

***Democrats of Napa Valley
Candidate Questionnaire
Mayoral & City Council Candidates***

DEADLINE FOR RETURN TO DEMOCRATS OF NAPA VALLEY: Sunday, AUGUST 14 noon

Candidate's Name: Marjorie Mohler	Area/District: Town of Yountville
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Party Affiliation: Democrat	How long have you been a Democrat? 14 years
Campaign Manager: self	Contact #:707-944-8463
Occupation: Pharmaceutical Scientist	Employer: Ciencia Group

If an Incumbent, please provide the month/year your original term of office began: December 2008 first elected to Town Council
And now candidate for Mayor of Yountville

Candidate Specific Questions

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

Yountville has been home for 23 years where I have a scientific consulting company. I received a BA in Microbiology from University of Kansas with graduate work in Virology at University of Kansas Medical School. My career as a scientist has provided me skills and experience for public service. I was first elected as a Councilmember on the Yountville Town Council in 2008 and re-elected in 2012, 2016, and 2020.

As a Councilmember I adopted a new General Plan in 2019, and Housing Elements in 2009, 2015, and 2019. I served on ad hoc committees including Climate Action Plan, Parking, Library, Water and Wastewater Utility Rates, Investment Plans for Pensions, GHG Inventory, Council Protocols, 50th Town Anniversary Committee.

Elections/Appointments to County-wide and State boards include:

Upper Valley Waste Management Authority, for 13 years and Chair for past 6 years

Cal Cities Environmental Quality committee for 13 years

Napa County LAFCO for 6 years and 2 terms as Chair

State Board, CALAFCO, serves all 58 counties in CA, for 5 years and as Chair in 2023

Outstanding LAFCO Commissioner of the Year for all 58 LAFCOs in 2018

Napa Valley Transportation Authority for 4 years

Watershed Information Conservation Council 4 years

2. List your key supporters and endorsements.

Brad Wagenknecht, Napa County Board of Supervisors

Scott Sedgley, Mayor of Napa

Chris Canning, Mayor of Calistoga

Gary Kraus, Councilmember Calistoga

Anna Chouteau, Councilmember St Helena

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

I plan to self-fund my campaign for Mayor as I have for my 4 campaigns for Town Council.

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

Issues (100 words maximum per question)

Yountville will need to find workable solutions for affordable housing, water security, global warming and other issues that cannot be ignored. I have served for 14 years on the Yountville Town Council have the experienced leadership to find workable, innovative and consensus building solutions to any challenges that lie ahead. In addition, my service on numerous county and state boards sets me apart from the other candidates for Mayor. I have developed strong collaborative relationships with many colleagues in these organizations. I have the knowledge and experience in local government starting on day one to make Yountville safe, strong, and vibrant into our future.

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

Fiscal Responsibility – I will ensure we always have healthy financial reserves and a balanced budget. I will plan for cost increases for core services including police, fire, and infrastructure.
Community Engagement – I respect and encouraged the ideas and viewpoints of all residents. I will use technology to improve access to government information. I will consult with residents to when important government decisions are made.

Vibrant Economy – I will work collaboratively with the Town Council to balance the interests of residents and businesses.

Support for our Veterans – I will communicate Veterans’ Home residents’ issues to our county, state, and federal officials.

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

Women’s health and reproductive rights has always been a priority for me as a woman and as a pharmaceutical scientist. Everyone should have health care and the right to choose their health care options. As a scientist I have worked on treatments for infertility, bone health, and breast cancer. I am most proud of my work to develop an immune targeted therapy, Herceptin, that slows or stops breast cancer that is HER2 positive breast cancer.

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.

Community safety including safe streets and neighborhoods has always been a priority for me. Our residents must not only be safe but feel safe. The Town of Yountville has done a wonderful job developing an Emergency Preparedness Plan and the Yountville Neighbor Network for when emergency strikes.

8. Which of the below elements would you support to curb the national epidemic of gun violence?

Sensible gun laws: longer waiting period, raise age limit to purchase a gun

Ban semi-automatic and automatic weapons

Prohibit high capacity magazines and bump-stocks

Increase mental health screenings and support

Pressure Congress to allow the CDC to investigate gun violence as a public health problem

Make it harder for people with a history of mental illness to buy guns

All of the Above

Other/Additional _____

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

Thank you, Democrats of Napa Valley, for this opportunity to join this debate and express my goals as the next Mayor of Yountville. I will be honored to receive the support of your important organization as I continue my service to the Yountville community.

Margie Mohler

Signature

August 11, 2022_____

Date