

Los Angeles County Democratic Party
Application for Consideration of Endorsement and Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Questionnaire

In order to focus on specific questions pertaining to the office you are seeking at the interview, please provide written answers to the questions below:

1. Why are you running?

I have always been committed to public service, including a thirty year career as a City Planner, nearly a decade of service on the Burbank Planning Board, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Affordable Housing, and the Sustainable Burbank Task Force. I think civic engagement is important and that the approach I take — a willingness to listen and to consider all options that offer constructive solutions — is the best way to move the City forward.

I remain committed to maintaining the strength of Burbank on all fronts; its first class public services including police, fire, public utilities, senior services, parks and libraries; its remarkable facilities including the Golf course, Tennis Center, Recycling center and landfill. Burbank is blessed by the way the community pulls together in support of our service clubs and assisting those in need; and programs like Burbank Arts for All that generates so much support for the excellent public school system that is such a magnet for young families moving to our community.

All of these make Burbank what it is, a city of neighborhoods enjoying excellent parks, bike paths, good food and small businesses along with our leading studios. We are the Media Capital of the World. I believe my sensible, practical and moderate leadership has contributed to supporting the kinds of services Burbank is well known for. My first term has been a tremendous learning experience and I look forward to putting that knowledge and experience to work in a second term.

2. What are your top issues?

The most important, and in many ways most challenging, issue facing the City will continue to be achieving the right balance between economic growth and neighborhood protection so that we can maintain and enhance the Quality of Life that we have come to identify with being in Burbank. It is the most difficult because it means managing all the issues that contribute to our quality of life, not just one or two. It requires hard choices, creative solutions and occasional compromise.

3. Why are you a Democrat?

I have been a Democrat since I first participated as a Eugene McCarthy volunteer in 1968 (before I could vote). From the McCarthy campaign I went on to become a young staffer in the re-election campaign of Congressman George E. Brown, Jr. The Democratic Party reflects core values I also hold: a woman's right to choose, available and affordable health care, equal opportunity in work and housing. My first job came about as a result of an affirmative action program. These values are foundational.

4. How long have you been registered Democrat? Have you been registered as a member of another political party? If so, which party and why?

One time I registered Republican – so I could specifically vote for John Anderson in the 1980 Republican Primary for the US Presidential election. Otherwise, I have been a Democrat.

5. How often have you voted in previous elections?

I cannot remember an election I missed.

6. How long have you lived in the district for which you are running?

Twenty years

7. How much do you expect your campaign to cost? How much money have you raised? How do you plan to fund the rest of your budget?

\$10,000 for the Primary; trying to make it as economical as possible. Approximately \$4,000 on hand; I am fund raising now. Personal appeals, phone calls, mailers, email, campaign website contributions.

8. Who do you see as your main opponents in this election?

I am running for re-election to City Council in Burbank. I prefer to see this as a race for my seat. There are two seats, mine and an open seat. The other candidates are three new comers and 3 who ran previously.

9. What are the top three (3) items you expect to accomplish at the completion of your first term of office, if elected?

First, to keep Burbank on sound fiscal footing in order to maintain the public services that our community has come to expect; this will take everyone putting their shoulder to the wheel. 2.) To advance the collaboration of City departments so that one project has multiple benefits; if the street is being reconstructed, let's work in sustainable, water harvesting construction techniques and traffic calming under one job. 3.) To make Burbank a leader in the business of hi-tech research, assembly, testing and manufacturing; digital and media arts and production 4.) To continue to work on more effective 2-way communication with all our communities and neighborhoods over plans, zoning and projects.

10. Please list your top five (5) individual and organizational endorsements.

I have the endorsements of:

Congressman Adam Schiff

Congressman Brad Sherman

Assemblyman Mike Gatto

Burbank Fire Fighters Local 778

Burbank Police Officers Association
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18, Unit 50

11. Please list any Democratic Clubs and/or organizations with which you are a member, including the length of your membership and any leadership position you have held in each Democratic Club and/or organization.

I am not a member of any Democratic Club.

12. Please list any civic, educational, social or nonprofit organizations with which you are a member, including length of membership and any leadership positions you have held in each organization.

Retiree Member of SEIU Local 721 – 2010 to present

Board Member, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (Appointed 2010)

American Society of Landscape Architects:

National Fellow (1995)

Past-President, Vice President, Secretary of local Chapter (1980's)

UCLA Extension Program in Landscape Architecture:

Past-President and Member, Program Guidance Committee (1980's)

13. Please feel free to include any other information you would like us to know about you.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate, I look forward to meeting you all.

_____I have reviewed the California Democratic Party Platform, as found at www.cadem.org/platform.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am a registered Democrat and that the above statements on this page and in those of any attachments are true and correct. If any part of this applications or any information provided during the endorsement process is found to be false, it may be cause for an immediate revocation of any endorsement.

Signature of Candidate

Print Full Name

Date