

# **COPs CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE EAST COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

The **East County Democratic Club (ECDC)** is seeking volunteers to sit on Citizens' Oversight Panels (COPs) that will police local boards, councils, bodies, and elected officials. The ECDC is officially chartered by the San Diego County Democratic Party. Citizens who are empaneled the Club does not imply endorsement by the Club by the County Party for any future election. However, completion of your term as an panelist may be included as one of your qualifications for seeking public office.

Candidates seeking empanelment must submit a signed questionnaire requesting participation. The initial kickoff meeting will be held on January 28th, 2007, at the Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, with the meeting starting at 3:30pm. Elections to the panels will be held at that time, considering all applicants. Questionnaires should be emailed to [info@EastCountyDemocraticClub.org](mailto:info@EastCountyDemocraticClub.org), through January 26th, as well as hand-carried to the meeting.

Please answer all questions, even if you feel they are not directly related to the office you seek. Your responses to the questionnaire are important to evaluate your commitment to progressive principles. Completed questionnaires are used to help determine candidate qualifications and positions on issues. Please contact the Club Headquarters if you have any questions. The Club office phone is 619-820-5321.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**[ ] I hereby request the empanelment on a Citizens' Oversight Panel**

Which COPs panels are you interested in participating? (Name of Governmental Bodies):

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Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Are you a registered Democrat? Yes \_\_\_ . No\_\_\_.
  - A. If yes, for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Have you been affiliated with another party in the past? Yes \_\_\_ . No\_\_ .
  - C. If no, what is your current party affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the most compelling reason for your candidacy for public office?
3. List any organization(s) with which you are affiliated, including all those who sponsor, fund, or endorse your candidacy:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
4. Describe your involvement with civic activities:

Please answer the following questions. You may attach sheets for explanation or expansion of your answer. Please refer to questions by section and question number (A3, B1 etc). Or, you may edit this electronically and place your expansion directly after the question.

**A. Education**

1. Do you oppose the diversion of public tax funds away from public schools for the payment of tuition at private or parochial schools (a 'voucher' system)?
  - a. Yes \_\_\_ , b. No \_\_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_\_
2. Do you oppose the teaching of creationism as a part of science in public schools?
  - a. Yes \_\_\_ , b. No \_\_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_\_
3. Do you oppose organized prayer during official school activities in public schools?
  - a. Yes \_\_\_ , b. No \_\_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_\_
4. Do you support the provision of classes and counseling services that include the discussion of a wide range of preventative techniques to teach students to protect themselves against AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and unplanned pregnancies?
  - a. Yes \_\_\_ , b. No \_\_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_\_

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**B. Civil/Equal Rights**

1. Do you support granting legal recognition of gay and lesbian couples in committed relationships, with rights and responsibilities equal to those afforded to married heterosexual couples, including adoption?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
  
2. Do you support the expansion of health benefits to dependents of employees in committed domestic partnerships?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
  
3. Do you favor affirmative action to assure fair access resulting in a diverse and qualified work force?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
  
4. If elected to public office, will you commit to hiring staff members and appointing members to boards and commissions that reflect the makeup of the San Diego community, including traditionally underrepresented populations, including women, people of color and people with disabilities?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_

**C. Health and Safety**

1. Do you support a government-funded "clean needle" program to help combat the spread of AIDS and hepatitis C among intravenous drug users?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
  
2. Do you support a woman's right of reproductive choice?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion
  
3. Do you support public funding of reproductive services and/or counseling?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
  
4. Do you support bans on assault style firearms?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
  
5. Do you favor owner registration for all new gun purchases?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_

**D. Economy and Environment**

1. Do you support strong regulations/controls relating to release of toxic or harmful material, including restrictions on locations, required equipment adaptations, labeling, and notification to workers?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_

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2. Do you support the right of employees to unionize and collect dues from all members of the bargaining unit?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
3. Do you support the right of public employees to binding arbitration as a means of resolving collective bargaining impasses or other employment issues?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
4. Do you oppose contracting private companies to perform work currently performed by public employees?  
a. Yes \_\_ b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
5. Do you oppose easing environmental restrictions to retain businesses in San Diego?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
6. Will you use Union print shops for your printed campaign literature?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
7. Do you support the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP)?  
a. Yes \_\_, b. No \_\_. c. No opinion \_\_
8. Do you support restrictions on development activities or brush removal in sensitive habitat, wetlands, or watershed?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ c. No opinion \_\_
9. Do you support restrictions on development and private activities (building sea walls, stairways, tall structures, grading or filling etc.) in the Coastal Area even though they may inconvenience a landowner?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ c. No opinion \_\_
10. Do you favor vigorous enforcement of storm water pollution rules even if this increases costs for some businesses?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
11. Would you favor leasing city land rather than selling it?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
12. Should new real estate and commercial development be required to pay all of its infrastructure costs?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
13. Do you oppose allowing private organizations that discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion or sexual orientation be allowed to lease City property at below market rates (e.g. boy scouts)?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_
14. Do oppose government having the right to search homes and offices without citizens' knowledge and consent?  
a. Yes \_\_ , b. No \_\_ , c. No opinion \_\_

Thank you for taking the time to submit your questionnaire. Good luck in your campaign!

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