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Questionnaire Responses

Do you seek the endorsement of the Solano County Democratic Central Committee? If so, why?

I would like the endorsement as I have been on the Solano County Democratic Central Community for over 20 years. I have worked on campaigns. I have walked picket lines to support those who are walking. I live the life of a democrat.

1. Why are you running for office?

I am running for my third term to continue working on senior issues, mental health, and to add air quality. I am working with staff on housing in Home acres and road improvements such as Benicia Rd.

2. What is the nature and extent of any prior relevant involvement you have had in the community, civic, and/or political activities? Please include a description of all elected or appointed offices you have held.

I served on the Civil Service Commission in the 1990's. Ran the FSUTA campaigns for at least 20 years. In 2012 I won my race for the Solano Community College board. 2016 and 2020 were the first two terms for the Board of Supervisors, I represented the teachers on state council for CTA. This position is for 3 years and your peers vote for you. I represented the teachers for 18 years. Went out on strike my first year teaching in 1977 when the Rodda Act allowed collective bargaining. That strike lasted 4 days. In 2001, I walked for 9 days with FSUTA.

3. What elements of your background, work history, education, volunteer positions, and/or other personal accomplishments make you the best candidate for this position?

As the incumbent, I have shown leadership in helping my constituents. An example is putting back together the Area Agency on Aging. I have the experience in the job.

4. What do you hope to accomplish in office? What are your top priorities for this term?

One goal is using the redevelopment money to fix up homes in Home Acres. Another project is to work with Vallejo to fix Benicia Rd with side walks and pavement. Senior issues is an on going priority.

5. How much funding do you anticipate needing to raise for this election? From what sources do you plan to raise the funds you need for this election and who has contributed to your campaign to date?

I will be loaning my campaign 25 thousand to get started. Fundraising will start in the first of the year.

6. Please list any endorsements you have already received.

Former District 5 Supervisor Skip Thomson, John Fox Vallejo school board trustee, Terry Scott Benicia City Council. George Kennedy Fairfield Planning Commissioner Ana Petero Fairfield- Suisun school Board trustee, Quintin Voyce Solano Community College Trustee

7. Have you hired, or do you plan to hire, a campaign consultant? If so, who?

I do not plan to hire anyone.



8. *California, Solano County, and local Jurisdictions are all facing substantial demands on their budget. What ideas do you have to help deal with the fiscal issues we face?*

The board had a session in the spring to decide what we wanted to work on. Economic development was the top priority . We will be working on ideas to generate income.

9. *What are the major issues faced by the constituents in your jurisdiction, and how do you plan to address them?*

The issues in district 2 are flooding and fires. Working on these issues is making sure that the weeds are cut. Flooding is working on making sure creeks are clean, Hiring personnel should help with this.

10. *What are the major issues facing public employees in your jurisdiction, and how do you plan to address them?*

We just finished bargaining a year ago. Hiring more people is a challenge in many departments and the state in general.. We need to look at having a long range plan to talk to students in middle school and up about jobs and the education needed to get jobs.

11. *What are the major issues facing historically under-represented groups in your jurisdiction, i.e., Black, Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander, LGBTQIA+, etc.? Are there issues specific to one or more groups in particular? How do you plan to address them?*

The board has directed staff to reach out to different schools that have a more diverse population. That is why I believe we need education as well as more internships.

12. *What are the major economic issues facing your jurisdiction? How will you balance the concerns of union members, working families, local businesses, and regional/national corporate firms?*

Right now the county is fine. Many cities are my concerned . Benicia needs to pass their sales tax in March, Suisun is closed to bankruptcy, Vallejo needs to work on learning how to work together, Their Police department needs help. If people do not feel safe, economic development will not happen.

13. *What are the major issues facing children, youth, and their families in your jurisdiction? How do you plan to address them?*

Many of our youths need a place to live. The county is working with the college on housing.

14. *What are the major issues facing your jurisdiction, relating to the environment and the climate crisis? What are the specific impacts faced by marginalized and under-represented communities? How do you plan to address them?*

The county is lucky to have MCE. They have given money to build EV chargers. Using Biden/Harris infrastructure money, broad band is being expanded in the county, We learned during the pandemic how important it is to have WIFI for all.

15. *What are the major sources of greenhouse gas emissions in your jurisdiction? What specific steps would you take to lower greenhouse gas emission from government, commercial and residential sectors?*

I serve on the YOLO/Solano Air quality board. There does need to be more monitoring with refineries and hold them accountable.

16. *What role would the use of renewable energy sources, enhanced energy efficiency, conservation, and other methods play in your response to the climate crisis? What is your opinion on the recent proposal by the California Public Utilities Commission to change rooftop solar incentives?*

I am opposed to the CPUC to change the rules on solar. Solar should be expanded to all parking lots.

17. *What are the major issues in your jurisdiction related to poverty, income inequality, affordable housing, homelessness, and food insecurity? How do you plan to address them?*

The county needs to hire more grant writers. At the county level one can use deed restrictions to make sure a home is not to be used as a rental. Loans can be 50 years with low interest rates . The state needs to continue with free lunch and free breakfast at schools.