

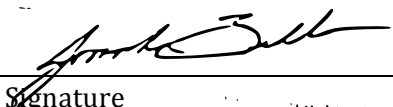
EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

AD15 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for being a part of the El Cerrito Democratic Club endorsement process. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your responses to the questionnaire will be shared with our general membership prior to the candidate forum at **Harding Elementary School auditorium on February 27, 2018**. Please complete this questionnaire electronically, print and sign the first page, scan and return signed page and a PDF by email to ECDC_Pres@gmail.com prior to 5PM on Friday February 2, 2018.

Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Jovanka Beckles
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Employer: Contra Costa County
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Campaign Committee Name: Jovanka Beckles for Assembly District 15
Campaign Committee Number: FPPC# 1396341
Elected offices currently held: Richmond City Councilmember
Elected offices previously held:
Other campaigns for elected office: -
Appointed offices currently or previously held: -
When did you become a registered AD-15 Democrat: 1985
Have you read the California Democratic Party Platform Yes.



Signature Date 1/31/2018

Yes and No Questions; If 'Yes', please name them:

- Are you accepting campaign funds from any PACs or SuperPACs? No
- Are you accepting campaign funds from Unions? Yes, endorsing Unions so far are ATU 192, Teamsters Joint Council 7
- Are you accepting campaign funds from large oil corporations? No
- Are you accepting campaign funds from large pharmaceutical corporations? No
- Are you accepting campaign funds from natural resource extraction companies? No
- Are you accepting campaign funds from charter school advocates? No
- Are you accepting campaign funds from construction companies? No

Policy Statements

	Oppose	Neutral	Support	15 word (or less) statement
Business and Economy				
1. The rights of all employees to organize and strike			X	
2. Privatizing essential governmental services and outsourcing public sector jobs	X			
3. Implementation of tax policies that provide a higher degree of equity, including a fair-self-employment tax rate to support small businesses			X	
4. Financial institutions for recreational marijuana industry			X	
5. Split property tax roles for businesses			X	
Children, Young Adults, and their Families				
6. Comprehensive immunization services			X	
Civil Justice				
7. The right of people to join together in class action lawsuits			X	
8. Funding for the Courts			X	
Communications and the Internet				
9. Build-out of high speed wired and wireless networks			X	
10. Online access for everyone to all legal content and data services			X	
Criminal Justice				
11. Drug addiction treatments located in the community			X	
12. Capital Punishment	X			
13. Marijuana regulation and taxation with respect to California's health and safety			X	
14. Increasing pay and benefits for law enforcement officers		X		
15. Body worn cameras			X	
16. Overcrowded prison populations	X			

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17. Gun control legislation to keep guns out of the hands of the people with mental illness and of persons identified as dangerous to society			X	
18. Restorative Justice Programs			X	
Death with Dignity				
19. Death with dignity			X	
Education				
20. Access to free world-class K-12 Public Education			X	
21. Teacher retirement plans should be funded by all students			X	
22. Charter schools teaching more than 20% of a District's student body	X			
23. Free Community Colleges			X	
24. Restorative policies and practices			X	
25. Curricula development by teachers			X	
26. Parents should be able to choose where their children are educated		X		
Energy and Environment				
27. Fracking	X			
28. Transportation of fracking oil, tar (oil) sand oils and other hazardous materials on the county's rail corridors	X			
29. Statewide plastic bag ban should include micro-beads and micro-fibers			X	
30. Fossil fuel extraction tax			X	
31. Utility pricing should change to promote resource conservation and public good			X	
32. Community Choice Aggregation			X	
33. Increased reliance on the electricity grid for industry, residential and transportation uses	X			
34. Twin Tunnels are good for the Bay-Delta ecosystem	X			
Equality of Opportunity				
35. Affirmative action				

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36. Full equality for LGBT individuals, including marriage			X	
37. Pay inequities	X			
Health Care				
38. Universal comprehensive health care for all Californians			X	
39. Respite care and in-home support services and associated home care workers			X	
40. Holistic healing practices and alternative medicines			X	
41. California should lead the nation in funding opioid addiction treatment research			X	
Immigration				
42. Family reunification and naturalization			X	
43. Local law enforcement agencies acting as federal immigration law enforcement	X			
44. State and Local law enforcement cooperation with immigrant communities	X			
Labor, Economic Justice and Poverty Elimination				
45. Public assistance programs that allow individuals to support themselves and their families			X	
46. Tax reform which eliminates corporate welfare and achieves an equitable tax system for working families			X	
47. Preference for contractors who employ Californians during selection for publically funded construction work			X	
48. Project Labor Agreements for private and public-sector infrastructure projects that provide for local hire, returning veterans, and training programs for the community			X	
National Security				
49. Work with gun owners and sporting associations regarding responsible gun ownership, safety education and reasonable background checks			X	
50. Infrastructure improvements that promote energy independence through renewable sources			X	
Political Reform				
51. Supreme Court Decision <i>Citizens United vs Federal Elections</i>	X			

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<i>Commission</i>				
52. Full disclosure of funding sources for political advertisements			X	
53. Public financing of elections campaigns at the local, state and federal levels			X	
Seniors				
54. Mandatory training for Public Employee to recognize and serve seniors suffering with dementia			X	
Sustainable Communities				
55. Constrain urban and suburban sprawl			X	
56. Regional tax revenue sharing			X	
57. Limit eminent domain to reasonable uses			X	
Veterans and Military Families				
58. Leases and use of Veteran Administration property solely benefit veterans and/or their families			X	
59. Provide our troops with the latest protective equipment, weaponry and training prior to deployment			X	
Women				
60. Age-appropriate sex education in California school curriculum			X	
61. Confidential, unrestricted access to health care services, including the full range of reproductive services, contraception and abortion, without requiring guardian, judicial, parental or spousal consent or notification			X	
World Peace and International Relations				
62. International efforts to establish Arms Trade Treaty			X	
63. Follow the Geneva and Hague Conventions			X	
64. Reduce trade deficits and restore America's global economic leadership by designing policies regarding globalization			X	

Other Questions

Each response box allows approximately 60 word response to show as 4 lines of text when in New Times Roman 10 point font. Please use the specified font and size.

1) Under what circumstances, if any, do you favor the death penalty? Please explain your position

I do not favor the death penalty.

2) Under what circumstances should affordable housing be mandated in market-rate housing projects?

During California's current housing crisis affordable housing should be mandated in all market-rate housing projects.

3) What hurdles prevent California converting to a no-fault compensation system that reduces business liability, costs and exposure while increasing health care outcomes?

The cost of such a program and finding a revenue stream to support it.

4) What specific legislative changes would you introduce to restore full service health care hospital(s) to northern Assembly District 15?

I would support current legislation that establishes regulations to prevent medical deserts, where locals do not have an emergency room or quality medical institution within a reasonable distance. I would work with local regions to prepare incentives to bring health care providers and institutions to the area.

5) Under what circumstances should a school district support charter schools?

I do not support charter schools.

6) Should Proposition 13 be partially repealed (Split-roll) or fully repealed, and why?

Prop 13 should be split-roll repealed to ensure that commercial real estate property owners are paying their fair share for owning in California.

7) What types of renter protections should be mandated at the state level?

I support the repeal of Causta Hawkins and Just Cause eviction protection for all California tenants.

8) What are the two most serious issues facing AD 15 communities?

The current affordability crisis and education standards are two of the most serious issues facing AD 15 communities at this time. We must work on keeping our working families and long time residents in the cities they have lived in for generations and where they work. Public schools in the region are losing students and funds to local charter schools and we must work on regulating charter schools and securing education