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Section 1: Candidate Information

Name (First, Last) *

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Preferred Name (If different than campaign name)

Joy Motts

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She/Her/ Hers

He/Him/ His

They/Them/ Theirs

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Other:

What office are you seeking? *

Antioch City Council, District 1

CA FPPC ID # *

1442233

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1.1 - Why are you running for this office? Give no more than your three top reasons. *

I am running for office because I and others in Antioch are disappointed in our current representation on the Antioch City Council. Unfortunately, under their leadership, their actions have led to much divisiveness within our community, an exodus of our police officers that is jeopardizing the safety of the community, strained relationships with other agencies, transparency is questioned, a recall effort and pronounced hate messaging on both sides of the political spectrum have exploded on local blogs and social media. Our residents deserve better! Other communities have taken on change without tearing themselves apart. We too can govern in a way that supports the safety and well-being of the residents of our community while ensuring the civil rights of our residents, that finds solutions for those residents that are currently being underserved, especially our unhoused and students, and to bring back community pride, through investment, affordable housing and revitalization, good paying jobs, addressing blight and illegal dumping, all which will help our community thrive. I can bring a strong, experienced and passionate voice to the Council that supports democratic policies, works respectfully with my peers, forms strong and lasting relationships that are the pinnacle of moving our community forward.

1.2 - What is your understanding of the job? *

To serve on the City Council is a privilege. You are the eyes, ears and voice for the residents of the community and their representative in leading and forming policy that enhances the quality of life for all residents. Our top priorities are to be good stewards of the public's monies, investing those monies to ensure that our community is safe, and that the infrastructure needs of public water and public waste are functioning at the highest level. Council members should be innovative in bringing forward policy and ideas that take on the challenges and opportunities of the community. Whether it is homelessness, or bringing good paying jobs to our community, they must be able to navigate a wide array of issues, including working collaboratively with other agencies. A City Council member should act with integrity and have the knowledge, the relationships and skill set to be an effective leader that builds consensus, does their research, demands facts, shows up and involves constituents in bringing about policy that is in the best interest of the entire community.

1.3 - What personal and professional qualifications do you believe make you the best candidate? *

I have been a leader and have served my community for over 20 years in many capacities, running a 501c3 nonprofit, served for 4 years on the Antioch Unified School District Board of Education, two years as President and served as Vice Mayor for the City of Antioch, 2018 to 2020. I have the knowledge, and experience to hit the ground running. I have extensive relationships within our schools, community and with other elected officials that allow me to work collaboratively on challenges big and small. I am not scared to make the ask or advocate with legislatures, local supervisors or congressman. I always give 100% in the roles I serve in and in serving the community, always showing up and always being accessible to my constituents.

1.4 - What are your top issues? How do you plan on achieving them? *

My top concerns for Antioch are public safety, revitalization and infrastructure, in particular, for District 1, homelessness, and a stronger relationship with our schools. All good governance is built upon relationships. Great leaders will work with their police departments, school districts, advocates and community to bring about reform and change. This is how I have governed and will govern, working collaboratively, building consensus, to move Antioch forward. That does not mean you can't be bold, to the contrary, being bold in taking on the hard issues and challenges must be done, and I have brought those tough issues forward as an elected on many occasions. But when you are advocating for change or for example reformation within your Police Department or for better schools, having respectively, the Chief of Police or the School District Superintendent, by your side, makes all the difference to the community and to your success. Antioch residents do not warring agencies or political grandstanding. They want their elected leaders to be reasonable, common-sense advocates for what is the best for the community. We must be better together.

1.5- Please feel free to include any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your candidacy. *

I am a lifelong Democrat, and now more than ever we must fight for the founding principles of a common good and the civil rights of every American as we face an unprecedented attack on our democracy, rights and the truth. I frankly, cannot understand how anyone could still be part of the today's Republican Party if they believe in or support the constitution, rule of law or our Republic. These are scary times. So, is the support of my fellow Democrats important to me? yes, it is. You have supported me in every election with the exception of 2020, and maybe this one. I am very familiar with the politics. There are candidates running for City Council and in my election that could do much damage to those ideals we fight for. I only ask that you consider my legacy of support for democratic principles, my consistent work in the community with celebrations, students and revitalization, whether elected or not, fights to support labor and the unions with bringing the first ever PLA to Antioch with the renovation of Antioch High School, and my work to raise up our community through revitalization and addressing the needs of the underserved. I have been told that I lost your support in 2020 because of my vote to support an SRO grant for 6 of our schools here in Antioch. That may not be the reason why or may be part of the reason why. But because you never discussed that with me in 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to explain why I voted for the matching grant. You frankly may not care but you gave me the space. I supported the effort and grant to bring 6 SRO's to our schools because that is what the Principals of those schools wanted and needed. All 6 Principals of varying ethnicities, career educated professionals, that were very aware of the times wanted SRO's in the summer of 2020. Why? Two reasons, the safety of our children is paramount and having an SRO on campus deterred the biggest threat to our schools, and that is having people come on campus that mean to do harm. And secondly, and the main reason, was it was an opportunity to change the narrative as the world came to terms with bad cops and social justice. They wanted the opportunity to have their students meet, talk and build a relationship with a police officer and to be part of choosing that officer. A young, possibly person of color, ethical, caring, role model that could be a game changer in how our youth interact and see the men and women in law enforcement. It was a missed opportunity for schools, youth and Antioch. This is what I believe good council members do, listen to their community and make decisions that are best for our community, not what is politically expedient. I trust the professionals and leaders of our schools to make the very best decisions for their students and it was my responsibility to listen to their wishes.

1.6 - This is a 3-Part Question: Why are you seeking our endorsement? How will you use our endorsement? How will you support other endorsed candidates and issues? *

I am a lifelong democrat, support democratic policy and the common good. I would be proud to include your endorsement on my web page, door hangers and at all campaign socials and house parties. I vote strictly democrat and support my fellow democrat candidates in all ways possible.

Section 2: Democratic History

2.1 - List your previous and current party affiliations. When did you first register as a Democrat and why? *

I am a lifelong Democrat, registered when I was 18 or maybe it was 21 back then.

2.2 - I have read and acknowledge the California Democratic Party's current platform (value statement) and will adhere to these values in the performance of my elected position.

<https://cadem.org/our-platform/> *

Yes

No

2.3 - In your opinion, which elements of the CADEM Platform are most relevant to the position you are seeking? If elected, how do you plan to advance them? *

Frankly, all of them. We face the existential threats of climate change with rising tides and salt intrusion on our Waterfront. We need good local union jobs to get our residents off the Highways long commutes to spend more time in their community and with their families. But two efforts that I believe are critical to Antioch moving forward is the support for our community in providing the resources, food, housing, jobs they need to thrive and forming a strong relationship with our schools so we can stop generational poverty. I believe the key to a social justice and a child's success in life is education. Equitable, quality K-12 public education and access to college or skilled training is how we create a better, more equitable and just future for Antioch's children and our nation.

2.4 - If elected, what would you do to advance more equity, diversity, and inclusion? *

I would continue the work we started in 2018 to hire locally from our beautiful and diverse community. Bringing forward policy that ensures our city staff is representative of the people that live here. Working in collaboration with our agencies and other agencies to ensure that resources, jobs, are available to all and that the civil liberties of our residents are foremost as we strive for economic prosperity for all residents. Working closely with our schools, and business community and unions to ensure that every child has the tools they need for a quality education and a means to go onto a secondary education or skill set that can help them prepare for success in life and career. Being available to our constituents is paramount so we can respond to the needs and demands of our growing and diverse community.

2.5 - Have you previously sought the endorsement of the DPCCC? If yes, for what elected office?

Were you endorsed? *

2010, 2014, 2016 Antioch School Board and yes endorsed. 2018, Antioch City Council and yes endorsed. 2020, City council, not endorsed.

2.6 - Please list offices, positions and date(s), which you hold/held or campaigned for as a candidate. *

Antioch School Board of Trustees, serving 2010 to 2014 Antioch School Board of Trustees, 2016 campaigned Antioch City Council, serving 2018 to 2020 Antioch City Council, 2020 campaigned

2.7 - In what ways have you supported and actively participated in the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels? *

I vote for and financially support local, state and national democrats and support their campaigns.

2.8 - Please list any clubs, boards, commissions, and /or organizations with which you are an active member, including the length of your affiliation and any leadership position you hold/held. *

President of the Celebrate Antioch Foundation - founding member since 2011 and President since 2019. East County Womens Leadership Initiative - since 2017 Antioch Women's Club since 2006 Antioch Historical society since 2016 Antioch Education Foundation - Director since 2015 Rivertown Preservation Group since 2002 Antioch Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board -2022

2.9 - Have you endorsed non-Democrats? *

Yes

No

Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

3.1 - Who has endorsed you? *

Please see my website at joymotts.org

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? *

Contra Costa Building and Trades, Marsh Creek Dems

Some of the Democratic Clubs use this questionnaire in their endorsement process. If you would like to be considered for Democratic club endorsement(s), please contact the club(s) directly by going to our DPCCC website club's page:

<https://contracostadems.com/clubs/>

In Closing

Reminders:

* After submitting this questionnaire, please go and pay your endorsement application fee at:

<https://contracostadems.com/donate>

* Please direct questions to the Endorsements Committee Co-Chairs Tamela Hawley and Irene Tait at

endorsements@contracostadems.com

* The CADEM Code of Conduct: <https://cadem.org/code-of-conduct/>

* The CADEM Party Platform: <https://cadem.org/our-platform/>

If you like, you may submit a biography and/ or resume in the section below. Not required.

Submitted files



Joy's Bio - Joy Motts Antioch City Council District 1.pdf

Submit Questionnaire

By submitting this questionnaire, I attest that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and to uphold the Code Of Conduct. <https://cadem.org/code-of-conduct/>

Thank you and good luck with your campaign! We will be in touch with you to schedule your interview time.

Interviews will be schedule by District Directors between now and August 21st.