

## 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 to represent Congressional District 16? \*

I'm running because it is evident that DC is not addressing the key issues we need to ensure the next 30 years are as prosperous as the past. I'm running to work in a bipartisan manner to solve climate change, reform immigration, and expand education. When it comes to saving our planet, we don't have time to waste. We've watched the effects of climate change alter communities across the country. It's terrifying. There isn't time to wait for another year, another cycle, or another generation to take action. You can read more about my platform [here](#).

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

San Mateo County has some of the most beautiful coastline in the State. Protecting this unique and fragile environment is essential. At the same time, the Coast needs additional affordable housing and services for its lower-income residents. Balancing the need for development while protecting the environment is the Coast's largest challenge -- as it has been for decades. Numerous corollary issues are related including the need for improvements to Highways 1 and 92 to increase safety and ease congestion, supporting schools and closing the achievement gap, protecting/promoting agriculture on the Coast and ensuring that basic services including phone and internet services remain functional during weather and other public-safety emergencies. The needs of the Coast differ substantially from most of the 16th District. I am committed to ensuring that these differences are respected and addressed.

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

Climate - Climate change threatens every part of the planet. Protecting the environment is vital and our district is home to the best climate start-ups, scientists, and activists. We have shown the world what is possible in our homes and in the lab. But we can do more. I want to help make it the home of new climate policy leadership.

- Education - Education is the backbone of innovation, growth, and equality. We must work to improve our local schools, support our educators, provide accessible pre-K, and make higher education more accessible and affordable. I'm committed to ensuring every child and young adult has access to a world-class education.
- Immigration - Our nation's strength is fueled by the contributions of immigrants. We should not determine by lottery if some of our nation's smartest minds can stay. I'm dedicated to comprehensive immigration that reflects our American values, and provides a fair and fast path to citizenship for those who contribute to our society.

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

For the past ten years, I have been fighting to solve climate change. From environmental science research, to trail work. From climate investing to leading corporate sustainability programs at corporations. I've talked to over a hundred climate companies in the Bay Area and met with dozens of climate scientists and policymakers. It is evident to me that we have led in research and business, but we must lead in policy and legislation. I suspect that you all live here because you love our natural environment, whether that is Half Moon Bay, Wunderlich Park, or biking on Skyline. This is what makes us special, this is what we need to protect.

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. \*

I have not. I've worked on the Hill and for three state legislatures, but I have been focused on policy. I am 28 years old, but an ambitious 28-year-old who brings a deceptively expansive amount of experience in business, policy, and activism. I'm tireless, competitive, and thoughtful. I consider my age to be asset in that I will have the energy and stamina so you can always know I am here for you.