

East Bay Democratic Club Candidate Questionnaire For Milpitas City Council



(This questionnaire is online at <https://meansfordemocracy.org/blog.html#2026>)

Please download and complete the questionnaire, and email the completed document to Rob@MeansForDemocracy.org. By submitting your responses to this questionnaire, you agree that your responses are public, and that we may share your responses with others.

Name:

City Council or Mayor:

Phone(s):

Email:

Website:

Line of Work:

Optional Candidate Pledges:

CORPORATE-FREE. I commit to be a corporate-free candidate and publicize that I am a corporate free candidate in my campaign literature. YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEDGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY. I commit to publicize and hold regular listening sessions with my constituents, to stay in touch with their needs and concerns. YES ☐ NO ☐

PROGRESSIVE POLICIES. I commit to author, co-author, support, promote and defend people-focused progressive policies and practices to improve communities and the quality of life for my constituents. YES ☐ NO ☐

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION. I commit to help level the playing field for ALL people and prioritize the development of leadership among under-represented communities. YES ☐ NO ☐

Brief answers are encouraged.

General Questions:

1. Endorsements—

- a. Who are you endorsing, from national races all the way down ballot to local races?
- b. Who has endorsed you?
- c. Whose endorsements are you seeking or expect to receive?

2. Campaign Funding —How much money do you plan to raise for your campaign? Where will the money come from? Describe sources of financial contributions for your campaign that you would refuse to accept (if any). How much money do you currently have for this race? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from?

- a. Will you reject campaign contributions and endorsements from oil companies, oil company associations, public utilities, and PACs which take money from any of the above including, but not limited to, Chevron, Valero, Western States Petroleum Association, and Semptra Energy? YES ☐ NO ☐
- b. Will you reject campaign contributions and endorsements from law enforcement groups? YES ☐ NO ☐
- c. Will you reject campaign contributions and endorsements from the Apartment Association of the Association of Realtors? YES ☐ NO ☐
- d. Will you reject campaign contributions and endorsements from for-profit health care entities and insurance companies? YES ☐ NO ☐
- e. Will you reject campaign contributions and endorsements from charter school associations? YES ☐ NO ☐
- f. Will you reject campaign contributions and endorsements from corporate PACs? YES ☐ NO ☐

City Council Questions:

1. **Motivation:** Why did you choose to run for this office?
2. **Priorities:** What do you believe are the major issues facing residents of your district? What are some specific tasks (e.g. specific legislation, policies, etc.) you intend to accomplish while in office?
3. **Qualifications:** Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for being a Milpitas Councilmember, and include any community volunteering or activism. If you're an incumbent, how would you assess your own job performance? Please give some specific examples of accomplishments and setbacks.
4. **Housing:** If elected what policies and programs would you put in place to address affordable housing, market-rate housing, and homelessness? What incentives or policies would you propose for first-time home buyers? How would you improve Milpitas rental ordinances? Would you implement rent control in your Milpitas? If so, what would your rent control policy look like? Do you support Opportunity Housing?
5. **Public safety:** How would you prioritize and address the most important public safety issues facing the residents of your district? Consider community trust, racial tensions, police conduct, use of force, etc. What can be done to improve our local criminal justice system?
6. **Immigration:** Do you support the current county's sanctuary policy, and a sanctuary policy for your Milpitas?
7. **Diversity:** What policies and practices would you implement for inclusiveness and diversity in Milpitas government, particularly for women, people of color, and the LGBTQ+ community?

8. **Land use:** What are the most important land use issues facing your Milpitas? How would you reach out to Milpitas residents for their input?
9. **Business:** How do you view business growth in your Milpitas? What, if anything, would you do to ensure residents are not displaced? Under what circumstances would you support corporate subsidies, tax breaks, and credits, to attract business to Milpitas?
10. **Transit:** What specific proposals do you have to alleviate traffic? What are your views and positions on the proposed [podcar network](#) in the Metro Area?
11. **Environment:** What local policies would you propose to locally address climate change and the environment? What is your target date to make your Milpitas a zero-carbon city?
12. **Budget:** If you were on Council, what decisions would you make differently from this year's budget? Do you think the city needs additional revenue, and if so, how would you generate it?
13. **Youth:** What are your priorities and policies for youth in Milpitas and how would you implement and finance them?
14. **Education:** How could Milpitas improve education opportunities for its young people? What is your position on charter schools?
15. **Elections:** Would you support electoral and campaign finance reform? If so, what kind? How would you propose to improve civic participation in Milpitas?

16. **Access:** How do you propose to make yourself accessible and accountable to the residents of your Milpitas?
17. What type of retail establishments should or shouldn't be in Milpitas (e.g. what is your position on payday lenders and marijuana dispensaries in Milpitas)?
18. Does your campaign commit to engage substantial numbers of new voters? If yes, what is your plan to make it happen?
19. **Anything Else?** Is there anything else you would like to share?

Positions on Issues

Please answer YES or NO for each statement.

Do you support raising the minimum wage in your Milpitas? YES ☐

NO ☐

To what amount?

Do you support a restorative justice program in lieu of prosecution? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support ending bail bonds? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support participatory budgeting (citizen involvement in budgeting)? YES ☐ NO ☐

Would you support an elected rent board? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support a civilian review board with subpoena power of your police department?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Will you support Milpitas divestment from fossil fuels? YES ☐

NO ☐

Do you support funding projects to reduce the number of cars on the road? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support Ranked Choice Voting? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support Proportional Representation? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support “amending the Constitution to make clear that corporations and other artificial entities do not have Constitutional rights and that money is not speech and campaign spending should be limited through regulation”? Pledge from MTA

(<https://www.movetoamend.org/pledge>)

YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support free public education, pre-school through graduate studies? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support legalization with a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support marriage equality and the right of transgendered individuals to use the restroom of their choice? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support use of Milpitas funds to develop worker-owned cooperatives? YES ☐

NO ☐

Do you support an ordinance or charter amendment to create a public bank? YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you support Medicare for All? YES ☐ NO ☐