

**Democrats of Napa Valley**  
**Candidate Questionnaire**  
**Candidate for Yountville Town Council**

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

Candidate's Name: **Eric Knight** Area/District: **Town of Yountville**  
Mobile ph #: **707-363-6099** Party Affiliation: **Democrat**  
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Occupation: **Customer Order Specialist** Employer: **The Home Depot**  
Campaign Manager: **Self** Contact #:  
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)**

Yountville is a resilient community with caring residents and business owners. I am honored to currently serve on the Town Council. In 2020, I ran to “Build Community” and promote cooperation and collaboration. I proudly serve with a respectful Council that constantly strives to listen and learn so that Town Council decisions align with our shared values. Public servants must always promote public discourse and civic participation. I have lived in Yountville for 35 years,

Town of Yountville Community Foundation, board member 2017 – 2019.  
NVUSD Citizen 7-11 School Advisory Committee. 2019.  
Yountville General Plan Citizen Advisory Group, 2017-2018  
Yountville Parks and Recreation Commission board member.  
Candidate for Mayor, 2003  
Yountville Town Council, 2 terms, 1997 – 2005  
Zoning and Design Review Board, 1992 – 1997  
NVUSD Bond Measure M and G Citizen Oversight Committee, 2004 – 2008.  
Yountville Elementary School and Redwood Middle School Site Council member.  
Leadership Napa Valley, Class XV.

**2. List your key supporters, including campaign volunteers and hired consultants, and endorsements. Vice Mayor Trippe, Councilmembers Pam Reeves and Robin McKee-Cant, and other Yountville and Napa Valley residents and veterans. “All Politics is Local.” -- Tip O’Neil.**

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

**4. What distinguishes your candidacy and campaign from the other candidates for this office?**  
**I have served three terms as a Yountville Council member, grew up in and managed a local serving family hardware store and lumberyard, and worked with a green builder to process a residential development. I understand the importance of local government providing transparent, efficient, and fair public services because I have been on “both sides of the counter”.**

**Issues: (100 words maximum per question)**

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

I have three goals for the next four years. First, I will encourage resident participation in the design of the recently purchased elementary school property, now Yountville Commons. Resident input is invaluable in shaping our community's future. Second, I will continue to make sensible financial decisions to maintain our exceptional town services and preserve our strong finances. Third, I will work with the Council and Town staff to build more open relationships with Veterans Home members, staff, and CALVET.

6. **Do you believe in and would you work to protect a women's right to choose and to have control over her own body? Yes No**

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

Every community must focus on providing accessible and low-cost critical reproductive and preventative healthcare services and education. We are fortunate as California residents to have access to women's health clinics like Planned Parenthood. We must work to elect national representatives who will enact federal laws to protect reproductive choice.

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

The Town of Yountville contracts with the Napa County Sheriff's Department, Napa County Fire, and CalFire. We have a great working relationship with these first responders.

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?**

Working together to promote a sustainable economy will create opportunities to develop diverse, affordable housing and provide livable wages for our Napa Valley workforce.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and ask for your endorsement. And, especially, thank you for all you do to support and elect local, state, and national Democratic Party members who work daily to protect our freedoms.

*Eric E Knight*  
Signature

August 8, 2024  
Date