

**Contra Costa Progressives - 2016 Questionnaire  
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**Local Issues**

- 1. What actions are needed to increase affordable housing?**
  - Increase housing stock which includes affordable housing
  - Zone areas for affordable housing (which Antioch already does but needs to look into increasing or looking into other areas.
  - Partner with organizations that are rehabbing current housing and multi-unit properties to designate affordable housing for low income, seniors and veterans.
  
- 2. What strategies would you pursue at the local level to assist in the creation of decent paying jobs?**
  - Work with new businesses coming to the city by encouraging Project Labor Agreements and local hires.
  - Encourage working with the Workforce Development Board on internships and job shadowing for youth and young adults.
  - Support local small businesses with local hire and local mentorship programs
  
- 3. What steps would you take to increase transparency and accountability in government?**
  - Keep open lines of communication
  - Meeting with local residents and businesses
  - Post city updates on website, newsletters and social media
  
- 4. Who are the top 3 donors to your campaign by dollar amount? What percentage of funds donated to your campaign come from small donors? i.e. donation of \$50 or less?**
  - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 302 - \$1,500
  - Republic Services - \$1,000
  - Antioch Police Officers Association - \$1,000
  - Approximately 5% of my donation are from small donors
  
- 5. Within Contra Costa County recent data reveals there are, “dramatic racial disparities at every stage of the local criminal justice process,” e.g. over-representation in being charged with crimes, being on adult probation or juvenile probation, etc. For example, the county’s population is 9.6% Black/African American but Black/African American comprise 26% of all those criminally charged and 41% of those on juvenile probation. Black/African Americans are also underrepresented on juries relative to the total population as are Hispanic/Latino Americans who compromise 25% of the county’s population but make up less than**

**15% of jurors. What needs to be done at the local level to reduce or eliminate these disparities in the criminal justice system?**

- Local governments need better partnerships with
  - Probations especially juvenile probations
  - Local and county law enforcement
  - County DA's Office
  - School Boards and School District
  - Faith based organizations
  - Parents and community members
  - County Workforce Development Board
- Our youth need access to more afterschool and weekend activities
- Collaboration between government, schools and community needs to happen. This is going to take multiple areas working together to make sure all communities have a voice especially communities of color. A really good step in the right direction is making sure people of color are represented in government and different agencies.

### **Regional Issues**

- 1. Do you support a ban on Crude-By-Rail shipments through Contra Costa County and what are the reasons for your position? Crude-By-Rail is the transport of highly volatile fracked Bakken crude oil in tanker cars in mile-long unit trains.**

Yes, I support a ban on Crude-By-Rail shipments. These shipments are highly volatile and are harmful to our residents. The regulations on this industry are mild at best and do nothing to protect our residents.

- 2. Should local refineries, chemical plants, and similar large-scales industrial operations be required to set-aside adequate funds for the eventual clean-up of their lands upon closure or re-use? If yes, should those funds be in the form of third party guarantees (bonding or insurance) or should companies be allowed to self-insure?**

Yes, these companies should be required to set aside funding for adequate clean up. Now it is up to local municipalities to find funding for clean-up. These funds should be in the form of third party guarantees that has oversight from both the company and the municipality.

- 3. Should hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") which is the injection of liquids including undisclosed chemicals at high pressure into the ground to extract oil or gas, be banned in Contra Costa County?**

Yes, this type of drilling is bad for the environment and to the well-being of local residents.

### **State and National Issues of Local Impact**

1. **Should your city council and the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors request your Congressional Delegation vote “NO” on the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) if that proposed trade deal is brought before Congress?**

Yes, the city of Antioch recently created a resolution which is against TPP.

2. **Do you agree that Citizens United (*Citizens United v. FEC*, U.S. Supreme Court decision, 2010) should be overturned? This question is subject of Proposition 59 on the California November 8 2016 General Election Ballot.**

Yes, I wholeheartedly agree that Citizens United should be overturned!