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2022 San Diego County Sheriff Candidate Consideration Survey

General Information

(please use bold blue font when filling out the questionnaire)

Candidate: **Dave Myers**

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1.) Have you been registered OTHER than a Democrat? [**XX**] YES [] NO

2.) How long have you been registered as a Democrat? **Since 2014**

3.) How long have you been a resident of the district? **My entire life**

4.) Have you run for or been elected to public office previously?

[**XX**] YES [] NO

If “YES”, what office did you run for, or previously hold?

Candidate for Sheriff 2018, La Mesa City Council 2018

5.) Please share how much money your campaign has raised to date, and how much you expect to raise.

We have a budget of \$400,000 for the primary. Our first public reporting will be after January 1, 2022.

6.) Please list your endorsements (or attach the list on a separate page).

Sara Jacobs, Congresswomen (53rd District)

Akilah Weber, CA Assemblymember (79th District)

Mark Arapostathis, Mayor of the City of La Mesa

Jack Shu, Vice Mayor of the City of La Mesa

Bill Baber, La Mesa Councilmember

Chardá Bell-Fontenot, Vice President La Mesa/Spring Valley School Board

Kristin Alessio, Former La Mesa Councilmember

Raul Campillo, San Diego City Councilmember

Sean Elo-Rivera, San Diego City Councilmember

Joe LaCava, San Diego City Councilmember

Monica Montgomery-Steppe, San Diego City Councilmember

Vivian Moreno, San Diego City Councilmember

Dr. Maria Nieto Senour, President of the SDCCD Board of Trustees

Olga Diaz, Former Escondido Councilmember

Jennifer Mendoza, City of Lemon Grove Councilmember

David Arambula, Former Lemon Grove Councilmember

Jose Rodriguez, Vice Mayor of National City

Marcus Bush, National City Councilmember

Corinna Contreras, Vista Councilmember

Rev. Shane Harris, Community Leader

Taisha Brown, Chair, CDP Black Caucus and Vice Chair of the Labor Caucus

Kathleen Harmon, Community Leader

Mark Gracyk, Director of Helix Water District

Rick Bates, Lead/Policy Analyst UniteHERE Local 30

Mohamed Ahmed, PhD, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Allianz Int'l University / City of San Diego Commission on gang Prevention and Intervention

Sandy Naranjo, San Diego Port Commissioner

Shane Parmely, School Board / Former Candidate for Assemblymember (D-79)

Rebecca McRae, La Mesa/Spring Valley School Board

Steve Padilla, Chula Vista Councilmember

Kate Bishop, Chula Vista Elem School Board

Genevieve Jones-Wright, Community Leader and Executive Director, MOGO

Lisa Middleton, Mayor Pro Tem, Palm Springs City Council

Leticia Cazares, Board President, Southwestern Community College District Governing Board

Sabrina Bazzo, Board Trustee, San Diego Unified School District

Oday Youaif, Valley de Oro Planning Commission

Gary Gartner, Ocean Beach Town Council

Joann Fields, Community Leader/AAPI Activist

Tiffany Boyd Hodgson, Vallecitos Water District Board

Unite HERE Local 30

Dr. MLK Jr. Democratic Club

East County Democratic Club

San Diego Progressive Democratic Club

Downtown Democratic Club

Blue Dreams Democratic Club

Poway Democratic Club (qualified)

Goals, Issues & Policy Objectives

1.) Why are you running for office?

I've known I wanted to be in law enforcement. I've been in law enforcement for 35 years and worked for the Sheriff's Department for 33 years. The breakdown of trust between the Sheriff's Dept. and our communities is unfair to county residents and makes it harder for our deputies to do their jobs. The conditions in our jails and other facilities are unacceptable. I retired in 2018, but I don't want to leave the Sheriff's Department in its current condition. We need to restore accountability and rebuild trust.

2.) Why are you seeking endorsement from the Imperial Beach Democratic Club?

The Sheriff's job is to enforce the law on behalf of all residents of San Diego County. I share the values of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club members, which serves as a collective voice for all IB residence. Endorsement by the Club communicates and demonstrates a specific set of values and priorities to the voters whose support I'm seeking.

3.) List your top three policy agenda goals for your campaign:

Transparency & accountability

Equitable & respectful policing in ALL neighborhoods, w/ focus on youth outreach

Address jail deaths & failure to meet health & disease standards in county jails

Transparency & accountability start at the top. I will be accessible and will engage constituents, organizations, journalists and others who have too often been ignored or disregarded. I will report accurate crime stats, whether or not they are positive for the department.

Equitable policing will require a change in culture. I will lead by example and work to ensure we are recruiting a police force that looks more like the communities we are policing. We must train and retrain deputies and work to dispel the "us vs them" mentality among deputies and residents.

I will implement the recommendations of the Grand Jury, CDC, and other organizations who have weighed in, but whose advice has been rejected by the current leadership.

4.) Imperial Beach is ever increasingly under greater threat of sea level rise, high-tide flooding, coastal erosion, and higher storm surge.

a) Do you believe the science that says climate change is real? **YES**

YES NO Requires further explanation:

b) Do you believe that climate change can be mitigated or reversed?

YES NO Requires further explanation:

c) If elected, how do you think the Sheriff's office can contribute to sustainability and climate resilience?

I support climate justice and believe that climate change is real. We are environmentally conscious in our household when it comes to the products and energy we use.

Sheriff's Department assets include a large number of buildings and other physical facilities, plus a huge fleet of vehicles. Currently, only one building has solar panels. All physical facilities should be outfitted with solar panels (where feasible). Solar canopies can be built over our parking lots to produce energy while keeping vehicles cooler. All of this can be built, installed, and maintained by union workers. We also need to shift more of our vehicle fleet toward hybrid and electric models including our fleet of diesel buses. These changes would be a good start.

5.) Describe your involvement in the community.

35-year public law enforcement career (Carlsbad PD, SD County Sheriff's Dept)

15-year elected Trustee, San Diego County Employees Retirement Association.

Founder, Sheriff's Department Youth Advisory Group.

Vice-Chair, County of San Diego LGBT & Allies Association.

Member of the Federal Club of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

Supporter and Contributor to Equality California

Supporter and Contributor to San Diego LGBT Center.

Member of the San Diego Chapter of the Black Political Association of California (BAPAC SD).

Supporter and Contributor to the Trevor Project (ending teenage LGBT suicide).

Sponsor and Participant, Tuesday Night Dinner, USO San Diego.

Organizer and Sponsor, Diaper Bank Drive, San Diego Food Bank.

Member, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, San Diego.

Member, San Diego County Democratic Clubs.

Board Member, Community Advocates for Just and Moral Governance (MOGO)

Honorary Chair, Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation (Honoring Gold Star Families)

6.) What do you think the relationship between ICE and the Sheriff's department should be?

Sheriff's Deputies are not immigration officers and in accord with law & policy

should not question immigration status while performing their duties. Sheriff's

Dept. should not be coordinating with ICE nor releasing anyone to ICE. Hundreds

of people have told the Sheriff's Dept their cooperation with ICE creates fear and mistrust within the immigrant community. Sheriff's cooperation with ICE has never been shown to decrease crime but the opposite. When victims/witness are afraid to report crimes, crime continues.

7.) Inmate mortality rates in San Diego County jails are among the highest in the State of California. Why do you think this is and what would you do to change this trajectory?

First thing we need to do is change the status quo at the Sheriff's Department. The current leadership have all failed us. Implement #TakeItToZero Campaign to end all deaths in our jails. We will mitigate jail deaths by establishing a Task Force to perform a comprehensive evaluation of jail policies and procedures, staffing positions, and custody data to understand the root causes of the record number of deaths in the jails. Prioritize women's health and wellbeing in jails by meeting and exceeding standards for women's health and disease prevention in jails, including banning the use of shackling pregnant female inmates to their beds while they are delivering their babies. Prioritize mental health and harm prevention in jails by implementing proper mental health and risk assessment protocols for inmates to prevent the record number of inmate suicides and self-harm in our jails. Enforce transparency by implementing body worn cameras for all deputies, including deputies working in the jails

8.) Data shows that between fiscal years 2019 and 2021, the Sheriff's contract grew by 14 percent while Imperial Beach City revenues only grew by 4.5 percent. In order to fully fund law enforcement, Imperial Beach has had to cut back on community services and even decrease the Fire Department's budget. What are your thoughts on this?

The escalating costs for law enforcement are not sustainable. A lot of the unpredictability of costs to contract cities is overtime. The City of IB as a contractor for law enforcement by the Sheriff should expect better accountability. I would insist specific data points included in all contracts with cities so they can see what they are paying for. The Sheriff should be encouraging other than law enforcement response to community quality of life issues. The Sheriff must fix and maintain the moral and set expectations that will dramatically reduce overtime costs/litigation settlements.

Signed: *David Myers*

Date: 12/1/21