



SAN MATEO COUNTY
DEMOCRATS

Endorsement Application

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee

Instructions:

Candidates who wish to apply for the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee (SMCDCC) endorsement for the March 2020 election must complete and submit this form electronically.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 10 PM (Pacific Time) on December 16, 2019.

Eligible applicants will be scheduled for an interview on January 9th from 7:00 PM to 8:20 PM. Please keep this date open for your interview. If you have not received an email confirming the date, time and location of your interview by January 3, 2020, email endorsement@smcdems.org with a CC to chair@smcdems.org.

The Endorsement Committee's recommendations will be presented at the Thursday January 16th Regular Central Committee Meeting. The entire Central Committee will then vote on which candidates and measures to endorse at that meeting. You are invited but not expected to attend.

The online application form must be completed in one sitting. If you think you may not be able to do so, **download** the Word version of the questionnaire and enter your answers to the narrative questions into the Word document. When you have finished entering your answers to the relevant questions, copy your answers from the Word document to the online application and submit it. Please do not send additional documents, resumes, flyers or endorsement letters.

Questions with an asterisk (*) are required.

Written Candidate Questions:

Candidate Information

1. First Name * _____

2. Middle Name * _____

3. Last Name * _____

4. FPPC Number _____

5. Full Name as Registered to Vote * _____

6. Address Where Registered to Vote * _____

7. Date of Birth _____

Submission of this information is optional. However, it may help us to verify your voter registration, particularly if there is another voter with the same name living at your address who is a member of another political party.

8. Email Address * _____

The SMCDCC will use this email address to communicate with you regarding the endorsement process, and to notify you of the time and date of your interview. You should therefore ensure that emails to this address from endorsement@smcdems.org will not be blocked as spam or otherwise rejected.

9. Telephone Number * _____

Please list a number where we can reach you on and before the day of the interviews.

10. Mailing Address * _____

Background Information

11. I am a registered Democrat * Yes or No

Note: you must be a registered Democrat by the filing deadline to be eligible for the SMCDCC endorsement.

12. Have you ever been registered as a member of another party, or as a decline to state or nonpartisan voter?* Yes or No.

If yes, please provide an explanation and tell us when you re-registered as a Democrat.

13. Have you ever held an elected or appointed office at the federal, state or local level? *

Yes No

If yes, please list each such office.

14. Have you ever resigned, or been suspended or removed from an elected or appointed office? * Yes No

If yes, please provide an explanation.

15. Have you ever applied for or received the endorsement of the SMCDCC or another Democratic Party organization? * Yes No

If yes, please provide an explanation.

16. Have you been involved in the Democratic Party at the federal, state, county or club level? *

Yes No

If yes, please provide an explanation.

17. Are you a federal employee? * Yes No

If yes, please be aware of the Hatch Act and its impact on your receiving an endorsement.

18. Have you ever served in the armed forces? Yes No

Responding to this question is optional. Providing us with this information will help us to identify and provide additional consideration to applicants who have served in the armed forces.

If you choose to respond, and mark "yes", please elaborate.

19. Is there anything else in your background that you would like to call to our attention or explain? Yes No

If yes, please provide an explanation.

Narrative Questions

There is generally no "right" or "wrong" answer to these questions. We are equally interested in learning about your values, how you approach issues of public concern, and how and why you came to believe in the policy positions that you support. You should use these questions as an opportunity to introduce yourself and your beliefs to the committee members. If you are an incumbent running for re-election, please include accomplishments and plans for the future.

20. If elected, what would you do to connect with and communicate with underserved communities including communities of color? *

21. Describe a situation in which you collaborated with others. *

22. What are the most important characteristics of an elected official? *

23. What relationship do you intend to have with the SMCDCC if you are elected? *

24. Why should you receive the Democratic Party endorsement for this office? *

Office Information

25. Office Sought *

Mark only one oval:

County Supervisor

Other:

Please specify the office you are seeking.

26. Questions for Candidates for County Board of Supervisors

If you are an incumbent please include accomplishments and plans for the future.

- a. What should the County do to reduce the residents' vulnerability to wildfires? *
- b. How would you approach land use issues, and what are your views on CEQA? *
- c. What can the County do to address climate change, including sea level rise? *
- d. What have you done (or, will you do) to increase housing that is affordable for all incomes and to protect the housing for current residents? And, how have you (or will you) reach out to renters? What is your plan to address the homeless? *
- e. What are your thoughts on the County's actions regarding cannabis?
- f. How would you address transportation issues?
- g. What financial issues does the County have, and how will you address them? *
- h. What other issues does the County have, and how will you address them? *

Resume

27. Current Employment *

Note: Federal government employees should check with their employing agency before submitting this application.

28. Prior Employment *

29. Education *

30. Significant Honors

31. Significant Endorsements

Certification

32. I certify that I am the candidate listed above, that I authored the answers to this form, and that the information on the form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.