

**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: Scott Owens                      Area/District: Yountville  
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Party Affiliation: Democrat                      How long have you been a Democrat? 25 years  
Campaign Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: Executive Assistant                      Employer: California Health Care Foundation  
If an Incumbent, please provide the month/year your original term of office began: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Specific Questions**

1. Provide a bio of your relevant experience/background for this office. *(200 words maximum)*  
I am Scott Owens, and I am running for a seat on the Yountville Town Council. I am ready to serve Yountville's residents; work to protect and sustain our natural environment; promote Yountville's character; maintain balance among residents, businesses, and visitors; and encourage and support an inclusive community.  
I believe in civic engagement, community dialogue, and transparent, thoughtful public decision-making. I have worked in the nonprofit community service sector for 25 years in youth development, supportive housing, and health advocacy, and have gained a solid commitment to civic engagement and analytical thinking.  
I am a graduate of the University of San Francisco and of Leadership Napa Valley Class 31. I currently serve as Yountville's representative on the Napa Valley Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committee and as a Member of the Town's Community Foundation Board, and I served Yountville as its Commissioner on the Napa County Library Commission for seven years. I have gained a broad perspective of Napa County and the surrounding region. I believe local government is responsible for advocating and leading on issues, and this has guided my work in navigating complex issues. I am well prepared to contribute to a bright and forward-thinking future for our community.
2. List your key supporters and endorsements.  
Since announcing my candidacy, I appreciate the support of Yountville residents, including Michael Borck, Larry Kamer, Devereaux Smith, and Karla R. Yates, as well as an endorsement from Jill Techel, Former City of Napa Mayor, and current Program Coordinator, Leadership Napa Valley
3. Where do you expect to receive your main financial commitments?  
Yountville residents
4. What distinguishes your candidacy and campaign from the other candidates for this office?  
My leadership abilities, and continued dedication and determination to serve the Town of Yountville as exemplified by my service as Yountville's representative on the Napa Valley Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committee, as a Member of the Board of the Town of Yountville Community Foundation, and seven years serving the Town of Yountville as Library Commissioner, as well as my candidacy for a Member of the Town Council in the 2020 election distinguishes me from my fellow candidates.

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

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

Two of the major issues for Yountville, among many others, are water conservation and commercial and residential development.

1) Natural resources management and conservation for Yountville's water supply during a water shortage emergency is a major issue. Members of the Town Council along with Town Staff must manage the purchase, distribution, and rate collection, and empower residents with the tools to manage and monitor their water consumption as we collectively consume and conserve this vital resource.

2) Residential and commercial development: upcoming commercial development of large, central parcels to ensure thoughtful development, which includes assets to engage visitors and residents, and strengthen Yountville's strong transient oriented tax base while focusing on transit-oriented development. Equally important is encouraging thoughtful development of new, affordable housing and working with developers to implement the regional housing needs assessment commitment (RHNA) identified by Yountville's Zoning and Design Review Board and the Town Council. As a member of the Town Council, I would the strive to achieve balance both with and for residents and the business community.

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

I would work to protect a woman's right to choose and have control over her own body, and to provide access to the necessary information to help with those choices - both mental health and physical health to support the whole person's well-being

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 is committed to residents' safety both for disaster preparedness (wildfires and floods) as well as contracted its police force from the Napa County Sheriff's Office trained in community policing to assure safe practices for those who encounter the law in Yountville.

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

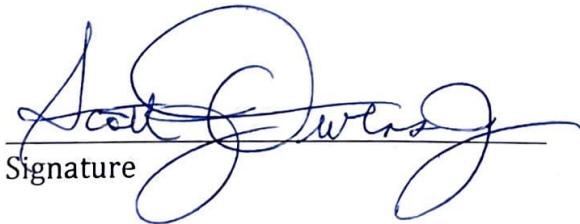
Make it harder for people with a history of mental illness to buy guns

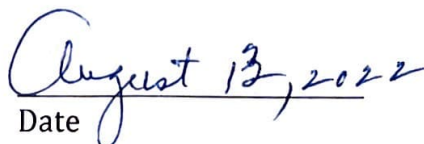
All of the Above

Other/Additional \_\_\_\_\_

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

It is important to me to restore trust in representational government, and I am committed to being open and understanding on how best to serve my community.

  
Signature

  
Date