

Dear Torrey Pines Democratic Club and Del Mar GO team members,

On January 17th the club sent a short questionnaire to all of the candidates to the 77th Assembly District Central Committee that we had an email address for. The Central Committee plays an important role in promoting good Democratic candidates. You will be able to vote for up to 6 candidates on your March ballot.

As of now, we've received responses from the ten in the following table of contents. In addition to these responses, Carol Waldman, Destiny Preston, and Ann Crosbie presented to the Torrey Pines Democratic Club on January 25th. All three were recommended as good candidates by the members present.

The club will not be making endorsements but we hope this information will allow you to make a more informed decision.

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Carol Waldman

Candidate for the Democratic Central Committee 77th Assembly District.

What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

I am a dedicated San Diegan with a longtime commitment to turning our city blue, dating back to my college days. I have a robust background in Democratic Leadership. Throughout my career, I've gained valuable campaign experience and held legislative roles with Assemblymember Dede Alpert, Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, and most recently, Assemblymember Tasha Boerner.

Having actively participated in numerous political campaigns at the local, state, and national levels, I have developed a deep understanding of the Democratic landscape in San Diego County. My engagement extends beyond campaigns; I've also contributed to the National Abortion Rights Action League, working on pro-choice campaigns across the country. Furthermore, I've been a delegate to over 25 California State Democratic Conventions, served as an Obama delegate in 2012, and played an active role in organizations such as Run Women Run, Rancho Santa Fe Democratic Club, and the American Jewish Committee.

Why are you running for this office?

Running for the Democratic Central Committee has always been a goal of mine, but my responsibilities in raising three children prevented me from pursuing it earlier. Now that my children are older, I can dedicate the time and effort required to be an effective member of this committee. My key priorities include continuing to support the election of qualified Democrats to office, defending our healthcare and reproductive rights, and advocating for our teachers and working families. I am particularly keen on contributing to the election of Democrats in school board races.

If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and /or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

I believe the committee should align more closely with the voters' wishes and avoid adopting ideologies that are out of step with the electorate. Additionally, I would advocate for increased involvement from committee members with more active volunteering and donations to Democratic-endorsed candidates. Finally, I would like to see the committee strengthen its ethics rules, ensuring a commitment to integrity and accountability within the committee's operations.

Stephanie Wells

What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

Stephanie Wells is a dedicated Carlsbad mom and activist, advocating for a range of crucial issues, including:

- defending public education
- supporting teachers and students
- LBGTQ+ rights
- gun violence prevention and school safety
- advocating for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB)

Currently serving as an alternate on the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee and a member of the RISE Committee, Stephanie, a lifelong Democrat, actively educates the community on pertinent issues and campaigns for candidates who share her Democratic values. In her role as an activist, she successfully mobilized parents, students, and community members to support the implementation of ethnic studies and DEIB programs in Carlsbad schools.

As a survivor of gun violence, Stephanie used her personal experience to champion secure storage of firearms resolutions in four North County school districts. Serving as a leader in gun violence prevention, she led hundreds of volunteers in a virtual Advocacy Day, tirelessly lobbying lawmakers and advocating for the passage of crucial gun safety bills.

Stephanie is also actively involved in various roles, currently serving on the executive board of the PTA, school site council, and contributing as a regular volunteer in the classroom.

Articles for reference:

DEI - 6/2023

<https://www.kpbs.org/news/local/2023/06/22/community-divided-over-carlsbads-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-plan-in-schools>

Pride Flag - 7/2023

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/north-county/carlsbad/story/2023-07-10/carlsbad-city-council-member-proposes-flying-confederate-flag>

Ethnic Studies - 3/2023

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/ethnic-studies-course-approved-for-carlsbad-school-parents-divided-over-new-class/3182591/>

Bruen SCOTUS ruling - 6/2022

<https://thecoastnews.com/sheriff-releases-details-clarifications-on-scotus-gun-ruling/>

Oped against anti-maskers - 11/2021

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/story/2021-11-16/opinion-california-parents-glad-judge-tossed-mask-mandate-lawsuit>

Families Belong Together Rally - 8/2018

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/carlsbad-city-council-votes-unanimously-to-change-protest-ordinance>

Why are you running for this office?

Having served as an alternate over the past year, attending nearly every meeting, I've gained a profound appreciation for the significance of having members who are committed to accountability, transparency, and the endorsement of Democrats who truly embody our values. In light of the recent redistricting, it became evident that without stepping up to run alongside Nikki Faddick, there was a looming risk of losing representation in the north end of AD77. Also, it is essential to have active Central Committee members within the North Coastal Caucus to ensure that we endorse the most qualified candidates for the North Coastal San Diego region. Given these considerations, I have chosen to pursue candidacy for the Central Committee AD77 seat.

If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

The existing criteria for Central Committee candidates are more stringent compared to the requirements for individuals seeking endorsement from the Central Committee. It is imperative to safeguard the integrity of our endorsements by ensuring that they are extended to committed Democrats rather than individuals who switch parties solely to pursue elective positions. I have highlighted our present Bylaws and SD ROV guidelines for your reference below. This modification aims to guarantee the election of Democrats who align with our values, rather than individuals who switch parties for the sole purpose of running for office.

SD Dems Bylaws

Article XIII ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1 Resolutions

This Committee may consider and take public positions on any matter of general public concern as resolutions.

Any registered San Diego County Democrat may submit a resolution for consideration by the Central Committee. All Resolutions shall:

1. Adhere to and reflect the goals and principles of This Committee as enumerated in these Bylaws and the Platforms of the National, State, and This Committee's Platform.
2. Be sponsored by a member of the Central Committee,
3. Follow the submission format set forth in the Policies and Procedures.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE/COUNTY COUNCIL

QUALIFICATIONS

A person shall not be eligible for appointment or election to a county central committee/County Council who is not registered as affiliated with the political party of that committee at the time of

his/her appointment or election and registered voter in the district at the time nomination papers are issued. (E.C. Sec. 201, 7209, 7407, 7654, 7852) Elections Code Section 8001: No declaration of candidacy for a partisan office or for membership on a county central committee shall be filed by a candidate unless:

1. At the time of presentation of the declaration and continuously for not less than three months immediately prior to that time, or for as long as the candidate has been eligible to register to vote in the state, the candidate is shown by their affidavit of registration to be affiliated with the political party the nomination of which the candidate seeks; and
2. The candidate has not been registered as affiliated with a qualified political party other

than that political party the nomination of which the candidate seeks within 12 months, or, in the case of an election governed by Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 10700) of Part 6 of Division 10, within three months immediately prior to the filing of the declaration. Peace and Freedom Party the requirement is 30 days.

Ann Crosbie

What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

As the Chair of the CDP Children's Caucus, I had the opportunity to serve on the Central Committee and would

like the opportunity to continue. I have been volunteering for the Democratic Party since 1988 (Dukakis campaign in San Diego). In the last three years I have served on the Executive Board of the Democratic Women's Club, the Democratic Education Alliance and

the Democratic Club of Carlsbad and Oceanside. I am currently serving as the GO Team County-wide Training Coordinator and as a member of the County's Candidate Recruitment, Evaluation and Development Committee.

Why are you running for this office?

I would like for our local party to remain responsive to our community, while steadfastly representing the

values found in our Democratic Party Platform with the integrity which recently been missing from public discourse.

If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

I would like for the party to be more responsive to our local community of Democrats, and inspiring when it comes to finding qualified Democratic candidates for every office across the county, and helping them get elected and feel supported as they serve and make lasting positive change.

Cynara Velazquez (Cynara Kidwell on the ballot)

1. What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

I have been volunteering with the San Diego County Democratic Party for nearly 20 years. I became active in 2004 to end the Iraq war and traveled to Arizona to do Spanish Language outreach for John Kerry. I joined our party's newly formed Grassroots Organizing Team (GO-Team) in 2005 and served in leadership GO-Team roles for many years. I served as an Assembly Delegate to the California Democratic Party in 2015 and 2017. I am the president of the Blue Dream Democratic Club (a Democratic Club for Drug Policy Reform) and a founding board member of La Voz Democrata (a Spanish Language Democratic Club). I am passionate about combatting climate change, eliminating poverty and social inequality, immigration/trade reform, and campaign finance reform. I am committed to championing little "d" democracy by activating, organizing, empowering, and amplifying the voices of local grassroots organizers in the many diverse communities of San Diego County. I am Director Clubs for the San Diego County Democratic Party advocating and representing our 50+ democratic clubs on the executive board of the democratic party.

2. Why are you running for this office?

To advocate for and represent for Democratic Voter and Values in the Communities of 77th assembly district. To bring the voice of the community to our central committee. To advocate for accountability and transparency in the democratic party.

3. If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

I would like to see early endorsements only where needed, so that clubs, community groups and voters, have as much voice as possible in our endorsements.

I would like to see a brief internal questionnaire for candidates running for internal party leadership elections asking (1) What is your job and employer, (2) What are you volunteer and civic affiliations? (3) Why are seeking this position? (4) What experience have you had relevant to the position for which you are running?

I would like to have our party materials translated into Spanish. I would like the party to hire a professional fundraiser to create an independent small donor funding base, so that we are less reliant on major donors and percentages from member communications.

I would like to change the policy of allowing new regional associate membership for people joining party committees. I believe that internal committee (RISE, Candidate Evaluation, etc..) members should be chosen from existing central committee members and associate members. Adding unbound new associate members dilutes the vote of club and other associate members in the regional committees. It also tends to strengthen the power of the whomever the majority voting block is in the region, since such members may be (a) appointed by the vice chair or (b) elected by the majority of regional caucus.

Val Macedo

1. What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

For my primary job, I work for the Laborers Union Local 89 in San Diego. We represent 4,000 workers throughout San Diego County primarily in the construction industry, however we also represent workers in the cemeteries, golf courses, tree trimming maintenance, billboard signage and much more. A large part of my role is to fight for workers to have good wages with great benefits that will allow them to care for themselves and their families. Within my capacity at the Laborers Union, I am constantly in communication with our members about the issues that we are dealing with in San Diego. It is my job to help our members earn the pay and benefits they need to have a high quality of life within our beautiful county of San Diego.

Additionally, I serve as a Director to the San Diego County Water Authority. I am currently Vice-Chair of the Water Planning and Environment Committee and a member of the Engineering and Operations Committee. Within my role at the Water authority, I am protecting San Diego Ratepayers from water rate increases. While San Diego has some of the most reliable water in the State, we pay a premium for our water. Now is the time we need to do everything we can to protect San Diego Ratepayers from being forced to pay for reliability (again) to help out other regions in California.

Also, I have served as an advisory member for the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan Review Committee and have been a strong advocate for climate justice while making sure the voices of working families are at the front of the conversation for finding solutions. I commit to continue working towards a cleaner environment for our future generations.

I am also elected Delegate for AD77 Democratic State Central Committee.

Lastly, I am very involved with my community. I am 5th Generation in my family to grow up in San Diego County (Carlsbad) and understand the issues important to our community. I have hosted food/item drives with the San Diego County Resource Center (North County) where my fiancé and I collected and donated over 250 items for families in need during the holidays. I volunteer for a few other nonprofits in AD77 such as, Brother Bennos. Brother Bennos is an organization dedicated to serving homeless neighbors, the working poor, and seniors in North San Diego County by offering essential meals, addressing basic needs, fostering community outreach, and supporting addiction recovery. In addition, I am a big volunteer in our Youth. I am a coach for Carlsbad Pop Warner and work with Purple Reign 7v7 to promote strong values for our youth.

Some of my endorsements include: SD Young Dems, California Young Dems, SD Dems for Equality, San Diego Labor Council, San Diego Building & Construction Trades

2. Why are you running for this office?

I am running for this office because I want to bring a voice of labor into the conversation at the Democratic Party. I have seen firsthand how powerful we can be when Organized Labor and the Democratic Party are working together. Conversely, I have seen the negative impact when Labor and the Democratic Party are on opposite sides of a campaign.

3. If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

I do currently do not have any changes I am proposing to the SD County Dem Party's Bylaws and/or Policies. I understand there is room to improving some current practices within the party and I am open to hearing from others to see how we can improve our Party.

Pratima Gupta

1. What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

I currently serve on the San Diego Central Committee, and I am the North Coastal Area Vice Chair Pro Tem. I am also on the Executive Board of the Women's Caucus of the California Democratic Party, and the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Close the Gap California which is working towards gender parity in the California State legislature. Previously, I served on the San Francisco Central Committee as the Vice Chair for Club Chartering.

2. Why are you running for this office?

As a lifelong Democrat, I have worked extensively with the party to build its base, register voters, engage the youth, and be more inclusive and representative in line with our party's values. I am running for this office to leverage my science and evidence-based approach as a physician to the Party to ensure that the facts are the foundation of our resolutions and endorsements.

3. If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

In my previous tenure, my goal was to remove the mandatory dues required of Central Committee members. It wreaked of a "pay to play" model and was not equitable. Currently, I am not prioritizing any Bylaws or P/P changes. In terms of Operating practice, I would love to see a monthly electronic newsletter from the party to the members to keep folks engaged, not just during election time or when there is a need for volunteers.

Nikki Faddick

What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

Nikki is a Carlsbad mom and organizer who has worked on several important issues:

- gun violence prevention
- affordable healthcare and insulin
- police accountability
- LGBTQ+ rights
- Women's reproductive rights

Nikki currently serves on the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee, after having been nominated to fill a public ballot member vacancy in January of 2022. As an activist and member of the Democratic party, Nikki has worked to elect Democrats up and down the ballot, hold elected officials accountable to our shared ideals, and also to help shape our party platform: in 2019, Nikki authored and built a coalition to get a plank on gun violence prevention added to our state party's platform.

As a gun violence prevention advocate, Nikki has fought for funding for community violence interrupters, as well as gun safety laws at the local, state, and federal level, and she has organized scores of volunteers to do the same in their own communities.

Nikki has also volunteered with CA #Insulin4All to advocate for insulin affordability; she served on the board of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center; and was a founding member of the North County Civil Liberties Coalition. Nikki was proud to have been recognized by State Senator Catherine Blakespear as an "Exceptional Woman of District 38" in 2023.

More information about me:

Classical Academy Forced Outing Policy:

<https://www.kpbs.org/news/education/2023/11/16/san-diego-classical-academies-policy-transgender-students-legal-concerns>

Recognition as an "Exceptional Woman of the Year" in 2023 by State Senator Catherine Blakespear

<https://sd38.senate.ca.gov/women-making-herstory>

Pride Flag - 7/2023

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/north-county/carlsbad/story/2023-07-10/carlsbad-city-council-member-proposes-flying-confederate-flag>

Solana Beach Gun Violence Prevention Resolution (2018):

<https://www.10news.com/news/solana-beach-city-council-steps-into-the-gun-control-debate-opposing-concealed-carry-reciprocity>

CalVIP LTE: 3/2021

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/story/2021-03-10/opinion-gun-violence-program-needs-state-support>

Darrell Issa/Insulin: 4/2018

<https://capaction.medium.com/my-son-has-type-1-diabetes-and-darrell-issa-voted-to-repeal-his-healthcare-e38602871373>

Sandy Hook vigil: 12/2019

<https://thecoastnews.com/annual-sandy-hook-remembrance-ceremony-held-in-solana-beach/>

Why are you running for this office?

I am running for this office to continue my work on the committee to help elect Democrats during this critical time, to help advance our values in board rooms, council chambers, and in Sacramento, including addressing climate change, preserving and defending democracy and voting rights, gun violence prevention, access to affordable health care including women's reproductive care, and defending and advancing LGBTQ+ rights.

Though our county has made many gains in the offices our elected Democrats hold, we face challenges in holding them accountable to keep their campaign promises. And, importantly, in North County where I live, we face the challenges of narrowly winning (or losing) Democratic majorities. I am running so that our North County community continues to have a voice from the district on the Central Committee and to help elect and support elected Democrats who are committed to upholding our Democratic values.

If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

A couple of changes I would like to help shape include:

Requiring candidates to have actually been registered Democrats from some period of time in order to register to run and be considered for endorsement as a Democrat. Especially in our North County cities, we have repeatedly seen candidates switch parties to run as Democrats just before filing to run, and many times these candidates have troubling recent connections to candidates/campaigns/elected officials from opposing parties. There is a standard for how long you have to have been registered as a Democrat to be able to run for Central Committee; we should adopt a standard for how long you need to have been registered as a Democrat in order to run as one and receive our County party's endorsement.

In addition, there has been a large uptick in the number of elected officials running for Central Committee (27 elected Democrats this year alone! For reference, there were 9 elected Democrats who ran in 2012). It is understandable that elected officials who do not qualify for ex officio seats (federal and statewide offices) would still want a hand in running the party's business, but it takes that ability away from rank-and-file community members/party activists, and, more importantly, it has the appearance of conflicts of interest, since the party directs endorsement funds into local candidates' coffers. Our County party should adopt guidelines around how many, if any, full-time elected officials should be eligible to fill Central Committee seats. I have actively been working to address this issue and would like the opportunity to continue this work on the committee.

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria

What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

My life has been dedicated to public service and serving the Democratic Party. Currently I serve as the Mayor of San Diego, and I am also running for reelection as Mayor along with a seat on the Democratic Central Committee. Before becoming Mayor, I served two terms on the San Diego City Council (2008-2016) and was elected City Council President by my colleagues in 2012. I also served in the California State Assembly from 2016 to 2020 and rose to a leadership position as Assistant Majority Whip and then Majority Whip.

Why are you running for this office?

I take my role as a leader in the San Diego Democratic party seriously, and I want to help lead and shape our party in the future. The primary goal is for more Democrats in the county to win their races, and I want to use my experience and knowledge to support and help other democratic candidates, so they can win.

If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

I wouldn't want to change any bylaws right away, but I want to make sure the San Diego County Democratic Party is strengthened by having the resources and staff it needs to best elect Democrats. For many years Republicans ran San Diego, but now Democrats hold the majority of elected positions throughout the City and County. It's no longer possible to be the party we want to be with such a minimal staff. In order to take advantage of every opportunity to elect Democrats and grow our party, we need to think about more professional, paid staff who can focus full-time on enacting the goals of the party.

Destiny Preston

1. What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

I currently sit on the Executive Board and serve as PAC Chair for the Encinitas and North Coast Democratic Club. I am also a member of the SD Democrats for Environmental Action Club PAC and I'm a member of the SD Women's Democratic Club. I was recently a proxy for State Senator Catherine Blakespear at the November 2023 CADEM Convention in Sacramento. I have been a lifelong Democrat and am proud to have grown up in a Democratic household. I vote in every election and I'm very civically engaged. I have worked hard to build relationships with Democrats across San Diego County. All of these experiences have called me toward contributing to the party in a more impactful way and I know I can achieve a greater impact on the Central Committee.

2. Why are you running for this office?

I'm running because there are serious challenges facing the region. I'm committed to advancing Democratic values and doing the work to tackle those problems. I remember what the County was like before it flipped blue, so I understand what's at stake and how important it is to organize in order to maintain and expand our political gains. As a dedicated public servant with extensive policy experience, I'm confident I have the necessary skills to effectively represent progressive values on the Central Committee. I currently work as an Assistant Deputy Director for CA Transportation Commission where I work to lead equity and climate action. I previously led sea level rise planning at Caltrans, following experience working for the Coastal Commission. I am an Advisory Board Member with the State Coastal Conservancy where I focus on expanding environmental justice and I serve on the County's Community Action Board, which works to eliminate poverty, and I represent District 3 and Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.

3. If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

My top 3 priorities on Central Committee are:

- (1) Endorsing ethical candidates with a demonstrated commitment to Democratic values
- (2) Ensuring the party platform remains strongly rooted in Democratic values and is also responsive to the times as society changes to ensure we continue to effectively represent the people and progressive values.
- (3) Furthering a cohesive collegial environment within the party while working to build alliances and strive for consensus wherever possible.

As a Central Committee member, I would use that platform to advocate for clean and sustainable transportation within the party – with a focus on the platform and endorsed candidates. I would work to ensure this issue remains a priority for the party and that we build educational opportunities for Democrats to understand the importance of deploying this infrastructure. I would also work with appointees and those seeking potential appointments to transportation agencies (SANDAG, MTS, NCTD, etc.) to ensure they will help our region become a national leader in clean transportation. At this time, I do not propose specific changes to the Party's Bylaws and/or Policies, but I look forward to becoming more engaged and proposing changes as needed when I'm elected to this position.

Japhet Perez Estrada for Central Committee 2024

1. What are your qualifications for the Central Committee?

I am a San Diego native, and as such, I have a fundamental understanding of the problems addressing our district (and city) and have plans to improve them. Additionally, I studied Sociology at Columbia University, where I took a quantitative approach to addressing social issues. For example, in 2020, I worked with the La Jolla Village Merchants Association (LJVMA) [to see how COVID-19 had affected shopping behaviors of tourists and locals who visit La Jolla's business district](#). I walked around La Jolla with a QR code sign and collected data for six months, and then analyzed the data with R (statistics programming software) to see how La Jolla could better and faster adapt to new purchasing behavior post-pandemic. In this day and age where technology and data are so intertwined with society, it is imperative that candidates not only know how to read the data synopsis to make good decisions in our district, but also know how to understand how the data was collected, analyzed, and presented. I've also held positions in several boards in La Jolla. Currently I have appointments with the La Jolla PDO (Planning District Ordinance) and Coastal Parking Board, and am the President of the LJVMA. Over my time working with these groups, I learned how to navigate city regulations, make amendments to ordinances, and restructure bylaws.

La Jolla Planned District Ordinance (PDO) (11 Members)	Deb Marengo (Chair) Brian Williams John Shannon (3 Members)	VACANT VACANT VACANT (3 Members)	Joe Parker Joe Terry (2 Members)	(None)	Andy Fotsch Bill Podway Japhet Perez (3 Members)
Traffic & Transportation Board (T&T) (10 Members)	Tom Brady Dave Abrams (2 Members)	Donna Aprea Nancy Warwick (2 Members)	Erik Gantzel (Co-Chair) Patrick Ryan (2 Members)	Brian Earley (Chair) Ross Rudolph (2 Members)	Bill Podway Dusty Bowder (2 Members)



LA JOLLA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION					
STANDING, JOINT, AND AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, 2023-2024					
	LJCPA	LJTC	BRCC	LJSA	LJVMA
Coastal Parking Board (9 Members)	Tom Brady Ray Weiss Dave Abrams (3 Members)	Ann Kerr Nancy Warwick Andy Fotsch (3 Members)	(None)	(None)	Jodi Rudick, Staff Bill Podway Japhet Perez (3 Members)

I am no stranger to working with the city, and community members, to make decisions that affect our community at large. Lastly, and what I believe to be my most important qualification to the

Central Committee, is that I am part of the next generation of political leaders in this country. I innately understand the problems that plague my generation and our country - and I know to address them.

2. Why are you running for this office?

I am running for this office because I believe I can do the job required while having the constituents' best interest in mind. I am a San Diego native, and La Jolla local, who understands today's most pressing interests which are sadly not being addressed. I believe San Diego's most pressing issues will continue to be the Homeless Crisis, and will be Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence. My mother's house was recently flooded in Southcrest during this recent flooding incident. I've witnessed firsthand what insufficient infrastructure will do to a community. Unfortunately, the city will not act unless a disaster happens. I plan on focusing our budget to infrastructure investment that will prevent another natural disaster incident in District 77.

On the technology side, the City of San Diego needs to start adapting to using AI now. Growing up with technology - literally aging as technology symbiotically expanded into the American psyche - has given me an advantage older generations don't have. Technology doesn't scare me; rather it excites me to the possibility of the good we can use it for. And as a former Cyber Intelligence Officer, I know too well the backdraws of governments that do not utilize cutting edge technology - they end up getting taken advantage of. I love San Diego, and I want the best for it. This is why I want to push forward investment to integrate city infrastructure AI. While this is a broad idea as is, officials really need to be thinking about how to do this. Technology moves incredibly fast; faster than bureaucracy's. Fortunately, I understand intimately how these systems work and operate. And how they can be used to keep San Diego up to speed.

3. If elected, what changes, if any, to the SD County Democratic Party's Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures, or operating practices, would you like to see made?

One of the first issues I'd push forward to redact would be limiting the candidates who can run for the Central Committee. If you hold a position in City Council, Mayor, State Assembly, you should not be allowed to run for Central Committee. Why are we seeing big-named politicians running for a "lesser" role in the Central Committee? They are consolidating power, and this is not right. Absolute power leads to absolute corruption. Politics should be a representation of its constituents, but how can this be if the same group of people hold multiple political positions and essentially stifle competition? They are pushing out new ideas and the up-and-coming generation in order to maintain their power using the voting power Central Committee members have. It doesn't sit right with me, and it shouldn't sit right with you as well. The Democratic party has by and large pushed for diversity and inclusivity, but failed in this endeavor in political representation at the local level .