

## Coastside Democrats Survey, Central Committee Candidates

### Maryann Moise

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? \*

As a lifelong Democrat who spent 17 years on a town council, I am ready and committed to work for the Democratic Party at a time in history when the stakes could not be higher. Currently I am an alternate on the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee (SMC DCC) working on committees and helping at events, so I know how the SMC DCC operates and what they can do. As someone who has worked on the inside of the DCC, I think this body could do more outreach to all Democrats in the county to be more inclusive.

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

As someone who lives inland in the hills, I see these as important Coastside issues to work on or keep working on:

- Obtaining Reliable electrical power for people who live on the Coastside.
- Mitigating Sea Level Rise to address dune and cliff erosion and flooding, including creek and stormwater overflow.
- Developing truly affordable and missing middle housing, including the recent effort to build decent housing for farmworkers.
- Preserving agricultural lands and open space while balancing the need for housing.
- Related issues: Develop better communication on road closures and repairs, figuring out how to protect homes and businesses located near bluffs, mitigating wildfire threat, developing long term plans for a reliable and safe water supply, tackling traffic (although this one is going to be very hard to solve).

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

I would consider these issues to be at the top of the priorities list for 2024:

- Democracy at Risk–It is time for all of us to work together to uphold the Constitution and keep Trump out of the White House and elect good Democrats up and down the ballot.
  - Climate Resilience–We must continue addressing the deleterious effects of sea level rise, flooding, and threat of wildfire in San Mateo County.
  - Housing For All–Including supporting the BAHFA bond measure on the November ballot to fund affordable housing and address homelessness.
  - Economic Justice–In this, the richest county in California, 27,000 children are living in poverty.
  - Protection of Civil Rights–Of all people no matter gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or race which requires vigilance particularly at this moment in America.
  - Healthcare for All–Expanding healthcare to everyone in the County, including mental health services and addiction treatment, should be a human right.
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