

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.**

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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.

Email *

carsonforcccschoolboard@gmail.com

Section 1: Candidate Information

Name (First, Last) *

Derek Carson

Preferred Name (If different than campaign name)

Pronouns *

She/Her/ Hers

He/Him/ His

They/Them/ Theirs

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Other:

What office are you seeking? *

Contra Costa County School Board Area 5

CA FPPC ID # *

Pending

Campaign Address *

2408 Lemontree Ct. Unit 3 Antioch, CA 94509

Campaign Consultant/ Manager *

Myself

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Campaign Email *

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Social Media Handles *

Instagram @CarsonForCCCSchoolBoard

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

I'm running for County School Board because I am passionate about education. My focus has always been on helping to strengthen, mentor, and inspire kids. I want to support the successes that have been achieved and be part of pushing for change. I am not just for the community; I am in the community working with the youth and I have the privilege to witness the strengths and ambitions of kids every day.

1.2 - What is your understanding of the job? *

The county provides support services to all of our school districts, these services range from budget approval and fiscal support, to technology infrastructure and communication support. One of the responsibilities of the Contra Costa County Office of Education—to help “at-risk” students like I was when I was a student.

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

Since 2016 I have had the honor of working and serving youth through my non-profit Born To Win Community Leaders & Youth Development. From yearly toy drives at Children's Hospital Oakland and local parks, backpack giveaways in both Alameda and Contra Costa County, youth training, and mentorship to kids who are in single parent homes or at risk in and out of school, I've been privileged to make an impact. Now I want to use those skills to improve the schools in Contra Costa County.

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

(1) Mental Health: Prioritizing counselors and mental health professionals
(2) Workforce Development: Training and supporting compassionate, relationship focused teachers (3) Supporting at-risk youth: Build appropriate support systems for all at-risk youth, including those in juvenile detention centers.

Being a voice not just on the board but for our communities, families, and youth! When it comes to supporting our at-risk students, I have the unique perspective of having been one of those students so I understand the issues that these students face and the way that we can best support these students.

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

The perspective that I bring is one that we don't see often in government. We claim to want to help those that are most struggling, and I've lived through some of those struggles. I am in the community, striving to add confidence and ambition to our youth. Our non-profit helps youth in and out of school, providing a strong response to keeping students safe at all times. I don't just say how we should be supporting students, but I am actually out there working with our youth everyday.

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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? *

The values of the democratic party align with what I hope to accomplish. The stronger the coalition that we can create, the more likely we are to make change. Placing all resources in all correct places to help promote campaign and support the community. I'm already working to support other local candidates and will continue to talk with voters about the important issues that are on the ballot.

Section 2: Democratic History

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

Democrat since 2010 just wanted to vote!!

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? *

Everything that CADEM is relevant to school education.

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

Continue to be myself and serve our youth and communities in a manner that lets the community know they have a board member who will have a clear vision and open ear to what change will better help serve our future generation. As a black man who grew up as an at-risk youth, I've had a focus on equality, diversity, and inclusion my entire life.

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

Were you endorsed?

NO

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

NONE

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

NONE

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. *

Founder/President of Born To Win Motorcycle & Car Club 2016-Present , Head Coach PJP 12u Football Team 2 yrs., Prince Hall Freemason Eli Baker Lodge #62 2019-Present.

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2.9 - Have you endorsed non-Democrats? *

Yes

No

Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

3.1 - Who has endorsed you? *

Mayor Lamar Thorpe, Patt Young, Monica Wilson, Tamisha Walker,

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? *

lift up contra costa, contra costa Labors board, contra costa builders

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

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Reminders:

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

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* 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.

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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