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Orange County Young Democrats
2018 Fall Endorsement Questionnaire**

Candidate Name: Jennifer Harris

Ballot Designation: Non-partisan

Race: Fullerton School Board, Area 3

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.
My top priority as a School Board member in Fullerton will be to bring a parent perspective to an elementary school board that does not currently have any parents on it. That is first and foremost why I am running: to give parents a voice. The board is lacking balance without a parent perspective, and I am a mother of 4 school aged children. Policy-wise, I believe that we need to maintain a fiscally solvent district and mitigate the challenges of declining enrollment. We also need to seek strategies to increase parent engagement and communication with low income families in Fullerton to increase their access to early childhood development, to increase rates of kindergarten readiness and reduce achievement gaps. Lastly, we need to improve the quality of our junior high schools so that all students are entering high school prepared to succeed, whether they are designated as honors students, students with special needs, or socioeconomically disadvantaged. All our students deserve a quality education.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

I support health care benefits for employees of the Fullerton School District that support reproductive healthcare.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

I support zero tolerance policies for sexual harassment in the workplace and believe the immediate redress of complaints to the District or Board must be available and transparent. All staff and students must feel safe in their place of work and education. I



believe the Fullerton School District already has policies in place to ensure this, and I will continue to maintain those standards. Any threat of harassment or bullying must be able to be addressed anonymously by the victim and without fear of reprisal.

Questions Specific To Office:

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district?

At this time, I am not familiar enough with the details of programs like CHYA to give a full and fair answer to this question. As a mother of 4 school aged children, I support age appropriate, evidence-based sex education with parent's informed consent.

2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district?

Any curriculum changes on a District-wide basis must also comply with California state curriculum guidelines. As a Trustee of the Board, I support the autonomy of each of our schools and staff members to introduce supplemental curriculum material such as books and daily lessons that they feel is most engaging to their students, including cultural and ethnic studies materials.



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Candidate Name: Grant Henninger

Ballot Designation: Anaheim Business Owner

Race: Anaheim City Council, District 6.

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

My top policy priority is to build more housing in Anaheim. I would like to see the construction of 100,000 new homes over the next decade in order to lower the cost of living throughout Orange County.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

I do support a woman's right to access reproductive health services, including contraception and abortion. As a council person, I don't expect to have many, if any, opportunities to advocate for expanded access or to help end the societal stigma around reproductive healthcare.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

At this point I am unaware of the City of Anaheim's human resource policies regarding harassment. Once in office, I will review the City's policies and work to strengthen protection for city workers and work towards a culture of respect and professionalism throughout city hall.



Questions Specific To Office:

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

I support needle exchange programs and safe injection sites in general, however, the Orange County Needle Exchange Program does not sufficiently enhance public health and safety. The biggest problem with the Orange County Needle Exchange Program is that they will provide clean needles without requiring an equal number of dirty needles to be turned in. One of the goals of any needle exchange program must be to remove dirty needles from our streets.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

The goal for every city should be to build enough market rate housing to accommodate the needs for all low-, moderate-, and upper-income households, so that the city can focus its resources on building homes for very-low and extremely-low income households. Specifically, Anaheim should have a goal of building 100,000 homes over the next decade.

To do this, first Anaheim needs to update its General Plan to allow for more home construction. Ideally, Anaheim will designate all of the strip mall along its arterial streets for mixed-use development and analyze this new development at full buildout as part of its General Plan Environmental Impact Report. This will allow new mixed-use developments to make it through the approval process more quickly and reduce the likelihood of legal challenges to the new development. By reducing the timeline and risk of new development, developers will be more likely build the housing needed by our community.



Three of the questions are specific to the level of office that the candidate is seeking. The remaining questions address the candidate's Democratic platform.

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Candidate Name: Ed Hernandez

Ballot Designation: State Senator, Optometrist, Small Business Owner

Race: Lt. Governor

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

1. Education: I believe an education is the greatest equalizer in our society and I'm deeply committed to debt-free college for all students. I am an advocate for re-investing in our K-12 public schools, community colleges, and public universities. As a State Legislator, I have been a champion for reducing the burden on students and their families and I will continue working to ensure that California Universities are more accessible and affordable for ALL students, especially those from underserved and underrepresented communities.

2. Healthcare: As a practicing Optometrist, I have seen firsthand the devastation a lack of access to healthcare has on our communities. I have been a champion for expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare, reducing overall healthcare costs, and addressing the provider shortage throughout our state. I will continue to oppose efforts to repeal health care reform, search for solutions that work to expand coverage to more Californians, and continue fighting for universal healthcare for all.

3. Immigrant Rights: America is a nation founded and built by immigrants, we ought to celebrate and promote our great diversity —not demonize immigrants or separate families. I will work to ensure that California embraces policies that protect local and state agencies, including law enforcement, from becoming de facto immigration agents for the federal government. On the federal level, I support comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship and programs that support Dreamers and DACA recipients.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as



it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Yes, I fully support a woman’s right to access reproductive health services.

As a healthcare provider, I strongly believe that we must guarantee safe and legal access to reproductive health services, including abortion, for all Californians. Throughout my Senate tenure, I have consistently voted against restrictions to abortion rights, such as the proposed amendments in SB 857’s Senate Budget that aimed to restrict Medi-Cal funding for abortions and prohibit taxpayer funded abortions for minors. In addition, I voted in support of AB 154 the Access to Early Abortion Care Bill and AB 980, which removed abortion restrictions from building standards. Recently, I authored SB 743, which allows patients in Medi-Cal to receive their family planning services from their provider of choice. As Lieutenant Governor, I will continue to defend the right to choose and I will fight any effort to overturn Roe v. Wade.

I have received a 100% legislative scorecard from Planned Parenthood every year I have served in the State Legislature and I am proud to be endorsed by Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

There should be zero tolerance for sexual harassment or assault in any workplace, government, school, or domestic relationship. I am a proud co-author of SB 419, the Legislative Sexual Harassment Retaliation Act, and supported AB 403 the Legislative Employee Whistleblower Protection Act, which is now state law.

In addition, I am a proud co-author of SB 820, which bans the inclusion of secrecy clauses and/or requirements in non-disclosure agreements related to specified sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment and sexual assault. Often, non-disclosure agreements continue to silence alleged victims of sexual harassment and similar offenses.

As Lieutenant Governor, I will wholeheartedly support reforming the systems the California government has in place to investigate claims of sexual harassment/assault so that the process supports and protects victims from further injury. I also support legislation that aims to create mandatory sexual harassment/assault training programs, hotlines for reporting cases, and additional programs for both the public/private sectors and educational institutions in California.

Questions Specific To Office:

U.S. Senate:



1. **What role does the federal government play in helping address homelessness and housing affordability in the State of California? What legislation or administrative changes will you champion to address this issue?**

NA

2. **What is your position on Medicare for All? How would you fund such a federal program, while ensuring that it was deficit neutral?**

NA

Lieutenant Governor:

1. **A major duty of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is sitting on Statewide Boards and Commission, two of which focus on Higher Education (UC Board of Regents and CSU Board of Trustees). What policy initiatives will you pursue in your role on these Boards to improve the quality of education students receive and their overall academic experience, excluding policies related to lowering or stabilizing tuition?**

The Lieutenant Governor serves as a voting member of the Board of Regents of the University of California and a voting member of the Board of Trustees of the California State University system, thus I am deeply committed to utilizing this position to improve the quality and overall experience of higher education. Recently, I authored SCA 14, a proposed Constitutional Amendment that would limit the budgetary autonomy of the Board of Regents and enact changes to the Board to make it more accountable to the students. In order to secure our developmental future and continued tradition of success and excellence, California must make the educational system more accountable and accessible to students. We have to ensure our educational standards of excellence don't slip.

2. **How will you use your role as President of the California Senate to better the lives of Californians?**

As President of the California Senate I would use my position to ensure that the California Senate was establishing legislation that benefits all Californians. During my time in the legislature, I fought to protect funding for Planned Parenthood, invest in renewable energy, and ensure equal pay for equal work irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion.

As the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, I have authored and supported health care policies to expand access to health care for all Californians. As Lieutenant Governor I will continue to fight for all especially those who are unrepresented.

As a State Legislator for over 12 years, I am uniquely positioned to serve as Lieutenant Governor because I have spent 12 years building relationships with my fellow lawmakers, advocacy organizations, non-profits, Democratic clubs and local parties, and community leaders throughout the state in order to pass the most progressive and innovative legislation in the nation. As Lieutenant Governor, I will continue to pass legislation that creates real, positive change that improves the quality life of every Californian.



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Candidate Name: Al Jabbar

Ballot Designation: Governing Board Member (incumbent)

Race: Anaheim Union High School District

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Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

As a parent of two future AUHSD graduate and current AUHSD elected trustee, I am working to continue the great progress we have made these past few year by remaining focused on advocating for our parents, community and, most of all, for our students by holding our administrators accountable and delivering innovative educational programming and diverse career pathways, so that every child in our community can obtain a world-class education.

I am looking forward to expanding our AIME program that gives mentorship and paid internship programs.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare? **Yes! I have worked in my district to ensure that we deliver comprehensive, medically accurate and age appropriate sexual health education so that our youth are equipped with critical knowledge about their own bodies, can take charge of their present and future health care and engage in healthy decision making.**
3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign? **Before the MeToo movement, we implemented an unbiased investigative process that allows any employee to lodge a complaint against management and not be retaliated against. I also believe legislation like Senator**



Connie Leyva's legislation to ban secret settlements is a great next step.

Questions Specific To Office:

U.S. Senate:

1. What role does the federal government play in helping address homelessness and housing affordability in the State of California? What legislation or administrative changes will you champion to address this issue? What is your position on Medicare for All? How would you fund such a federal program, while ensuring that it was deficit neutral? I support Medicare for All.

Lieutenant Governor:

1. A major duty of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is sitting on Statewide Boards and Commission, two of which focus on Higher Education (UC Board of Regents and CSU Board of Trustees). What policy initiatives will you pursue in your role on these Boards to improve the quality of education students receive and their overall academic experience, excluding policies related to lowering or stabilizing tuition?
2. How will you use your role as President of the California Senate to better the lives of Californians?

State Superintendent of Public Education:

1. What is your position on Charter schools? Specifically, what role, if any, do charter schools play in K-12 education in the State of California?
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum throughout the State?

State Senate, State Assembly:

1. If elected, what bill will you introduce to address the housing crisis in the State of California? How would your bill differ from other bills that have attempted to address housing availability and affordability in California?
2. Do you support the move to a universal basic income ("UBI") (Please answer "yes" or "no" only)? If not, why not? If yes, how should California go about implementing a system that provides for a UBI?



3. If elected, what reforms would you champion in the criminal justice system? How would you/ or would you, reform the cash-bail system?

Board of Supervisors:

1. Orange County is facing a housing crisis. There are not enough homes for those who want them, and those that are available are incredibly expensive. For example, the median price of a home in Orange County is over \$700,000. At the same time, the median household income is only approximately \$76,000. How can we ensure that low-income OC residents, who are most impacted, are able to find affordable housing—particularly near where they work?
2. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

District Attorney:

1. What is your position on the OC Needle Exchange Program?
2. How will you address the problem of systematic law enforcement targeting of communities of color?

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?
2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district? **I have worked with district staff and parents after some parents in my district initially opposed sexual health education. I am fully committed to ensuring that our district delivers age appropriate, medically accurate sexual health education that also promotes healthy decision making so our students can graduate and go on to achieve their dreams. We also need to communicate with parents to make sure they understand what's been taught in the classroom so they are aware of the content.**
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and



ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district? **Within our district, I have supported and we have implemented ethnic studies courses.**

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**Orange County Young Democrats
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Candidate Name: Lauren Johnson-Norris

Ballot Designation: Irvine Commissioner/Businesswoman

Race: Irvine City Council

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

Affordable Housing. I will fight for sustainable, smart development of affordable housing for our community members, including our police officers and first responders, teachers, seniors, veterans, and families in the city (rather than just concentrating on high-cost luxury housing). I will also encourage developers to build childcare centers for residents to complement housing. The cost of housing in Irvine is unaffordable for many young people, including college students and graduates recently entering the workforce who cannot find affordable housing after graduation. Many have resorted to either moving back home with parents or living with multiple roommates. This is something I will lobby to improve in our city. Affordable housing is a vital aspect of a city hoping to retain and attract a workforce of young families and professionals.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Yes. I believe that access to reproductive choice and health care is a human right. Reproductive choice is a fundamental aspect of human autonomy and essential in a society with gender equality. I have been endorsed by Planned Parenthood and will continue to champion women's rights to access to reproductive health services. I believe that the availability of accessible and safe options for women seeking contraception or abortion is vital. I will stand with women and families and use my position to speak out against stigma around women's healthcare.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

The presence of women in key leadership roles is critical to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign. In addition, it is vitally important that women have open public spaces to speak up



against harassment and inequality, that anti-harassment rules be enforced, and that communication and reporting of harassment be encouraged. I stand with my labor brothers and sisters for gender equality in all levels of employment- from hotel workers to the construction trades- to encourage recruitment of women into leadership positions, to encourage policies that hold abusers accountable, and to create clear channels of communication with law enforcement to fight gender-based violence and harassment.

Questions Specific To Office:

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

For the past 14 years, I have worked as a lawyer every day serving marginalized communities, the homeless, and those experiencing substance abuse. My experience has shown me that the single most important way to fight substance abuse and the public health crisis resulting from it is to treat the underlying substance abuse problem. I am a strong advocate for accessible and affordable substance abuse services in the region, especially for women and new mothers, to stop the cycle. I am aware that needle exchange programs can be one tool used to stop the spread of HIV and Hepatitis C. in high-risk communities like prisons and shelters. As a county, we must look at substance abuse and public health in a comprehensive way, addressing mental health, physical health, history of trauma, and addiction, and implement programs that involve detox, case management, individual and group counseling, residential treatment when necessary, and aftercare.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

I am a strong advocate for a diversity of housing options in Irvine and am proud that Irvine currently provides nearly 5,000 affordable housing units in our city through inclusionary zoning. We still need more affordable housing options to meet the needs of the growing senior population, working families, students, young professionals and veterans. I hope to be able to work with the Irvine Land Trust in furtherance of increasing the number of affordable units in the city and I will encourage the development of 100% affordable units as well as inclusionary zoning for all new development.



**Orange County Young Democrats
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Candidate Name: Joe Kalmick

Ballot Designation: Candidate

Race: Seal Beach City Council District 1

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

My most important priority is to help Seal Beach regain financial stability. Once this is achieved, we can look to restoring cuts in services that have taken place, and improve public safety by adding additional police officers.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Though this is not necessarily a local issue, women's reproductive rights are fundamental to a civil society. I personally believe that if we can continue to elect more progressive candidates at all levels of government that we will be able to push back more effectively against the Republicans' efforts to eliminate a woman's right to choose, and the elimination of organizations such as Planned Parenthood.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

Fortunately the City of Seal Beach has a strong set of HR policies, and an extremely vigilant group of citizens who monitor any such issues that arise where the public may be legally informed. One of my primary campaign issues is to further increase transparency within our city government which will help to insure that no employee, regardless of gender can be mistreated by a supervisor, or that the City might not act within its role to protect an employee's rights.

Questions Specific To Office:



1. Orange County is facing a housing crisis. There are not enough homes for those who want them, and those that are available are incredibly expensive. For example, the median price of a home in Orange County is over \$700,000. At the same time, the median household income is only approximately \$76,000. How can we ensure that low-income OC residents, who are most impacted, are able to find affordable housing—particularly near where they work?
2. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

District Attorney:

1. What is your position on the OC Needle Exchange Program?
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Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

While the City of Seal Beach does not currently participate in the Program, I believe that pressure needs to be applied by the citizens of all our cities in Orange County to include this component of what is a public health issue. We all recognize the opioid crisis as a public health issue. The health risks and related costs of using dirty needles far outweigh the benefit of the OCNEP.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

As a member of the City Council, I will not let our Housing Element fall out of compliance. The current council did recently do the needs assessment and designated a currently commercial zoned area as a possible candidate for low income housing. I would task staff to keep the council informed well in advance of either any changes in state law, or when the next needs assessment is up for review.

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district?
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district?



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Candidate Name: Farrah N. Khan

Ballot Designation: Nonprofit Executive/Businesswoman

Race: Irvine City Council

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.
My top policy priorities would be to implement a plan of transparency and communication between the council and the community, to build up our infrastructure to accommodate our recent growth and to promote smart housing, housing that the council directs for the needs of the community. Smart housing includes increasing our 15% affordable housing ordinance to 20 or 25%, building for young families and seniors, and making sure the inventory of apartments, condos and single family homes is robust.
2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? Yes If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare? As a city council member, I will work with other local organizations to provide town halls or informational nights where reproductive health services will be a topic of discussion. The more we educate our communities, the more we enable people to feel comfortable talking about reproductive health which then allows us to introduce and implement policies to expand access. I have been endorsed by both the National Women's Political Caucus and Planned Parenthood.
3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?
I will make sure that women that work at city hall or with any of our contractors are made aware that sexual harassment or intimidation is not tolerated. I would be interested in making sure we had a policy in place that detailed protection of women who come forward, protecting them from any form of retaliation and severe consequences for those found guilty.



Questions Specific To Office:

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program? After reviewing the proposed program for Costa Mesa and meeting with current council members and activists, it seems the plan proposed lacks several details. I am all in favor of a Needle Exchange Program, however, I would prefer the proposal to be detailed and thorough in order to be accepted by any municipality. One of the things that a council member must do is to make sure when implementing a program, that it is set up for success not failure. And therefore, I would work with the program directors to develop a fail-proof plan and implement it. For example, the program should be made available prior to business hours in a business district and the needle exchange should be at a ratio of 1:1, thereby eliminating the possibility of having needles discarded without care. I would make sure there was enough funding to have the program serve more often than not.
2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories? The regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) Plan should promote the following objectives: Increase the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure (rental or ownership), and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, promote infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, and the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and promote an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing.

In Irvine, we have an ordinance that requires 15% of all new development to be affordable. I would propose this inclusionary zoning to be revised to 20-25% to help fulfill the much needed affordable housing. In addition, we are one of the very few cities with room to develop and I propose building high density housing near the Spectrum where there is easy access to the train station and freeway ramps. These high density housing units should be developed with the multi-use concept that allows for commercial space on the ground level and residential above.

In addition, I hope to work with our neighboring cities and the county to make sure that we are providing the needed work opportunities along with the supply of housing. It is important for me to work towards development that attracts people to work and live in Irvine.



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Candidate Name: Lauren Klatzker

Ballot Designation: Mother/Educator

Race: Fullerton Joint Union High School District – Trustee Area 4

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

There are a number of issues that need to be addressed by FJUHSD trustees. One of these issues is the lack of teacher support and resources. We need to bring 21st century skills into the classroom to get students ready for college and career. We cannot do this without teacher training and support. Handing a student a laptop is not using technology wisely. We need to make sure that teachers are trained and supported in implementing new tools and technology in the classroom. Additionally, there is a huge disconnect between the board and the community and parents. The majority of the board have been on for 30+ years and do not seek out the voice of the current parents when making decisions. I have three children, one of whom is already in high school. I want to be the voice of the parents on the board.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

As a woman and as a Democrat, I believe that a woman should have dominion over her own body and has the right to decide what to do with her body. Every woman has a fundamental right to comprehensive healthcare. My position on the school board does not provide me with an opportunity to change policy related to this issue. However, it does relate directly to the implementation of the California Healthy Youth Act which requires curriculum include information on HIV, birth control, sexuality, etc. As a FJUHSD Trustee, I will ensure that all of our sites are implementing this curriculum as it is outlined in the law. If we are able to implement this across the state, we will reduce the stigma associated with reproductive health issues.



3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

In my position as Trustee of the FJUHSD, I will have an opportunity to enforce the standard of the #MeToo movement which is that everyone has the right to live and work harassment free. It will be my job to make sure that our schools are a safe and harassment free workplace and learning environment for all students and staff. I will make sure that this standard is enforced and should an issue come up where it is not upheld, that the offender is held responsible and has appropriate consequences for his/her actions. It is unacceptable for any type of harassment to occur on campus. We are the role models for the next generations and need to engage in appropriate behavior ourselves.

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district?

The school board acts as a guide for the district and ultimately helps to direct the district in all areas. This includes curriculum adoption and implementation of state law and mandates. The California Healthy Youth Act requires districts to implement instruction with curriculum that educates students on HIV, STI, sexuality and other issues related to reproduction and reproductive health. My job as Trustee will be to help ensure that the district is in compliance with the law in terms of the curriculum used and implementation of it. We are a public school district and need to ensure that any religious perspectives are kept out of the classroom and that we are only teaching facts to our students so that they can make healthy and informed decisions about their bodies and health.

2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district?

FJUHSD has many opportunities to implement ethnic and cultural studies into the curriculum. Fullerton is a diverse community and this needs to be represented in the classroom. AS a board member I will make it clear to the schools that it is the expectation that ethnic and cultural diversity should be integrated into the classroom. We know that when students are able to relate to the curriculum, their academic performance increases. This can be done through choosing literature in English and History/Humanities classes that is diverse, current and represent the students in the classroom. Science classes can integrate education about the diverse discoveries



and work done by researchers from different backgrounds and countries. FJUHSD can increase the opportunities for dual language programs in the schools as another way to increase the exposure students have to cultural and ethnic diversity and education.



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Candidate Name: Eleni Kounalakis

Ballot Designation: Businesswoman/Economic Advisor

Race: California Lieutenant Governor

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

The Lt. Governor sits on the UC Board of Regents and the CSU Board of Trustees, and my top policy priority will be to bring down the cost of higher education for California's students. The cost of higher education is out of control, and I oppose tuition increases on California's students. I am the only candidate in this race to pledge *never* to vote to raise tuition as a member of the UC and CSU boards. I also support free community college across California.

As the first in my family to graduate from a four-year university, I know how higher education opens the door to the American Dream, and as Lt. Governor, it will be my top priority to lower the cost of UC and CSU for California students. I paid \$2K per year in tuition for my MBA at UC Berkeley in the early 1990s. Now, the same program costs over \$60K per year. I will actively advocate for more funding from the state's General Fund to lower the cost of higher education for our students, and help reduce the burden of student debt on California's families.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Yes, and I am proud to have NARAL Pro-Choice California's support in this race. I support full reproductive freedom, and I do not support limitations or restrictions on a woman's legal right to have an abortion.

Control over reproductive choice catalyzed a new era in women's liberation and women's health. I am well aware that the opportunities I have had - from running a business in a male-dominated industry to becoming one of the youngest women ever to serve as a U.S. Ambassador - have come as a result of being able to control reproductive choices in my



own life. I believe that women must have the right to choose, and we must never back down from the battle to protect our reproductive freedom - and those of women who are less able to fight for themselves.

Now more than ever we need to support organizations like NARAL unequivocally, and we need leaders tough enough to stand up to those who threaten to undermine Roe v. Wade. I will continue to be a vocal advocate for abortion rights and use my role as Lt. Governor to fight against any and every attack on abortion that may come to the Legislature or the ballot box.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

I am the only woman in this race, and if elected, I'll bring down a high, hard glass ceiling as the first woman elected Lt. Governor of California. If we make history in this way, there is no greater cause for me to take on than to fight for gender parity in leadership - government, business, education, health, and other fields - and increase security for women. This includes protecting women from sexual harassment and ensuring economic security. It also means addressing key issues affecting women in the workplace - including childcare, preschool for all, paid family leave, reproductive freedom, and affordable, quality healthcare for all.

Questions Specific To Office:

Lieutenant Governor:

1. A major duty of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is sitting on Statewide Boards and Commission, two of which focus on Higher Education (UC Board of Regents and CSU Board of Trustees). What policy initiatives will you pursue in your role on these Boards to improve the quality of education students receive and their overall academic experience, excluding policies related to lowering or stabilizing tuition?

Nearly half of UC students and 42% of CSU students qualify as food insecure - too many students are faced with the choice between a bed or books or even a meal. Our students' academic experiences are enriskened under the pressure of rising costs. That's why in addition to opposing all tuition increases at our UCs and CSUs, I will work on policies to improve the overall academic experience by building more affordable housing for California's students, so that our kids can focus on their education.

I spent 18 years delivering affordable homes to working families in the Sacramento region. I have travelled to all 58 counties in California on this campaign, and visited several UC and CSU campuses along the way. I was shocked to hear that students pay between \$800 and \$1800 per month to live in dormitories, and that a major portion of student debt is incurred due to housing expenses. As a housing expert, I know I can find better solutions to provide affordable housing to our students.



I also support free community college and will work to increase the number of transfer students accepted from community colleges into the UC system. I also believe that California should provide multiple pathways for success, including making career and technical education accessible to more Californians.

2. How will you use your role as President of the California Senate to better the lives of Californians?

As Lieutenant Governor, I will use the office as a bully pulpit to fight hard for equality for all Californians in policy, government, and every aspect of society. We need more champions and advocates who are truly committed to the common good, and we must ensure people from all walks of life, especially marginalized communities, have a voice in our state government. As the first woman to be elected Lt. Governor, this includes working to help ensure women have equal pay and equal treatment in the workplace.

We especially need new, fresh voices in our state government. So when I am elected, I will make it a priority to engage young people, especially students at the UC and CSU, to get involved. I am proud to be endorsed by *the Sacramento County Young Democrats, San Francisco Young Democrats, Los Angeles County Young Democrats, California Young Democrats Black Caucus, Stonewall Young Democrats, Contra Costa County Young Democrats, Fresno County Young Democrats, Latino/a Young Democrats of San Francisco, San Francisco Black Young Democrats, Marin County Young Democrats, Riverside County Young Democrats, San Fernando Valley Young Democrats, and Ventura County Young Democrats*, and I would be so honored to have your support.



**Orange County Young Democrats
2018 Fall Endorsement Questionnaire**

Candidate Name: Lawrence R “Larry” Labrado

Ballot Designation: Governing Board Member Rancho Santiago Community College District

Race: Rancho Santiago Community College District Trustee Area 4

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

- 1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific. Expand our tuition free program, and provide more student academic support services.**
- 2. Do you support a woman’s right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare? We provide these services through health centers.**
- 3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign? We have “me too” policies in place to protect both our students and staff from such predators and we have enforced them.**

Questions Specific To Office:

U.S. Senate:

- 1. What role does the federal government play in helping address homelessness and housing affordability in the State of California? What legislation or administrative changes will you champion to address this issue?**
- 2. What is your position on Medicare for All? How would you fund such a federal program, while ensuring that it was deficit neutral?**

Lieutenant Governor:

- 1. A major duty of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is sitting on Statewide Boards and Commission, two of which focus on Higher Education (UC Board of Regents and CSU**



2. How will you address the problem of systematic law enforcement targeting of communities of color?

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?
2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district? **Not applicable students at community are adults.**
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district? **Not applicable, our colleges have ethnic studies at both colleges.**



**Orange County Young Democrats
2018 Fall Endorsement Questionnaire**

Candidate Name: Shayna Lathus

Ballot Designation: Teacher / Businesswoman

Race: Huntington Beach City Council

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

Huntington Beach, like many other cities in California, is facing many tough decisions and issues – affordable housing, homelessness, traffic, safety – and more. I think the most important issue is the economy. The city is facing a budget shortfall that we must address. I want to make sure that we look to additional revenue streams like cannabis businesses to fill this gap. This is a huge area that is going unaddressed, and Huntington Beach is missing out on the tax revenue. Aligned with this, I want to make sure our police and fire departments are adequately staffed and funded to keep the community safe, particularly with rising crime levels and in the wake of the recent wildfires.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Yes, I absolutely support a woman's right to access reproductive health services. I wholeheartedly support public funding of reproductive healthcare, including abortions, to anyone who relies on the government for health care services. I believe in fully funding these centers, such as Planned Parenthood.

For many, Planned Parenthood is the only affordable option for healthcare services. We should make sure these clinics are fully operational and funded for those individuals who need it most. I believe education lies at the heart of the matter. The more we can educate, particularly our youth, about the resources available to them, the more the value of these health centers becomes apparent.



3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

I believe we need more women in local government, with specific and detailed policies with repercussions concerning abuse, harassment, fair wages, and discrimination in the workplace.

Questions Specific To Office:

U.S. Senate:

1. What role does the federal government play in helping address homelessness and housing affordability in the State of California? What legislation or administrative changes will you champion to address this issue?
2. What is your position on Medicare for All? How would you fund such a federal program, while ensuring that it was deficit neutral?

Lieutenant Governor:

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2. How will you use your role as President of the California Senate to better the lives of Californians?

State Superintendent of Public Education:

1. What is your position on Charter schools? Specifically, what role, if any, do charter schools play in K-12 education in the State of California?
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum throughout the State?

State Senate, State Assembly:

1. If elected, what bill will you introduce to address the housing crisis in the State of California? How would your bill differ from other bills that have attempted to address housing availability and affordability in California?



2. Do you support the move to a universal basic income (“UBI”) (Please answer “yes” or “no” only)? If not, why not? If yes, how should California go about implementing a system that provides for a UBI?
3. If elected, what reforms would you champion in the criminal justice system? How would you/ or would you, reform the cash-bail system?

Board of Supervisors:

1. Orange County is facing a housing crisis. There are not enough homes for those who want them, and those that are available are incredibly expensive. For example, the median price of a home in Orange County is over \$700,000. At the same time, the median household income is only approximately \$76,000. How can we ensure that low-income OC residents, who are most impacted, are able to find affordable housing—particularly near where they work?
2. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

District Attorney:

1. What is your position on the OC Needle Exchange Program?
2. How will you address the problem of systematic law enforcement targeting of communities of color?

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

The Needle Exchange Program is a hot issue. I do agree with health officials that these types of exchange programs curb the rise and transmission of diseases like HIV and Hepatitis, yet there are concerns about needles littering public sites like libraries, or near schools. I do believe that this is a much needed program but want to see it tailored in a way that needles are not given out but actually exchanged so health officials can dispose of them properly. I am satisfied to hear that the authorization of the exchange program does include an independent evaluator for syringe litter. As a public school teacher, I also want to see these programs operated away from our parks and schools.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment’s (RHNA) goals under the Southern California Association of Governments is to survey a jurisdiction and make sure



that housing is available for all income levels, and meet housing goals. I believe the city should meet these goals stipulated under this assessment so that residents can find housing relief.

Affordable housing are units that are roughly 30 percent or less of a family's income. While the state's economy is booming, people are still having trouble finding housing at this rate. Much of that has to do with a lack of inventory. We need to develop more housing stock across income levels and encourage development, and in a smart way that encourages walkability in our downtown core. Studies have shown in pilot cities that by doing so, cities can lower market rent significantly. I also support repealing Costa-Hawkins and giving more control to local authorities to keep residents in affordable housing and to curb evictions.

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district?
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district?



**Orange County Young Democrats
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Candidate Name: Ian J. Macdonald
Ballot Designation: Buena Park Nonprofit Director
Race: Buena Park City Council, District 2

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.
 - a. Use existing city land for public parking, install car lifts, and ensure these projects are done with local, union labor.
2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?
 - a. Yes. Establish a Neighborhood Resource Center with Planned Parenthood, which has endorsed my campaign, that would support reproductive health and family planning in our city.
3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?
 - a. Ensure a no-tolerance sexual harassment policy is implement at all levels within the city.

Questions Specific To Office:

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?
 - a. Support.
2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?
 - a. Building a shelter for the homeless at a specific city owned property that would make resources available to assist in overcoming homelessness, utilizing Beach Blvd for low incoming housing to be built by collaborating with local developers and incentivizing construction of these projects with a Specific Plan and Zoning Overlay.



**Orange County Young Democrats
2018 Fall Endorsement Questionnaire**

Candidate Name: Frances Marquez

Ballot Designation: College Professor

Race: Cypress City Council

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

I want to improve services for our youth and ensure our city provides opportunities to for them to succeed. Cypress' strong schools and safe neighborhoods helped provide me with the foundation for a successful life. I want to make sure all children growing up in my community have the same chance.

I will focus on building public-private partnerships and using my experience working in the House of Representatives to apply for grants that will provide jobs skills programs and encourage the development of career pathways for teens and young adults.

When I worked for Congressman Alan Lowenthal, I helped secure funding for the STARBASE and Sunburst National Guard Youth Challenge Programs at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB). The STARBASE Program encourages fifth-grade students to study science and math and Sunburst helps youth who have dropped out of high school complete their GED at the JFTB in six months. I want to bring more programs like this to our city.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

I am pro-choice and believe women's reproductive rights need to be protected. I will work with Planned Parenthood Orange County/San Bernardino to ensure they are welcomed in our city to do outreach and that our residents know they have access to their clinics in neighboring cities.



3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

I will seek to strengthen the workplace harassment policies within the City of Cypress and push a requirement of any business who has a contract with the city to disclose their policies regarding workplace harassment.

Questions Specific To Office:

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

I support safe needle exchange programs with supervision and regulation. These programs help mitigate outbreaks of diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C. I believe we need to increase education about these programs to city leaders and the public on their intention and proper use.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

Cypress is a very suburban community with a homeownership rate of 70.6%. Most homes in our community are single family homes. With little land left to build, our city needs to be creative on how we meet our allocation but also be mindful of residents who are very resistant to multi-family housing. I will work hard to ensure first-time homebuyer programs are strengthened so that a new generation of Cypress residents can enjoy our community.

I also want to ensure that the disabled community has a voice in the development of new housing. I teach deaf and hard-of-hearing college students and too often their needs are not considered in conversations regarding policy. I will be a champion for ensuring every development build has the perspective of individuals with special needs in mind.



Orange County Young Democrats 2018 Fall Endorsement Questionnaire

Candidate Name: **NELIDA MENDOZA**

Ballot Designation: Governing Rancho Santiago Community
College District / Teacher

Race: **City of Santa Ana Council, Ward 6**

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

The City of Santa Ana is in need of so many policy priorities. For now, I will concentrate on five of the most urgent of policies. My goal is to make Santa Ana a progressive city that shares its economic wealth with its employees and citizens, is active to sustain green programs, be on the cutting edge of new economy (bio-tech, robotics, instrumentations, etc). I also see a democratic form of city organization that will add value to its residents, reduce waste, and create quality jobs.

The first policy I would like to delve, explore, analyze and find common ground is the police officer overtime issue. Why is the city's major budget being allocated to police? Is the police department short staffed that major overtime is required of their officers? Would the city and officers benefit from hiring more officers? Does the budget allow for hiring more officers? It would seem that if officers are working lots of overtime, that they may risk injury to themselves or to the public if they are not fresh and alert.

The second controversial policy is the sanctuary city issue. What does it mean to be a sanctuary city? I agree that ICE should be involved in deporting violent offenders who are undocumented. I do not agree that our police officers should be performing the duties of the state or federal immigration officers. On the other hand, ICE is extraordinarily critical in protecting undocumented immigrants when unscrupulous employers, human trafficking or other unlawful and cruel activities are exploiting them.

I would also like to create policies of greater significance to collaborate with our local college districts, school districts and community centers to have more joint-use facilities. Not only is this economical for each entity, but it definitely benefits our residents to have more open spaces for play, community meetings/events/celebrations, educational purposes, etc.



2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Yes. However, as Councilwoman I am not in a position to make policy or advocate for healthcare issues. On a personal level, I am a member of the National Organization for Women, which does have strong political agenda to ensure women continue to have access to reproductive health services.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

As councilwoman, I will have authority to make changes and/or implement policy to ensure our city employees are treated equally and with respect. A zero tolerance sexual harassment atmosphere will be created and strictly enforced. This will necessitate the creation of an ad hoc committee within the Personnel Department that will be entrusted with the responsibility of reviewing all policies relating to anti-discrimination and specifically prevention of any sexual harassment of any public person and/or city employee.

I agree wholeheartedly with DPOC Chairwoman, Fran Sdao, that all people should feel safe and secure at their place of work or any other environment for that matter. I specially agree that we must find and prosecute those individuals who condone a "sexual predator" culture. Not only is this behavior deplorable, but it causes life-long mental, emotional and psychological distress to the victims. Many times victims are threatened, shamed or guilted to stay quiet rather than risk public embarrassment and/or losing their internship, employment or current relationship.

As your Councilwoman, I will make it a priority to address this issue and keep it in the forefront of city operations. All city employees and vendors, will adhere to Santa Ana's anti-sexual/discrimination policies or face consequences. We are a model city and thus, we should be that ethical example for other cities to follow.

Questions Specific To Office:
Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

The Needle Exchange Program is necessary. I realize this is a controversial issue, however, this is one major way to reduce the risk of sharing contaminated needles among the addicted. The centers may provide HIV testing and counseling that will benefit infected individuals. Those individuals who want to stop their drug-use will have options to attend treatment programs and participate in support groups. This program also benefits our police officers because it reduces the risk of infection if he/she is accidentally pricked while conducting pat down.



Some people believe the program encourages addicts to continue their drug habit and exchanging needles only leads to more drug use. Others blame the program for the HIV rate increase and do not approve that many programs are funded through taxpayer money. In addition, the residents who live around an exchange center feel unsafe due to the constant influx of addicted individuals.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

I will ensure that any proposed housing development contracts contain legal requirements that project includes proper number of allocations pursuant to the FHNA regulations. In addition, I will require that the developer provide some sort of community service to the specific neighborhood. For example, plan, build and maintain a nearby children's playground and/or a community center.

The contract will also ensure that developers pay appropriate property taxes. Such revenue will assist the city to recover from its current budget deficit. Once financial stability is reached, the proceeds will be utilized for much needed city services such as hiring staff, fund pensions, road repairs, after-school programs, youth leadership incentives, anti-drug campaigns, and any other area where city services are lacking.

I hereby declare that the above responses are true and correct to the best of my own personal beliefs, public service knowledge and my good intentions to be the best possible Councilwoman for my beloved city. Further, that I run for this elected position out of devotion to my community and desire to continue my life profession of being a public servant and not one of self-interest.

I submit this questionnaire by email transmission on Monday, September 3, 2018 at 9:37 p.m. in Santa Ana, California.

Nelida Mendoza

Nelida Mendoza, Ward 6

Santa Ana City Council Candidate

My electronic signature is valid as it were my original.



**Orange County Young Democrats
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Candidate Name: Jose F. Moreno

Ballot Designation: Councilmember / University Professor

Race: Anaheim City Council, District 3

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.
 - a. **Policies to address ravages of poverty & working poverty (e.g. homelessness; affordable housing; community centers / parks; public safety)**

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?
 - a. **Yes I do support a woman's right to access reproductive health services and choice. To the extent cities provide health services; health insurance benefits; and/or fund health programs including education policies should include availability to education and services without prejudice toward a woman's right to access reproductive health and choices.**

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?
 - a. **Full whistleblower protection as dictated by current law with eye on how to strengthen; Integration of such values into HR training of new employees, including new managers and those promoted to management; Regular assessments of the climate for employees in the city.**



Questions Specific To Office:

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?
 - a. I support Needle Exchange Programs overall as one of the most effective methods to promote public health and to plug people into appropriate health services. Their effectiveness has been borne out in rigorous evaluation studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control under various administrations. In Anaheim however, the OCNEP was proposed without local consultation and was thus proposed at a site completely opposed by local community residents, educators, and non-profit leaders with a model (2 days per week) that did not engender confidence in the model. The process used in developing the proposal has made it quite difficult to get residents and community leaders to even consider the benefits. In City Council opposition, I made sure to advocate for and convinced positions by Council to assure, that opposition was not to needle exchange programs as a model / effective practice but rather to oppose the proposal as submitted to the state. I am hopeful that through community engagement and discussions with city staff and leaders, OCNEP will be able to propose a more robust model to operate in Anaheim.

2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?
 - a. I've already proposed inclusionary housing policy (voted down by Council majority). Our RHNA need is at low to extremely low income housing. While I lost the vote for inclusionary, Council did support incentive package of streamlining and prioritizing developments that include affordable housing; council resolution for value of affordable housing development; and support for ACC-OC permanent supportive housing plan and legislation. I also managed to get Council to agree for 6 month review of RHNS numbers to assess if "incentives" alone made a difference with commitment for consideration of formal policies and ordinances on affordable housing.



**Orange County Young Democrats
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Candidate Name: Michelle Murphy

Ballot Designation: Non-Profit Executive

Race: Newport Mesa Unified School District, Trustee Area 2

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.
School safety and student achievement.
2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?
Yes
3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign? **I am in strong support of the MeToo campaign and would support any policy at the School Board level that would stop sexual harassment in the workplace.**

Questions Specific To Office:

U.S. Senate:

1. What role does the federal government play in helping address homelessness and housing affordability in the State of California? What legislation or administrative changes will you champion to address this issue?
2. What is your position on Medicare for All? How would you fund such a federal program, while ensuring that it was deficit neutral?

Lieutenant Governor:

1. A major duty of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is sitting on Statewide Boards and Commission, two of which focus on Higher Education (UC Board of Regents and CSU



Board of Trustees). What policy initiatives will you pursue in your role on these Boards to improve the quality of education students receive and their overall academic experience, excluding policies related to lowering or stabilizing tuition?

2. How will you use your role as President of the California Senate to better the lives of Californians?

State Superintendent of Public Education:

1. What is your position on Charter schools? Specifically, what role, if any, do charter schools play in K-12 education in the State of California?
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum throughout the State?

State Senate, State Assembly:

1. If elected, what bill will you introduce to address the housing crisis in the State of California? How would your bill differ from other bills that have attempted to address housing availability and affordability in California?
2. Do you support the move to a universal basic income (“UBI”) (Please answer “yes” or “no” only)? If not, why not? If yes, how should California go about implementing a system that provides for a UBI?
3. If elected, what reforms would you champion in the criminal justice system? How would you/ or would you, reform the cash-bail system?

Board of Supervisors:

1. Orange County is facing a housing crisis. There are not enough homes for those who want them, and those that are available are incredibly expensive. For example, the median price of a home in Orange County is over \$700,000. At the same time, the median household income is only approximately \$76,000. How can we ensure that low-income OC residents, who are most impacted, are able to find affordable housing—particularly near where they work?
2. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?

District Attorney:

1. What is your position on the OC Needle Exchange Program?



2. How will you address the problem of systematic law enforcement targeting of communities of color?

Mayor/City Council:

1. What is your position on the Orange County Needle Exchange Program?
2. What initiatives will you champion to ensure your city achieves its RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) number allocations in all housing categories?

School Board:

1. How will you promote evidence based, comprehensive sex education (like CHYA) in your school district?

I will advocate for comprehensive sex ed that focuses on:

- **Teaching students relationship skills**
 - **Helping students become responsible, sexually healthy adults**
 - **Preventing unprotected intercourse**
 - **Reducing adolescent pregnancy**
 - **Reducing STD rates**
 - **Providing students with useful, fact-based information**
2. Having ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum has been shown to improve grades and engagement in K-12 students. How will you integrate cultural and ethnic studies into K-12 curriculum in your district?

As a strong supporter of equity in education, I will advocate for ethnic and cultural studies as part of the regular curriculum.



**Orange County Young Democrats
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Candidate Name: Duke Nguyen

Ballot Designation: Detective/Senior Investigator

Race: Sheriff-Coroner

****Please keep your answers to each question limited to 200 words or less per question****

Questions For All Candidates:

1. If elected, what is your top policy priority? Please be specific.

If elected I plan to enact reforms with the primary goal of bringing the Sheriff's department into the 21st century. Modernizing the Sheriff's department requires us to shift towards building policy that is evidence based. By ensuring that we are creating policy with empirically backed facts, we can provide a new level of accountability and transparency. For example, I intend to expand the use of body cameras that cannot be shut off while on duty. This will work to protect the integrity of the department as well as the public from misuses of justice. In addition, I plan to increase violence de-escalation training that is proven to prevent instances of the use of force. As well as cultural awareness training which has been shown to allow law enforcement to more effectively do their jobs and serve diverse communities. These policy shifts represent my top priority of bringing accountability and transparency to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

2. Do you support a woman's right to access reproductive health services including contraception and abortion? If so, what policies do you plan to advocate for to expand access and end societal stigma as it pertains to reproductive healthcare?

Yes, I support a woman's right to access all reproductive health services. In the Sheriff's department we can often have issues offering medical treatment to people because of the fear of uniformed officers. This can be alleviated by educating our officers and community. However, I also want to work more closely with community organizations to diminish the stigma surrounding reproductive care and make it more accessible to more people. This means utilizing the resources of existing organizations that provide reproductive care to improve and expand on our services. The Sheriff's department represents the largest percentage of our county budget, yet we still have issues providing



medical care to people who come through the system. In conjunction with my planned policy shifts I want to ensure that we are providing the most up to date and scientifically backed care to all in our great county.

3. What is a policy fix that you will champion in order to uphold the ideals of the #MeToo campaign?

This issue is twofold within the Sheriff's department. First, our Sheriff's department is responsible for all custody in Orange County. Increasing oversight and creating a culture within management that does not stand for misuses of justice will go a long way to preventing issues within our jails. Our jails need to be a place where people can rehabilitate themselves without having to fear for their basic safety. The alleged abuses towards women will be investigated thoroughly. Secondly, the Orange County Sheriff's is an agency with over 3800 personnel. Everyone within this agency should feel secure knowing that promotions and assignments are done based on the merit of your work. Advancement based on who likes you, who knows you or a hierarchy, is bad for moral. In the workplace no one should feel they have to do anything but their job to advance. Especially in the case of public service. By creating this shift we can show that the Sheriff's department is a place where women and men can come serve our communities. In an age were too few people are signing up to be deputies, this cultural shift towards protecting basic rights will allow us to recruit the new generation.