

# SV DSA State Candidate Questionnaire

## Silicon Valley Democratic Socialists of America

Silicon Valley DSA asks candidates seeking our endorsement to complete this questionnaire. In the interest of transparency, all answers will be published. Submit to: [info@siliconvalleydsa.org](mailto:info@siliconvalleydsa.org)

### General Information

- Name and Office Sought
- Campaign Contact (Email, website & social media)
- Election type & date (i.e. March Primary, Nov. General)
- Are you affiliated with a political party?
- Have you held office before? What office?
- How will you fund your campaign? Will you commit to refusing SuperPAC, corporate, and lobbyist money?
- Please list all sources of income you have had in the past 7 years.
- In what ways do you want us to help you?

### Priorities and Principles

- Why are you running for office?
- What are your priorities if elected?
- Are you a democratic socialist? If yes, what does democratic socialism mean to you?
- Why are you seeking an endorsement from the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)?

### Open-ended Questions (5-7 sentences)

These are some of our most important priorities in regard to policy. Please be thorough with your answers.

- What do you see as viable and sustainable sources of income for the government? What are expenses or revenue sources that should be scaled back or expanded?
- What are your views on a jobs guarantee and UBI (Universal Basic Income)? Do you have a plan to address job loss through automation and globalization?
- What will you, as both a candidate and an elected official, do to support unions and unionization efforts?
- What will you, as both a candidate and an elected official, do to curb labor violations and protect workers?
- What can you, as both a candidate and an elected official, do to save and protect the environment?

- What is your vision for a Green New Deal? How would you implement these proposals?
- What is your position on land use and zoning laws? How would you encourage infill and transit-oriented development, not sprawl? How much housing growth do you envision and how would we get there?
- Do you consider housing a human right? What policies and solutions do you support to guarantee that right? Would you expand public housing?
- How will you curb police violence and racial and socioeconomic bias (e.g. racial profiling)? How will you increase police transparency and accountability?
- How will you address systemic racism in our legal system, and the rise of mass incarceration and the prison industrial complex? Are you willing to end mandatory minimum prison sentencing and establish restorative justice programs?

## Short Answer Questions (2-4 sentences)

Please be thorough with your answers.

- How will you protect your community from gentrification and displacement?
- What is your position on rent control?
- What are your views on temporary housing for the houseless (i.e. overnight parking in public or private lots, shelters like Hope Village, public housing lots)?
- Do you believe healthcare is a human right? How would you work to guarantee that right to everybody? Do you believe health insurance companies should have a role in healthcare provision?
- What is your view on the government's response to the 2008 financial crash? What actions would you take in a similar crisis?
- What ideas do you have to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions within the next decade?
- How do envision the expansion of public transportation?
- Do you support a minimum wage of \$15/hour? Should minimum wage be equivalent to a living wage?
- How will you work to address the gender wage gap? The racial wage gap?
- Do you see a role for a community land trust in your city? How should it be created?
- Do you support drug decriminalization and/or legalization?
- Do you support the move to eliminate cash bail? Did you approve of California's 2018 bail reform? Do you support the 2020 ballot referendum?
- Do you support elected civilian police oversight boards with robust investigative powers?
- Explain your position on reproductive rights and justice.

- Do you believe reparations for black Americans are necessary? How would you help achieve this?
- Do you consider quality education as a human right? How would you work to guarantee that right to everybody?
- Explain your positions on public education and charter schools. Should bilingual curriculum and teaching be adopted in schools?
- How would you work to ensure dignity, autonomy, and full participation in society for people with disabilities?
- What can be done to curb food insecurity and food deserts in our communities?
- What will you do to ensure the marginalized in our community are guaranteed the right and access to clean, affordable water?
- What will you do to ensure the marginalized in our community are guaranteed the right and access to clean, affordable energy?
- How will you help expand Internet services to every American? Do you believe public Internet providers are necessary for this expansion?

## Multiple Choice Questions (Yes/No/Other)

If other, please elaborate.

- Do you support MediCal-for-All?
- Do you support a public healthcare provider (i.e. the UK's NHS)?
- Do you support free public transportation (elimination of bus & light rail fares)?
- Do you support the establishment of public banks?
- Do you support fossil fuel divestment?
- Should tenants have the right to counsel? To unionize?
- Should tenants have just cause eviction protections?
- Should California repeal the 1985 Ellis Act? The 1995 Costa-Hawkins Act?
- Should contract/gig workers receive minimum wage?
- Should contract/gig workers receive labor protections?
- Would you encourage the development of worker-owned cooperatives?
- Do you support public universal pre-K?
- Do you support tuition free colleges and universities?
- Should undocumented residents have the same rights and access to...
  - Public services (Medi-Cal, SNAP, etc.)?
  - Worker protections?
  - Right to live in this country?
- Should law enforcement cooperate with ICE?
- Do you support BLM and the Movement for Black Lives' platform: <https://policy.m4bl.org/platform/>

- Do you support restored voting rights for felons, both freed and incarcerated?
- Are you for the death penalty?