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Note: The campaign does not have Twitter or Facebooks, etcetera.

Yes, I have been a registered Democrat.

I have been a registered Democrat since my 18th birthday.

I have resided in my district since all of us started moving here in an influx, which was 2016. Note that my District has grown by more than 280% over the past decade, indicating that perhaps and likely most of my constituents are not from my district.

I have **not** run for public office previously.

Why am I running for office?

My motivation for running for this office differs fragrantly from my counterparts. I am running because: (1) I've served this beautiful city for years in an increasingly responsible capacity and am now Chair of the Sustainability Commission; (2) My service to the city upon major and collective reflection can only be elevated in pursuit of democratic values if I unapologetically run this race; (3) I pursue said service because I am not a native Chula Vistan, like my constituents, but embody Chula Vistan values to my core; and (4) am a proponent of civic engagement and democratic fair place. This means to say the obvious, and I believe that my citizenry will join me in pursuit of issues, not connections by birthright.

Why am I seeking endorsement from the Imperial Beach Democratic Club?

This is a fantastic question, and multifaceted. On its face, I am pursuing your endorsement because I wholeheartedly share your values, which are my values. My motivation is not enough to respond to the call of this question, so I continue: I'm authentically inviting and begging your endorsement because we share the same concerns and issues. Because I started this campaign on a promise to avoid a type of slander campaign, suffice it to say that your endorsement, consistent with another major group [left unnamed to avoid bias] in San Diego, is a vote of promise and future. I am seeking your endorsement to help me pursue promise and future, ultimately a promising future.

List my top (3) policy agenda goals for my campaign.

My campaign is fueled by 6 guiding agendas. I choose three (3) here, due to the call of this request.

- 1. Economic development with a focus on small business development.
- 2. Environmental and social sustainability.
- 3. Targeted housing and residential development.

Will I affirm a commitment to environmental justice?

I am the *Chair of the Sustainability Commission* for Chula Vista. Yes, in short. Does this require future explanation? Of course, it does demand further debate because I am angry that very few folks understand the importance of this. In short, yes.

Will I affirm a commitment to housing justice: housing as a human right regardless of starus and not for the marginalization of poorer residents into less desirable areas that frequently have higher pollution levels and other health risks?

Due to my position in the City, I must very kindly recuse myself from this response. What I can share is the following frustration and personal narrative: my mom is now 84 years old, and her husband died 2 years ago due to COVID. Our entire plan—8 year plan—was that she move to Chula Vista near and next to my husband and me. Suffice it to say that a 10-year plan is not applicable to a Chula Vista and SD housing market. Even with a \$3,000 monthly pension, my elderly mom could not afford a 1 bedroom, studio, or otherwise here. Chula Vista and especially my district disallows our aging population to age in place. I am so appalled. If you want to know what happened to my mom, ask me. She's not here, much to the pain of my heart.

Will I promote food safety, the "eeat local movement, small family farms, urban gardens, and healthy food alternatives?

Yes. I am delighted to explain upon inquiry.

Without naming anyone, describe the kind of candidate you would support to serve on behalf of South Bay residents?

The following represent characteristics of an individual I would wholeheartedly support: (1) visionary; (2) goodhearted; (3) socially conscious; (4) altruistic; (5) prosocial; (6) psychologically healthy; (7) ambitious; (8) reasonable; (9) transformational leadership traits; and (10) trustworthy.

Will I commit to partner with Imperial Beach to create and implement solutions in the fight for clean water and air?

In short, yes, of course. It is important that you know something about me to ensure my assurances. My husband is from Tijuana, and we enjoy many conversations about this troubleshooting. Likewise, I am Chair of Sustainability for Chula Vista.