

Democrats of Napa Valley
Candidate Questionnaire
Candidate for Mayor

DEADLINE FOR RETURN TO DEMOCRATS OF NAPA VALLEY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

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Endorsement Checks - Make Payable To: Committee to Elect Scott Sedgley Mayor
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Occupation: Councilmember Employer: City of Napa
If an Incumbent, please provide the month/year your original term of office began: 2012

Candidate Specific Questions

1. Why are you running for office and what have you done to deserve the Democrats of Napa Valley (DONV) endorsement? *(100 words maximum)* *I am running for office because our current mayor has announced her retirement and has endorsed me to take her place. I am the senior Councilmember and have earned the endorsements of most of our county's elected officials. My working career was spent in organized labor. After high school I entered an apprenticeship in Carpentry, Local 180, Vallejo. I worked, walked picket lines and struck. My parents were democrats and I followed suit. My father was a union member. I took leadership roles in my local union. I was fortunate to be hired by Napa Fire department. I organized their informal bargaining association and joined the International Association of Firefighters. I was their first Union President..*
2. Provide a bio of your relevant experience/background for this office. *(200 words maximum)* *I finished first in the 2012 campaign for Council and finished first in my 2016 campaign for reelection. I have been a strong advocate for social justice, in 2019 I fought for the display of the LBGTQ Rainbow Flag. I argued successfully for Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless and recovery beds for homeless discharged from the hospital. I have been working toward a Local Workforce Agreement, similar to a Project Labor Agreement. With an agreement in place it would remove the job specific challenges. I currently serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Housing Committee. Napa Local Agency Formation Commission, and the Napa Solano Waste Management Authority. I previously served on the Napa Valley Transportation authority and served nine years on the Napa Valley Unified School District.*
3. List your key supporters, including campaign volunteers and hired consultants, and endorsements. Supporters include Congressman, Michael Thompson, Senator Bill Dodd, Assembly member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, all five County Supervisors and all five Napa County Mayors. I am also proud of having the endorsement of Napa County Sheriff John Robertson and Napa Valley District Attorney, Allison Haley.
4. Where do you expect to receive your main financial commitments? My main financial support has been from individual donors.

5. What do you see as the major issues in this campaign? What distinguishes your candidacy and campaign from the other candidates for this office?

The issues are the issues, housing, growth of our hospitality/tourism industry. What distinguishes me is I am from labor and will support public education, livable wages, health care and housing.

Issues: (100 words maximum per question)

6. What are your 3 top priorities for the City?

A vibrant and sustainable economy, a strong and efficient organization, that is the City of Napa and "where we live," quality of life.

7. With the coronavirus pandemic, tourism revenues have been hard hit and will likely be impacted for the next year or more. What do you see as the best way to mitigate the financial impact while balancing the impact on our residents, businesses, and the community's jobs and economy?

Revenue; looking ahead we need to continue to build a diversified economy. It has been hard to attract light industry and manufacturing, housing and transportation today does not support it.

8. Would you be open to a citizen review committee on police policies and procedures as well as overall police responsibilities? **X**Yes No If determined in the review, would you consider reducing the police budget to reallocate funds to other departments that may better handle certain job responsibilities or to other programs that may help address the core issues that may prevent situations before they become too escalated?

The scope of their responsibilities would need to be determined with collaboration between the City and Police Labor Organization. City department budgets are determined by anticipated revenue and council priorities. Efficient use of revenue is always my priority. Can we do better, we most certainly can.

9. What can the City do to become a model for police relations and criminal justice reform?

I am not certain what criminal justice reform you are referring to, incarceration for nonviolent crimes, yes, reform needed. I believe our City has been a model. The City instituted "neighborhood policing" years ago. Verbal judo was taught to diffuse potentially violent situations.

10. What are your top 2-3 ideas to expand affordable housing in the city? Affordable Housing, higher densities, higher residential buildings and subsidized land acquisition.

11. Would you support regional light rail transit as a way to address traffic issues? Yes No . If No, please explain. I would drive the first spike for regional light rail.

Unfortunately COVID 19 has hit public transit hard. The future is uncertain. As for Napa our potential ridership, our numbers will not support rail transportation.

12. In the past year, there was a potential hospital merger in Napa County which would have severely restricted women's access to abortions. Would you work to protect this access and do you believe it is a women's right to choose and to have control over her own body? Yes
 No

I believe in a women's right to choose. I am currently working on an ordinance to establish a Unobstructed access to Planned Parenthood facility.

13. 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 see caveat above: semi-automatic weapons like shotguns are used for sporting clay recreation and duck hunting. Certain game rifles are also classified as semi-automatic and should not be banned.

14. Do you believe that the City has a role in addressing climate change? Yes No
As a Mayor, what main policy or two would you champion?

Climate Change, yes, we have a big role with this issue. I proposed a Climate Change Element to our new General Plan. I supported Measure C to increase protection of our watersheds and oak forests.

15. Would you support enacting regulation to increase the minimum wage locally to keep up with inflation, help workers provide for their families, and that may also allow them to continue living in Napa County? Yes No. If No, please explain.

I would support minimum wage increases if it were our only option. The minimum wage is arbitrarily set. I support a workers right to organize and negotiate their contracts. Only then can working men and women obtain a livable wage, health care and retirement.

16. Is the City doing most everything it can to ensure that residents feel safe? Yes No
If No, please explain.

But, there is always work to do.

17. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? Thank you for this opportunity from a proud lifelong Democrat.

Signature

Date