



Imperial Beach Democratic Club  
2024 Chula Vista D3 Council Candidate Consideration Survey

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### General Information

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- 1.) Have you ever registered OTHER than a Democrat? [ ] YES [X] NO
- 2.) How long have you been registered as a Democrat? 36 YEARS
- 3.) How long have you been a resident of the district? 12 YEARS

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

YES  NO

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

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### Goals, Issues & Policy Objectives

1.) Why are you running for office?

**My wife and I were both born in Chula Vista and we are raising our children in public schools near our home. I am running because we need ethical and responsible leaders that are civic-minded and see the entire South Bay as one region that shares environmental concerns, support for homeless residents, affordable housing and liveable wages. I have family and friends that live in every neighborhood in our regional community and I recognize that issues affecting our communities cross into each other’s cities and it is critical that we support each other. I have served most of my career as an educator, a San Diego County Commissioner for Children, Youth and Families, a public affairs advocate for California Public Schools and currently serve Chula Vista as an appointed City Commissioner.**

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

**I have been attending meetings of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club for the last six months to listen and understand the needs of our city sister. As an advocate in our entire region, I have paid attention to the concerns of the increased need of cooperation and support surrounding homeless residents, pet shelters, the closing down of the postal office and the environmental disaster at the Tijuana River Valley. It is imperative that local city councilmembers in Chula Vista, San Ysidro and National City fight to bring federal attention to our most Southwestern American jewel of Imperial Beach to support Mayor Aguirre.**

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

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY** - Chula Vista's 2018 Measure A (half penny tax) has not resulted in the increase of police and firefighters services that the city is in dire need of. As the county's second largest city, Chula Vista's drastic increase in homelessness concerns and crime are my number one priority to support a police department to provide compassionate care for our residents and increase in pay for firefighters working over time away from their families.
2. **SMARTH GROWTH** - As our city has set 383 acres aside for a public university and constant home building, we need to ensure residents that we are managing the growth and dangerous traffic concerns. We need to balance our need for affordable housing while maintaining streets, congestion and the infrastructure for our families.
3. **LOCAL JOBS** - Residents in Chula Vista shouldn't all have to be transient workers commuting to downtown San Diego, the Golden Triangle and North County. I will advocate to bring bio-tech and greater job opportunities to the region that are in desperate need for growth in San Diego County. Our biggest efforts in helping manage the homeless crisis is providing prevailing wage union jobs to sustain our community.

4.) Will you affirm a commitment to environmental justice: no community should be subjected to environmental hazards due to race, economic standing, or immigration status?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

5.) Will you affirm a commitment to housing justice: housing is a human right regardless of status and not for the marginalization of poorer residents into less desirable areas that frequently have higher pollution levels and other health risks?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

6.) Will you promote food safety, the “eat local” movement, small family farms, urban gardens, and healthy food alternatives?

YES  NO  Requires further explanation:

7.) Imperial Beach and Chula Vista are partners in South Bay whereas we are bound by the same bay and share the same port tidelands. As members cities of the Port of San Diego, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach are charged with appointing members to the Board of Port Commissioners to serve as environmental stewards and responsible economic developers of a public benefits corporation working to benefit all South Bay residents. Without naming anyone, describe the kind of candidate you would support to serve on behalf of South Bay residents?

**I would be adamant in appointing a port commissioner who has experienced understanding, first and foremost, of the failed efforts over the last two decades of the biggest environmental disaster in American History. It is paramount that any designated commissioner dedicates their tenure committed to advocating for continuous federal funding and relentless advocacy with federal legislatures and the Environmental Protection Agency.**

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8.) Cross border sewage and border crossing air pollution affects both Imperial Beach and Chula Vista. Will you commit to partner with Imperial Beach to create and implement solutions in the fight for clean water and air?

**The \$300 million federal appropriation secured in 2019 for the Tijuana River Valley has not been enough. Children and adults in Imperial Beach continue to suffer from gastrointestinal infections and our coastal neighbors continue to deal with over 50 billion gallons of toxic sewage yearly that can now be smelled miles inland and possibly affecting drinking water. We need to be aggressive as collective regional leaders in demanding that our governor and president allocate the appropriate funding in permanently fixing the International Wastewater Treatment Plant. I will be a fighter for Imperial Beach.**

Signed: Date:

*Michael Inzunza 11/1/2023*

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