scale** (1 = strongly oppose, 5 = strongly support). You can provide additional optional commentary on the issues if you like.

- 5 Fight for \$15 minimum wage:
- 5 Reproductive health care access regardless of income:
- 5 Rent control:
- 5 Affordable housing set asides (e.g. Affordable Housing Mitigation Fee, inclusionary housing, etc.):
- 5 Sanctuary cities:
- 5 Full LGBT equality:
- 5 Collective bargaining rights for all workers:
- 5 Cannabis legalization:
- 5 Guaranteed paid sick leave:
- 5 Free community college: