DPCCC Candidate Questionnaire - 2022 General Election

Thank you for seeking the endorsement of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC).

Please submit your completed questionnaire and remit the endorsement application fee of $30 no later than 96 hours upon receipt of questionnaire. **Interviews will not be scheduled without both a completed questionnaire and received payment.**

- Pay Endorsement Application Fee: https://contracostadems.com/donate

1. Click on "Donate"
2. The page will say "2022 Campaign Unity Funds" - Pay fee on this page

- Complete questionnaire

*****IMPORTANT INFO*****
- Your application fee must be paid before questionnaires will be processed
- Interviews will not be scheduled without both a completed payment and completed questionnaire
- You must have submitted your questionnaire and payment **before August 19th at 11:59pm PST**
- Your completed questionnaire will be added to the DPCCC website after all interviews are conducted.
- The DPCCC membership will vote on endorsements at our meeting on September 1st at 6pm, which you are invited to attend.

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Section 1: Candidate Information

Name (First, Last) *

Tamisha Torres-Walker

Preferred Name (If different than campaign name)

Pronouns *

- ○ She/Her/ Hers
- ○ He/Him/ His
- ○ They/Them/ Theirs
- ○ Ze/Zie/ Hir/Hir
- ◉ Other: She/Her/Ella

What office are you seeking? *

Antioch City Council District 1

CA FPPC ID # *

1430934

Campaign Address *

508 Gary ave Antioch Ca 94509

Campaign Consultant/ Manager *

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Social Media Handles *

tamishaforantioch on instagram and facebook

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

I am running for because I want to continue to raise up our move vulnerable communities, I have accomplished a lot in my short time on the council for working families, and I am most qualified to help Antioch build the kind of public and privet partnerships to meet the needs of all our residents.

1.2 - What is your understanding of the job? *

The job of a council person strictly is to pass an annual budget, pass polices related to land use and setting general tax rates. My belief is that the role is much bigger when it comes to public police, public safety, and revenue.

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

I believe that I am the best candidate because I have over a decade of expertise working in communities like district 1 in Antioch driving public policy to increasing access and upward mobility for poor and working families, advocating for justice reinvestment strategies influencing efforts to move millions of dollar back in to communities sot meet basic needs.I am skilled in budget advocacy and I have a history of building strong sustainable relationship between local governments and community groups.

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

Reimagining Public Safety
Economic Development
Tenant protection

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

I've spearheaded the creation of a new City Department focused on reducing gun violence. Using my fundraising background, I secured $1.8 million in funding to reduce gun violence and $300,000 to keep at-risk youth out of the criminal justice system.

I've pushed for rent stabilization laws to keep families in their homes and supported transitional housing options for the chronically homeless. Shut down a pipeline that transported petrochemicals through our neighborhoods and banned oil/gas drilling.

I assisted in the creation of a mobile mental health crisis team. I've equipped police with body cameras, and patrol car dash-cams, and established a Police Oversight Commission, thus ensuring transparency and increasing public trust.

We still have so much more to do to make Antioch a place where opportunity truly lives and i am the right candidate for the job.

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 seeking this endorsement because it would mean that I am backed by people who are ready for change and I am hoping that this endorsement would help me to scale up my campaigns visibility as well as encourage people I would not otherwise be able to reach myself to get out and vote for me in this upcoming election. I would fully support other endorsed candidates if our values are aligned.

Section 2: Democratic History

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

Democratic party 2019 because I had hope that this was and hopfully is is the party of and for poor and working people.

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? *

The elements of the platform that are most related to the position I am seeking are women's issues, sustainable communities, gun violence prevention, criminal justice reform, children adults, and families are all platform issue I have been advancing related to the position I am seeking.

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

Wen elected the one of the first things I am going to do is assure that the newly established Human rights and racial equity commission has the resources that body needs to investigate issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion across every city department and then community engagement to address issue in the community.

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

I did seek the endorsement of the DPCCC in 2020 for the same office i am seeking now and i was endorsed.

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

My current office is the only office I have campaigned for.

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

During the 2022 primary I supported DPCCC endorsed candidate that values aligned with mine, I have support initiatives, bills and policies advanced at the state a national level by demarcates, and I opposed the recall of Governor Newsom.

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. *

City and County Board appointments: Richmond Re-imagine PS task force, Contra Costa Racial Justice oversight body, Contra Costa HIP advisory committee. I am the Director of the Safe Return Project, and a member of the following coalitions: Lift Up Contra Costa, Contra Costa Racial Justice Coalition, Re-imagine Antioch.

2.9 - Have you endorsed non-Democrats *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

3.1 - Who has endorsed you? *

The Contra Costa central labor Council has endorsed me.

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? *

ACCE, Our Revolution, SEIU 1021, the Building Trades, the Black Church Pac, the Sierra Club, and BWOPA.

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.

Tamisha Torres-...

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.

I have paid my endorsement application fee: https://contracostadems.com/donate/ *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

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Tamisha Torres-Walker

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Professional Experience:

Civic Engagement Crew Member and lead
8/2010 – 12/2014

- Voter registration, precinct voter initial contact engagement, worked independently and with a team as needed. Coordinated teams, data entry, recruitment, regional and State-wide collaboration
- Proposition 30 (education Funding for School with high percentages of English language learners, free and reduced lunch, and foster youth)
- Proposition 47 (Bill that over turns most drug felonies to misdemeanors and save millions for education, mental health services, and victim compensation)
- Assembly Bill AB218 (State Wide Fairness in Government hiring to reduce barriers to employment for those with criminal histories)

Lead Reentry Community Organizer, Safe Return Project/CCISCO
9/2010 – 11/2015

- Lead Community Organizer with a focus on reducing barriers to reintegration for men, women, and youth returning home to Contra Costa County from jails and Institutions. Duties: Research, Civic engagement, Strategic Plaining, Advocacy for Policy change within the criminal justice system (SAFE RETURN PROJECT), and gun violence prevision (Ceasefire).
- Coalition building to reduce the risk of the school to prison pipeline in local high schools and the formation of Richmond High Schools BSU (Black Student Union) and the (African American Student and Parent collaborative) to improve academic achievement of African American Boys and Girls with the following partners: Alive & Free: Omega Boys Club, the County Health Department, and Youth Services Burial.
- National Campaign Leader for Bay Area PICO lifelines to Healing to end Mass Incarceration and gun violence
- Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay Community benefits agreement campaign coordinator. Duties: Community engagement, trainings, and workshops around jobs and training opportunities for disadvantaged workers.

Executive Director, Safe Return Project/Social Good Fund
2/2016-2/2019

- Fundraising and finance management
- Over hiring and termination
- Staff management and development
- Program development and management
- Organizational Networking
- Institutional development
- Maintaining open and productive communication with fiscal entity

Education:

- ***Associate degree, Psychology***
  Contra Costa Community College San Pablo California. 2014
- ***Associate degrees, Liberal Arts***
  Contra Costa Community College San Pablo California. 2014
- ***Bachler's Degree, Psychology***
  California State University East Bay. 2019

Skills:

- Data Entry
- Staff Management
- Budget Management
- Basic computer skills
- Collaborative development
- Curriculum development
- Population based mentoring
- Institution based outreach
- Advocacy
- Public Speaking skills
- Large and Small group facilitation skills
- Conflict resolution

- Violence prevention

Personal Skills:

- Teachable
- Independent worker
- Critical thinker
- Team player
- Clear Communication Skills
- Active listener

Certifications and recognitions:

Conflict Resolution Training

- April 29, 2012 I Tamisha Walker received my certification in community mediation training from the Center for Human Development.

Violence Prevention & Life Skills Training

- December 30, 2010 I successfully completed the Omega Institutes Alive & Free Prescription and received my certification in violence prevention.
- October 18, 2011 I Tamisha Walker received a certificate in Life Skills Training from the Community Presbyterian Counseling Center.

Completed two RockWood Art of leadership Institute

- 2015 Director Track
- 2016 Formerly Incarcerated people's cohort

2017 San Francisco Foundation Community Leadership Award

2018 Black Elected Officials Shine Award Recipient

2019 Rosenburg Foundation Leading Edge Fellowship Recipient

References Furnished Upon Request

Long bio

Tamisha Walker is a co-founder and current Executive Director of the Safe Return Project, in Richmond California an organization invested in securing the freedom and liberation of formerly incarcerated and convicted individuals while participatory action research and grassroots organizing to ending mass incarceration and mass criminalization of poor people. She has been a community organizer and known advocate on issues related to mass incarceration and racial disparity in the criminal justice system since my release from incarceration in 2009.

She oversees Safe Return and its many projects at the local, State, and National level. She is invested in this work because she has direct experience with incarceration, disenfranchisement, and a journey to healing post criminalization. She has ten years of community organizing experience in cities impacted by trauma and economic inequality, my educational experience includes professional training in research and advocacy for the formerly incarcerated and their families, violence prevention strategies, conflict mediation to reduce urban gun violence, and a bachelor's in psychology from California State University East Bay.

In 2017 she was awarded the San Francisco Robert C. Kirkwood Leadership Award for my work on investing in people and not prisons and how that work has impacted the lives of thousands who have been criminalized and returning home from incarceration to Contra Costa County. Her leadership was recognized at the 2018 The Black Elected Officials of the East Bay, "Shine" celebration highlighting achievers that illuminate black ingenuity and brilliance and reminds us that as we let our light shine, we conquer hate, doubt, and discouragement. She received the Community Excellence award for my amazing track record of demonstrated excellence in my field and the highest standards of unity, ethical conduct, integrity, and civic and social responsibility.

Tamisha is currently a Rosenburg Foundations Leading Edge Fund fellow, focused on advancing the work of social justice towards building a movement of highly skilled formerly incarcerated and convicted leaders who are fighting for affirmative and universal protections against all forms of discrimination based on criminal history.

Current Contra Costa County board appointments: Racial Justice Oversight Body, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and the Contra Costa LEAD Antioch diversion initiative advisory committee.