

Coastside Democrats Survey, Central Committee Candidates

Greg Tanaka

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 to represent Congressional District 16? *

I am running to ensure that our government and policies evolve alongside technological advancements and the changing economy. My campaign is founded on the belief that Silicon Valley and its residents deserve forward-thinking representation that can navigate the complexities of homelessness, coastal management issues, and so much more.

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

On the Coastside, critical issues include tackling climate change by reducing reliance on fossil fuels and enhancing the use of nuclear and renewable energy and improving transportation with solutions like mass transit options along Highway 92, something I care deeply about. My proposal aims to integrate various mass transit solutions, creating a seamless, environmentally friendly, and enjoyable travel experience from San Mateo to Half Moon Bay. You can view more information on my website:

<https://www.gregtanaka.org/halfmoonbaytransit>

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

Upon election, my focus will be on enacting proactive and pro-business reforms, addressing discrimination and hatred, creating solutions for unemployment, combating extreme drought, and harnessing the district's innovative spirit to solve current challenges through inspiring policies.

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

My journey as a technology entrepreneur and dedicated public servant in Palo Alto has provided me with a unique blend of experiences. From founding the business analytics firm Percolata to actively participating in the Palo Alto economy as a small business owner, my career reflects a commitment to leveraging technological innovation for the common good. My time on the Palo Alto City Council has been marked by advocating for business-friendly policies and financial responsibility, preparing me to serve Congressional District 16 effectively

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, my political journey has encompassed significant involvement in local governance and advocacy. I've served as a City Councilmember in Palo Alto since 2017, focusing on fiscal responsibility, supporting local businesses, and leading various initiatives. My re-election to the City Council underscores my commitment and effectiveness as a public servant dedicated to the well-being of my community, as well as being the President of my neighborhood association.

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My journey has been one of service and advocacy—from my days as Student Body President, where I led the charge in registering student voters, to my time teaching in inner-city schools, advocating for marginalized students. My commitment to justice and equality continued as I clerked with the Public Defender, fighting for our most vulnerable community members.

My passion for protecting and empowering individuals led me to found The Survivors Pro Bono, an organization dedicated to supporting and uplifting survivors of sexual violence. And at Google, I tackled misinformation, derogatory content, and our biggest challenges in technology.

My career isn't about climbing the political ladder, but about meaningful, tangible service to our community. It's about real change, real impact, and putting people first—always. I'm ready to bring this dedication to Congress to build a future that advances the dignity and wellbeing of every person.

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As Student Body President and Vice President of two student bodies, I registered the most students to vote in the entire nation and leveraged it to lobby for the California Dream Act; to hold legislators accountable against cutting student fees, and successfully lobbied the Speaker of the California State Assembly to draft the Middle Class Scholarship Act (2012) which would have lowered tuition at the University of California and the California State University by 75%.