

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: Pam Reeves	Area/District: Yountville
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Party Affiliation:Democrat	How long have you been a Democrat? lifelong (49 years)
Campaign Manager: no one at present	Contact #: _____
Occupation: Aesthetician	Employer: Self-employed (Anemone and AwareCare)
If an Incumbent, please provide the month/year your original term of office began: N/A	

Candidate Specific Questions

1. Provide a bio of your relevant experience/background for this office. *(200 words maximum)*
I have lived in Yountville for a bit over 40 years. Like most other residents, I was smitten from the beginning. I have served on both the Zoning and Design Review Board and the Town Council and I remain involved through attending meetings, participating in workshops, addressing the council, working on citizen initiatives, writing letters to the editor, and talking with my neighbors. My educational and work background is varied. I graduated with a degree in criminology from UC Berkeley and hold a certificate in Early Childhood Education. I taught at a state preschool, County Education ESL classes, and have been an instructor for an international company. I think many times, resolution of issues begins with education. In partnership with my neighbor, I started a Waldorf Kindergarten and through community building and major fundraising we petitioned for and received a charter for a K-8 school now operating as Stonebridge in Napa. I have been a Service Representative for Pacific Bell and a waitress for two local restaurants all of which have given me experience with customers seeking resolutions to their particular needs and problems. I have started 4 separate businesses in Yountville, Napa, and Fair Oaks, Ca and understand the challenges of starting and operating a business in various environments and conditions. My personal characteristics are suited to the job: I am a good and active listener, I am a lifelong student, though I am strong in my convictions, I have a mild and calm demeanor and I enjoy finding creative solutions to problems.
2. List your key supporters and endorsements. Endorsed by 2 sitting council members: Eric Knight and Marita Dorenbecher, former council member Judith Caldwell, and former chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission Paul Marciniak, Supported by: Janet Gotch, Tim & Cheri Borman, Iren and Ted Jenny, Billie Hewitt, Megan Mason, Patty Walsh, Jennifer and Robert Blevins, Kathleen Brannan and Michael Borck, Violet Hoven and Sandy Fagan, Debbie Welborn, Holly Hanson
3. Where do you expect to receive your main financial commitments? Small dollar donations from resident supporters. I will be printing some literature and signs and translating my candidate statement on the ballot which will require some financial assistance. But mostly it will be me and word of mouth.
4. What distinguishes your candidacy and campaign from the other candidates for this office? I have served on boards and on the council before so this is not new territory. I have been encouraged to run by many neighbors who feel that Yountville should do better with the interface between resident and council. In the last 5 years I have been very active by attending council meetings and working with initiative groups regarding town issues. I have gained a reputation for being thoughtful and laser-focused on issues that residents are invested in. I feel that a candidate who is

open, responsive, and dedicated to transparent governance, one who is up to speed, and working to hold all parties to the same standards will be a breath of fresh air for our community.

Issues (100 words maximum per question)

5. What do you see as the major issues and their possible solutions in this campaign?
- 1) Leadership: Residents are feeling dissatisfied with the restrictive style of the current leadership. This restriction plays out inside the council itself as well as within the community. Working with the council protocols and meeting agenda formation will go a long way toward making the council an open and successfully functioning group and the residents feeling welcome and valued.
 - 2) Demographics and Housing Market Prices: Yountville is the epicenter of the collision of aging demographic and ever-escalating housing prices. Full-time residents are a shrinking demographic. We have lost our elementary school as families have moved out for affordability and proximity to more activities and broader opportunities. We need not only low-income housing but just plain affordable housing. I would like to lead the community in discussion of how we would like to see this play out and whether we can put more of our town resources into facilitating housing for all.
 - 3) Water: we need to secure a more amicable and dependable relationship with the State for the use of Rector water. We need to explore other sources. And we need to be even-handed in water-use restrictions.
 - 4) Climate Change: We must feel the emergency. All planning and every decision should evaluate the impact on climate and the effects on our residents. We cannot rest on a few visible projects, our resolve must permeate every decision—starting yesterday!
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 Unequivocally!
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.
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; Require mandatory gun safety classes along with educational classes on safe gun storage as part of buying a gun. This would work well with requiring a license to own a gun.
9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? I am a bit of an idealist. I believe in the democratic process and I believe that voting is important. I also believe that elected office is a solemn responsibility that requires putting aside your own ego in order to provide the best leadership for the community. I seek this office to be a public servant and to facilitate community participation in decisions that shape the town.
I have enthusiastically made many investments in Yountville over the years: participating in town governance, buying a house and raising a family here, operating a business here, and making life-

long friends. I feel those roots viscerally and want to continue my investment by offering my perspective and a different possibility of leadership.

Pam Reeves
Signature

8/13/22
Date