

North Coast People's Alliance
Candidate Endorsement Information and Questionnaire

North Coast People's Alliance is a hub of organizing activity for Northern California. We advocate for economic, environmental, and social justice, with a particular focus on local progressive electoral issues. We are not aligned with any political party; rather, we seek common ground on issues that transcend partisan politics.

- For the North Coast People's Alliance (NCPA) to consider a request for endorsement, we require each candidate submit the information solicited below (either on paper or via email), and for the candidate to make an in-person presentation at an NCPA membership meeting.
- We will notify you as to when you are scheduled to appear at our membership meeting.
- Endorsements require a two-thirds vote of NCPA voting members present at the membership meeting.

If your endorsement request is approved, NCPA may be able to provide all or some of the following services, in cooperation with your campaign team:

- Media release announcing NCPA support of your candidacy.
- Announcement(s) to our email list, website, blog, and/or social media outlets about NCPA support of your candidacy.
- Help contacting potential volunteers for your campaign.
- Inclusion in slate canvassing, phoning, and/or direct mail campaigns by NCPA volunteers.
- Financial support for your campaign.
- If elected, ongoing support during your term of service as desired/appropriate.

NCPA reserves the right to prioritize its resource availability.

We expect candidates that we endorse to provide the following in return:

- If elected, maintain open lines of communication with NCPA representatives to discuss issues, projects, and strategies around local progressive causes and endeavors.

Candidate Information

Candidate's Full Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

Office Sought / District: _____

Date of Primary: _____ Date of Election: _____

Political Affiliation: _____

General Information

1. What are your key platform issues? What are the most important issues facing your district?
2. What solutions do you offer?
3. What parts of the NCPA platform (outlined below*) do you feel most closely aligned with? What parts do you disagree with, if any? Are there parts you would improve upon and how?
4. Do you support collaboration between progressives across party lines? Would you feel comfortable being included on a slate card another candidate for office registered to a different political party than you?
5. What in your background qualifies you to be a credible candidate? Do you currently hold or have you ever held elected office? What volunteer or professional work have you done that makes our world a better, fairer place?
6. Have you filed as a campaign committee with the Federal Elections Commission and if so, what is your campaign identification number? Do you have a campaign bank account and treasurer? Do you have a campaign website?

* Platform Information

Below are positions strongly supported by the North Coast People's Alliance. Please indicate your position and explain in the space provided below each statement. In particular, please tell how you might be able to address these issues at a local level.

1. Today, we live in the richest country in the history of the world, but that reality means little because much of that wealth is controlled by a tiny handful of individuals. To address income inequality, we support living wages and insist that the wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share in taxes.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

2. We must ensure that all Americans are guaranteed an effective right to vote. We must also reject the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United* and other related cases, and move to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

3. Healthcare is a human right. We must guarantee healthcare by enacting a single-payer healthcare system, as well as lowering the price for prescription drugs. Furthermore, we must protect reproductive rights.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

4. Humboldt County and California must be leaders in aggressively tackling climate change if we are to keep this planet habitable for our children and grandchildren. We must rebuild our crumbling infrastructure in ways that transform our energy system away from polluting fossil fuels, and towards energy efficiency and sustainability. We must also plan now to adapt to the impacts of climate change locally.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

5. We must dismantle the prison industrial complex by demilitarizing our police forces, banning for-profit prisons, turning back from the War on Drugs, eliminating mandatory minimums, and increasing investment in programs that help individuals recover from substance abuse and mental health problems.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

6. Inhumane deportations must be stopped by ending deportation programs, closing down private detention centers, offering humane treatment and asylum to victims of violence and minors fleeing from dangerous circumstances

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

7. We need to support union organizing in both the public and private sectors. We should make it easier for all Americans to join unions and collectively bargain for better wages and benefits. Union jobs provide higher wages, better benefits and a more secure retirement. Increasing union jobs will reduce income and wealth inequality and rebuild the middle class.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

8. Free, quality public education forms the bedrock of democracy, economic mobility and social justice. We support strong K-12 public schools and free tuition at public universities.

Agree Disagree

Tell us more about your position:

By typing or signing my name below, I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify this application from consideration.

Name:

Date:

You may email this completed form to hello@NorthCoastPeoplesAlliance.org.