

**Napa County Latinx Democratic Club  
Candidate Questionnaire  
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**Candidate Specific Questions**

1. What qualifications do you have for the office you're running for and why do you deserve the Napa County Latinx Democratic Club's endorsement?  
*I have been involved in my community for 30 years, was elected to the Winters City Council and was the city's first woman mayor, and have been an advocate for women and Latinos in politics for many years.*
2. Please include an example of your leadership on Latinx issues? Also, what will you do as an elected official to ensure that POC and our Latinx communities are represented?  
*I started the first Hispanic advisory council to the City Council of Winters when I was on the Council and the first Latina Mayor of our City.*
3. What are your top three priorities, and how will you ensure that you accomplish those?  
*My priorities include ensuring local communities have the resources necessary to deal with the devastation caused by wildfires; working with state and local leaders to ensure healthcare providers have the resources they need to fight the pandemic; supporting public education and making sure all working families, women and children have equal opportunities.*

**Issues**

4. Latinx community members are often deemed essential workers, what will you do to mitigate the effects essential workers suffer during this pandemic, including your employees?  
*The pandemic effected each and every one of us, but essential workers were at particular risk. Tackling this kind of crisis requires a comprehensive approach that is guided by science, not ideology and politics. Many communities opened too soon and failed to really cope with the politicization of simple issues like the wearing of masks. Fully opening schools, government,*

*businesses, and the economy is dependent on not only leadership from above, but on every individual making the decision to protect not only themselves but others in their everyday life.*

5. How will you tackle the next upcoming natural and public health disaster and how will this plan actively engage the Latinx Community? What is your plan to ensure that disaster planning is culturally competent and provides language access?

*Clear direction from leaders at the highest levels is necessary in order to best handle natural and public health disasters. It is critical that material designed to educate the public about disaster preparedness, or dealing with the aftermath of disaster, be produced in multiple languages and distributed across platforms that reach minority communities.*

6. What is your stance on Black Lives Matter? How do you link this movement to the needs of the Latinx community?

*Clearly, there are fundamental catalysts in society that have resulted in the rise of the BLM movement. There is a reason why people of color are far more likely to be incarcerated and to far more excessive sentences. Our criminal justice system represents the very definition of systemic racism. Poverty, lack of educational and job opportunities, lack of access to health care, job training and education are all indicators of who will wind up in our criminal justice system. And, race affects charges and sentences. The protests we have seen all over the country are simply a reaction to those inequities. As long as they stay peaceful, I fully support them.*

7. What is your stance on re-appropriating police funding? What does this mean to you in your role and what policies will you pursue to address this call to action?

*One of the fundamental responsibilities of government is protecting the public. At the same time, addressing foundational issues like access to jobs, housing and education are essential to addressing the problems with the criminal justice system. Allowing sentence review and consideration of parole, and release of those who've served time beyond anyone's sense of reasonable punishment sentences are things we can do now. But, to really reform our criminal justice system, we MUST provide equal opportunity for all Californians.*

8. Families of all ranges continue leaving our community because it is too expensive for them to live here. Many families are doing long commutes in order to work here, therefore increasing their carbon footprint, missing on important family time, and much more. What is your commitment and plan to increase workforce housing so families that work here are able to live here? And what will you do to help keep families that are living here to remain here (e.g. increase the quality of life, health and wellness, youth and children activities, etc....)

*Affordable housing is a priority throughout California, but that is particularly true here in District 4. I have been a strong supporter of efforts to increase our housing stock and make housing more affordable. I have carried legislation to increase the availability of housing units for*

*farmworkers in Napa County and will continue to fight for affordable housing for all workers, families and seniors in Napa County and all over the district.*

9. Do you believe it is the role of elected officials to take policy steps to assure adequate affordable housing? Yes  No

9a. Specifically, what suggestions do you have to make housing more affordable? And would you support requiring new developments to set aside a certain percentage of affordable housing?

*Providing affordable housing options for all Californians has never been more critical, and one solution will not fit all. Urban and rural communities have very different needs. The most important thing we can do is build more housing, as every study has identified shortfalls of hundreds of thousands of homes in our state. Responsible efforts to limit rent increases are also important tools to keeping families in their homes in the highest cost urban areas.*

10. According to a report from July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, homelessness has continued to increase for the last several years in Napa County. In 2016, 317 people were reported to be homeless. In 2020, it reported 464 people. What can you do in the role you're running for to address this important and growing issue?

*I applaud the Governor's commitment to addressing homelessness, and I am committed to working together, at all levels of government, to fight this problem and ensure rural communities get their fair share of funding and attention.*

11. In the role you're running for, what can you do to help ensure that transportation meets the needs of youth, working people, families, and seniors?

*I have been a strong supporter of more funding for transportation and will continue to do so. Traffic is a real problem in District 4 and I am supportive of a wide variety of measures to fund mass transit to get cars off the road, and services to provide much needed transportation for seniors.*

12. What action steps will you take to diversify the local workforce in your city or town? Additionally, what hiring processes will you pursue to increase the diversity of your City/Town's staff, and boards and commissions?

12a. Do you support a policy where aspiring citizens can serve on boards and commissions?  Yes  No

13. Racial Gaps In Maternal Mortality Persist. Black mothers die at a rate that's 3.3 times greater than whites, and Native American or Alaskan Native women die at a rate 2.5 times greater than whites, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Would you work to decrease maternal mortality among women of color, protect reproductive rights and a women's right to choose?  Yes  No

14. What is at least one specific thing you can do as an elected official to address the needs of LGBTQIA+ people?

*As the mother of a lesbian daughter, I am extremely attuned to the needs of this community and have fought for equality in the workplace, our schools, housing, marriage and more for over a decade.*

15. What specific things will you do to defend immigration and the economy in our your jurisdiction? And would you consider making the jurisdiction you're running for a Sanctuary Jurisdiction?

*As the first Latina on the Winters City Council and the founder of the Hispanic Leadership Council in Winters, I have spent my life committed to defending the rights of immigrants. I need to more fully understand the ramifications of defining an Assembly district as a Sanctuary Jurisdiction.*

16. What will you do combat climate change in your area and promote the green economy? I am committed to protecting our farmland, air, water and open space. That means:

- *Recognizing climate change as the global emergency it is, and making sure California leads the country in protecting air quality and controlling emissions*
- *Promoting a 100% renewable energy market that uses all the diverse energy generation technologies available*
- *Preserving the unique natural beauty of our District and the state*
- *Protecting the Delta and Northern California water resources*