

Coastside Democrats Survey, Central Committee Candidates

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Please state how long you have been registered to vote as a Democrat. *

- Always been a registered Democrat
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last ten years
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last five years
- Just registered as a Democrat this election cycle

Why are you running for the Democratic Party County Central Committee representing our 3rd District? *

I am running to support electing more Democrats in San Mateo County and beyond. I am beginning my 10th year of elected office and value the importance of public service. As a former school board member, and current city council member I have worked diligently on housing, education, transportation and climate change issues. I currently serve as the Chair of the ReThink Waste Board, and also serve on the One Shoreline and C/CAG boards. I hope to bring my experience and passion for these important issues to the County Central Committee.

What do you see as the major issues on the Coastside? *

Climate Change including sea level rise, housing, transportation and access to healthcare.

What will your top priorities be if you are elected? *

I will work on issues related to housing, climate change, education funding, transportation and access to healthcare.

Please explain how your background and experience have prepared you for the office you are seeking. *

I am currently serving in my second term on the San Carlos City Council. I also served one term on the San Carlos School Board. In addition, I serve on multiple regional boards in the county including C/CAG, One Shoreline and The South Bayside Waste Management Authority aka Rethink Waste. I have also worked for six years as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill for then Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly (D-CT).

Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee, or been identified publicly with a political organization, candidate, ballot measure or issue? If so, please provide the details of your involvement. *

Yes, I have successfully run for elected office three times in 2011 for the San Carlos School Board and in 2018 and 2022 for the San Carlos City Council. I have worked on multiple school parcel tax and bond measures. I also served as Policy Director for Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly's Gubernatorial campaign in Connecticut. I worked as a campaign staffer for a congressional campaign in Connecticut as well.