

# 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](mailto:ECDC_Pres@gmail.com) prior to 5PM on Friday February 2, 2018.

### Candidate Information

Candidate Name: **DAN KALB**  
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Campaign Committee Name: Dan Kalb for State Assembly 2018  
Campaign Committee Number: 1396544  
Elected offices currently held: Oakland City Councilmember  
Elected offices previously held: n/a  
Other campaigns for elected office: -  
Appointed offices currently or previously held: Member, Youth Leadership Strategic Planning Task Force, OFCY  
When did you become a registered AD-15 Democrat: 2005 (also 1980-83)  
Have you read the California Democratic Party Platform? Yes!

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Signature

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Date

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

Are you accepting campaign funds from any PACs or SuperPACs? Yes, if consistent with my values  
Calif. Solar Energy Industries Assoc. (CalSEIA) SUNPAC

Are you accepting campaign funds from Unions? Yes

Are you accepting campaign funds from large oil corporations? NO  
(Not small ones either)

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? Yes, selectively  
BBI Construction (works mostly on affordable housing developments)

## Policy Statements

	Oppose	Neutral	Support	15 word (or less) statement
<b>Business and Economy</b>				
1. The rights of all employees to organize and strike			X	(There are limited exemptions for sworn public safety personnel)
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	X	(I support a more progressive tax system. Need more specifics. Lean in-favor, though.)
4. Financial institutions for recreational marijuana industry			X	Sponsored in-progress effort in Oakland/East Bay to create a public bank.
5. Split property tax roles for businesses			X	Strong supporter of Split Roll reform!
<b>Children, Young Adults, and their Families</b>				
6. Comprehensive immunization services			X	Strong supporter of the state's vaccinations laws.
<b>Civil Justice</b>				
7. The right of people to join together in class action lawsuits			X	
8. Funding for the Courts			X	Yep.
<b>Communications and the Internet</b>				
9. Build-out of high speed wired and wireless networks			X	Yes, but cannot be fully-funded w/ public dollars, given other priorities
10. Online access for everyone to all legal content and data services			X	
<b>Criminal Justice</b>				
11. Drug addiction treatments located in the community			X	Yes!
12. Capital Punishment	X			
13. Marijuana regulation and taxation with respect to California's health and safety			X	Strong supporter of cannabis businesses.
14. Increasing pay and benefits for law enforcement officers			X	Yes, as long as funds are available.
15. Body worn cameras			X	
16. Overcrowded prison populations	X			We need more funding for effective rehabilitation programs in our prisons
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	

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18. Restorative Justice Programs			X	Including in our middle and high schools
<b>Death with Dignity</b>				
19. Death with dignity			X	w/safeguards built in
<b>Education</b>				
20. Access to free world-class K-12 Public Education			X	
21. Teacher retirement plans should be funded by all students		X		(Not sure what is meant here)
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	in collaboration with other experts
26. Parents should be able to choose where their children are educated		X	X	within limits
<b>Energy and Environment</b>				
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	I am vice-chair of East Bay Community Energy
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			
<b>Equality of Opportunity</b>				
35. Affirmative action			X	We must repeal Prop. 209
36. Full equality for LGBT individuals, including marriage			X	
37. Pay inequities	X			

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<b>Health Care</b>				
38. Universal comprehensive health care for all Californians			X	I've been single-payer supporter since late 1980s.
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	X	Federal Govt. should take the lead, but CA could play a significant role
<b>Immigration</b>				
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	
<b>Labor, Economic Justice and Poverty Elimination</b>				
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	Yes; should provide jobs for skilled younger adults from communities of color that have traditionally had higher unemployment rates.
<b>National Security</b>				
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	
<b>Political Reform</b>				
51. Supreme Court Decision <i>Citizens United vs Federal Elections Commission</i>	X			
52. Full disclosure of funding sources for political advertisements			X	

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53. Public financing of elections campaigns at the local, state and federal levels			X	I am a former Common Cause staff and a long-time advocate for 'Clean Money' elections
<b>Seniors</b>				
54. Mandatory training for Public Employee to recognize and serve seniors suffering with dementia			X	Good idea!
<b>Sustainable Communities</b>				
55. Constrain urban and suburban sprawl			X	
56. Regional tax revenue sharing			X	
57. Limit eminent domain to reasonable uses		X		Subjective—depends on definition of reasonable uses
<b>Veterans and Military Families</b>				
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	
<b>Women</b>				
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	
<b>World Peace and International Relations</b>				
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	X	Depends on specifics.

### **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 am and have always been 100% OPPOSED to the Death Penalty. I am proud that my first campaign for city council joined forces with the YES on 34 (death penalty repeal) campaign to do joint precinct walking. The Death Penalty is on its face immoral!

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

I believe that every city and county should require below-market housing units in or immediately adjacent to new market-rate housing developments. One exception might be for jurisdictions that are meeting their assigned Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers for *all* the below-market categories.

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

Like many ideas, no-fault systems of insurance coverage have their plusses and minuses. Making sure the victims of bad actors are held accountable is important to deter harmful behavior and deter distribution of faulty products.

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

\_ My mother lived in San Pablo for nine years very near Doctors Hospital, so I am keenly aware of the need to have a full-service hospital in West County. I would require that a specified state agency must sign-off on any hospital closure before the closure can go forward. And if there would be an increased risk to residents, the agency would be allowed to deny the closure. Restoring full-service hospital would require new funding

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

\_ That should be up to the elected school board. Certain criteria should be specified in advance. Any new charter should be required to act like a public school in terms of transparency and accepting children with all types of challenges.

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

\_ I am a long-time supporter of reforming the commercial side of Prop. 13 (i.e. Split roll). For fairness and to raise needed funds for education and other vital needs, we must ensure that large businesses pay their fair share so the burden of paying taxes in our state is not overly weighted on individuals and families. Proud to be endorsed by Assemblymember Phil Ting, a Bay Area leader in the fight to reform Prop. 13.

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

\_ There must be fundamental eviction protections for all renters. We must repeal or substantially reform/modernize Costa Hawkins so local jurisdictions have the tools to protect their renters from displacement.

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

- Homelessness & Housing Affordability
- Environmental Health, Justice and Stewardship and Quality of Life in our communities