

***Democrats of Napa Valley
Candidate Questionnaire
Candidate for City Council***

DEADLINE FOR RETURN TO DEMOCRATS OF NAPA VALLEY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Candidate's Name: Bernie A. Narvaez

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If an Incumbent, please provide the year your original term of office began: **2020**

Candidate Specific Questions

1. Provide a bio of your relevant experience/background for this office. (200 words maximum)

a. As your current City Council member, I have serviced in the U.S. Marine Corps for 6 years. I am a small business owner of over 17 years. Currently president of the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of commerce, former Vice-Chair of the City of Napa 2040 GPAC, Former City of Napa Parks and Rec commissioner, graduate of City of Napa citizens academy, and serve a the commandant of the Napa Marine Corps League and prior Youth services chair with Napa Sunrise Rotary.

2. List your key supporters, including campaign volunteers and hired consultants, and endorsements.

a. My campaign is made up of a diverse group of supporters. My volunteers have been students and youth that are interested in politics and community service.

3. Where do you expect to receive your main financial commitments?

a. Financial commitments come from individuals, and the local small business community.

4. What distinguishes your candidacy and campaign from the other candidates for this office?

a. As your current City Council member, I have dedicated the past four years to addressing Napa's most pressing issues with passion, hard work, and proven leadership. Together, we have made strides in incentivizing affordable housing, supporting our small business community, and balancing the needs of our local community and visitors who cherish our unique city. My experience as a small business owner has been invaluable in navigating the financial challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. I am just as motivated today to serve our Nap as the day I announced my candidacy back in 2017.

Issues: (100 words maximum per question)

5. What do you see as the major issues and their possible solutions in this campaign?

a. Our parks faces major infrastructure needs and it will take long term planning to bring it up to date. Continue to seek grants, support measure G, and increase the Parks & Rec budget are ways to address the challenge.

- b. We have over 200 miles of roadway, and with some areas in need of major infrastructure work. We need to continue to invest in our capital improvement budget to address the big projects.
- c. Housing and homelessness continues to be a challenge. The latest report indicates supportive housing is far more efficient than shelters. Using hotels and other existing facilities are a great way to provide supportive housing to our unsheltered population.

6. Do you believe in and would you work to protect a woman's right to choose and to have control over her own body? XYes

Is it easy enough for a woman in Napa County to access healthcare to have an abortion?

- a. I am an ally and supporter to women's right to choose.
- b. The answer is No, there continues to be challenges from the Federal level to the local level. We must continue to support legislative efforts for women to have the right to choose how and where they receive reproductive medical services.

7. Is the City doing most everything it can to ensure that residents feel safe? XYes ___No If no, what 1-2 ideas do you think should be considered?

- a. Many of my constituents concerns with safety have to do with homelessness. The city of napa has a great team with code compliance, police, and housing advocates that are passionate about these issues. With recent case law, the City of Napa is exploring more efficient ways to house people and provide a safer community for all.

8. The number of children enrolled in school in Napa County continues to decline. What are 2-3 solutions to at least slow or stop this decline?

- a. Housing that is affordable
 - i. Multi family housing in the main corridors with existing services
- b. Modern and attractive park to young families (splash pads)
- c. Employment advancement opportunities for providers of growing families (workforce development, business start up resources, and growth opportunities.)

9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

- a. Support Measure G (1% local sales tax) so we may have the additional to address the most critical needs.
- b. Serving as a former Napa Parks and Recreation Commissioner and President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I have championed increased recreational opportunities and fostered greater inclusion and representation among underserved communities. My commitment as a veteran and father to keeping our community safe remains unwavering, ensuring Napa is a secure place for children, families, seniors, and disadvantaged populations. I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I respectfully ask for your vote to continue preserving and enhancing our quality of life. Let's keep Napa a wonderful place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.



Signature

08/09/2024

Date