

Democratic Party of Contra Costa County Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for seeking the endorsement of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC).

Please submit your completed questionnaire and remit the endorsement application fee of \$30 no later than , August 12, 2024. Interviews will not be scheduled without both a completed questionnaire and received payment.

- Pay Endorsement Application Fee:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2024campaignunityfund>.

1. Click on "Donate"
 2. The page will say "2024 Campaign Unity Funds" - Just fill in \$30 as the amount to pay.
- Complete Candidate Questionnaire.

IMPORTANT INFO

- Your application fee must be paid before questionnaires will be processed.
- Interviews will not be scheduled without both a completed payment and completed questionnaire.
- You must have submitted your questionnaire and payment **before August 12, 2024 before 11:59pm PST.**
- Your completed questionnaire will be added to the DPCCC website after all interviews are conducted.
- The DPCCC membership will vote on endorsements at a **Special Meeting on August 29, 2024.** You will be sent an invitation to the meeting which you are welcome to attend.

Email *

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Vision Statement: Democratic Party of Contra Costa County

The DPCCC aspires to be an organization where members are empowered and feel safe to be who they are, regardless of ethnic, cultural, or social demographics. We are committed to fostering equity and social justice through our policies and actions.

We hold ourselves accountable for unwanted behavior and we expect decision-making to be based on justice principles. We actively oppose **racism, sexism, classism, ageism, ableism, homophobia, and all other forms of prejudice wherever we see it**, and we take action individually and collectively to right past wrongs in our communities.

Section 1: Candidate Information

Name (First, Last): *

Oleksii Chuiko

Preferred Name (if different than campaign name):

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Age *

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25-44
- 45-65
- Over 65
- Prefer not to disclose

Pronouns: *

- She/Her/Hers
- He/Him/His
- They/Them/Theirs
- Ze/Zie/Hir/Hirs
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other:

Gender Identity (*check all that apply.*): *

- Gender non-conforming
- Genderqueer
- Genderfluid
- Non-binary
- Woman
- Man
- Transgender
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other:

Sexual Identity (*check all that apply.*): *

- Bisexual
- Queer
- Gay
- Heterosexual or straight
- Lesbian
- Asexual
- Pansexual
- Prefer not to disclose
- Other:

With which racial or ethnic group(s) do you identify? (*Mark all that apply.*): *

Native American or Indigenous

Black, African-American

Eastern European

Latino/a/x/e

Pacific Islander

Asian

East Asian

South Asian

Southeast Asian

Middle Eastern, Northern African

Native Hawaiian

East African

West African

South African

Central African

White

Multiracial/Mixed Race

Prefer not to disclose

Other:

Which office are you seeking? *

District 5, City of Oakley

CA FPPC ID # *

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Campaign Address *

Campaign Website *

Campaign Consultant/Manager *

Self

Campaign Phone Number *

Campaign Email *

Candidate Phone Number *

Candidate Email *

Social Media Handles *

1.1 - Why are you running for this office? Give no more than your top 3 reasons. *

Public Safety and Infrastructure: Ensuring the safety and well-being of our community is a top priority for me. I will work to continue improving our infrastructure, including roads and public facilities, and ensure that essential services are accessible and effective.

Economic Development: I want to make our city a top destination on the Delta for recreation and enterprise, by attracting new businesses, supporting local ventures, and creating job opportunities.

Transparency & Community Engagement: I am committed to ensuring that the voices of our residents are heard and valued in decision-making processes. I also believe in educating and empowering the members of our community and in turn building the new leaders of tomorrow.

1.2 - What are the responsibilities that come with the office you are running for? *

I think the most vital responsibility of any elected official is not to always be "right", but rather to do the right thing, even if it means changing your personal point of view in the face of data/facts and the will of the community which one represents. With that said, as a member of the Oakley City Council, my responsibilities will include:

Legislative Duties: Enacting ordinances, resolutions, and policies that govern the city, ensuring they reflect the community's needs and priorities.

Strategic Planning: Participating in the development and implementation of long-term plans that guide the city's growth, infrastructure development, and economic strategies.

Budget Oversight: Approving the city's budget and ensuring financial resources are allocated effectively to meet the needs of the community while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Community Representation: Serving as a liaison between the residents of Oakley and the city government, addressing concerns, facilitating community engagement, and ensuring effective and transparent communication.

Collaboration: Working collaboratively with other council members, city staff, and regional partners to achieve common goals and address issues affecting Oakley and the surrounding areas. This one is specifically important for me running for my District. I want to make sure that collaboration will be fostered.

1.3 - What are your personal or professional qualifications that you believe make you the best candidate? *

I think it's my natural ability to make connections with individuals from all walks of life, making them feel valued and participating. I think one of the most important qualities of a public servant is to be able to effectively communicate and find time to hear the concerns of the constituents with respect that they deserve.

Professionally, my experience serving on the Oakley Planning Commission for the past three years has given me a deep understanding of city operations and the complexities of local governance. This role has also allowed me to build strong relationships with the current Council Members and city staff, which will enable me to collaborate effectively from day one.

Additionally, I played a pivotal role in reviving the Oakley Chamber of Commerce in 2023 and have spent the last two years working closely with our business community. This experience has provided me with valuable insights into the needs and challenges of our local businesses, further strengthening my ability to serve our city and its residents. These combined experiences uniquely position me to be an effective and responsive member of the Oakley City Council.

1.4 - What are your top goals for this office? How do you plan on achieving them? *

One of my goals is to ensure that Oakley remains a safe and secure community for all residents. To achieve it, I will work to improve infrastructure, including roads and public spaces, and support our local law enforcement by ensuring they have the resources and training necessary to serve our community. I will also prioritize emergency preparedness and disaster response planning.

Another one of my top priorities is to attract and retain businesses that contribute to Oakley's growth and provide quality jobs for residents. To make this happen, I will advocate for policies that support businesses and encourage the development of commercial areas that enhance our community's quality of life.

1.5 - How do you plan on engaging your constituents in dialogue after you are elected? *

After being elected, I plan to maintain an ongoing open dialogue with my constituents through regular town hall meetings, online engagement, and community outreach. I will hold regular constituent-focused meetings to provide updates on city initiatives, gather feedback, and discuss issues directly with Oakley residents. I will leverage digital platforms, including social media, to keep my constituents informed and engaged. I also plan to actively partake in regular neighborhood outreach, including attending local gatherings and volunteering at various non-profit events in our Delta community.

1.6 - This is a 3-Part Question: Why are you seeking the endorsement of the DPCCC? How will you use our endorsement? How will you support other endorsed candidates and issues? *

I am seeking the endorsement of the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County because I believe there is strength in unity. By aligning with the DPCCC, I can join forces with like-minded individuals who share a commitment to progress, equity, and the well-being of our county. Together, we can achieve more than we ever could alone.

This endorsement will serve as a powerful validation of my candidacy and will help build trust with constituents who are looking for a candidate who stands for fairness, inclusion, and positive change.

I will actively support other endorsed candidates and issues by collaborating on joint events, sharing resources, and amplifying their messages through my campaign channels. I will stand in solidarity with my fellow candidates, advocating for the causes and policies that we collectively believe will benefit our community. By working together, we can build a stronger, more cohesive movement that drives meaningful progress in Contra Costa County.

1.7 - Please feel free to include any additional information you would like us to consider in evaluating your candidacy. *

I believe my district deserves a candidate who not only understands the job, but also has well-established professional relationships with our city's staff and other council members. I am committed to working collaboratively to find mutually beneficial solutions without compromising our shared democratic ideals and values.

Furthermore, I believe that my district urgently needs a council member who will represent our community with dignity and respect. I am dedicated to focusing on serving our residents rather than engaging in political games, wasting time, or seeking personal validation. My priority is to ensure that our community's needs are met efficiently and effectively, with a commitment to transparency, accountability, and progress.

Section 2: Democratic History

2.1 - List your previous and current party affiliations. When did you first register as a Democrat and why? *

I was previously affiliated with the Republican Party and then transitioned to No Party Affiliation. However, as of July, I am a proud Democrat. I made this decision because I realized that the Democratic Party aligns more closely with my values of inclusivity, equity, and the commitment to creating positive change in our community. I believe in the importance of supporting policies that promote social justice, economic fairness, and environmental responsibility, which are core principles of our party.

2.2 - I have read and acknowledge the California Democratic Party's current platform (value statement) and will adhere to these values in the performance of my elected position. *

To learn about the CADEM Platform, please click [here](#).

Yes

No

2.3 - In your opinion, which elements of the CADEM Platform are most relevant to the position you are seeking? If elected, how do you plan to advance them? *

The platform emphasizes the importance of sustainable communities and environmental justice. As a City Council member, I would focus on promoting policies that protect Oakley's natural resources, support sustainable development, and ensure that all community members, especially those in disadvantaged areas, benefit from a clean and healthy environment. CADEM supports the growth of small businesses and local economies. In Oakley, I would prioritize creating a business-friendly environment that fosters the growth of local enterprises, supports job creation, and ensures that our economic policies are inclusive and equitable. The platform also advocates for fair and just laws, equitable enforcement, and investment in community-based crime prevention strategies. I plan to advance these principles by supporting initiatives that improve public safety in Oakley through community policing, enhancing emergency services, and ensuring that our criminal justice policies are fair and just for all residents.

2.4 - Have you actively supported policies and initiatives that prioritize and protect reproductive healthcare and freedom, and can you affirm your commitment to continuing this support if elected? *

Yes

No

2.5 - If elected, what would you do to advance equity, anti-racism, justice, and belonging? *

I will advocate for and support policies that promote equity and inclusivity across all areas of local government, including housing, education, public safety, and economic development. This includes ensuring that all residents, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic status, have equal access to opportunities and resources in our city. I will work to create public spaces and community programs that celebrate Oakley's diversity and foster a sense of belonging for all residents. This includes supporting cultural events, community gatherings, and initiatives that bring people from different backgrounds together. I will also support initiatives that aim to reform the criminal justice system at the local level, ensuring that it operates fairly and equitably for all residents.

2.6 - Have you actively opposed LGBTQIA+ issues, which may involve voting against solidarity, supporting harmful or exclusionary policies, or publicly expressing opposition through statements or comments? (i.e. voting against or making disparaging remarks about the display of pride flags, marriage equality, trans-inclusive policies, or queer-inclusive curricula). *

Yes

No

2.7 - Have you previously sought the endorsement of the DPCCC? If yes, for what elected office? Were you endorsed? *

No

2.8 - Please list any elected offices, positions and date(s), which you hold/held or campaigned for as a candidate. *

City Council of Oakley - Campaigned in 2020; Oakley Planning Commission (2021-Now); Vice Chair of BART Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (2023-2025)

2.9 - In what ways have you supported and actively participated in the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels? *

My support and active participation in the Democratic Party have primarily been through financial contributions and consistently voting for Democratic candidates and progressive propositions, even during the periods when I was affiliated with the Republican Party and later as No Party Affiliation. I have always aligned with the values of fairness, equity, and social justice, which are central to the Democratic platform, and I have shown my commitment to these principles through my voting choices and financial support.

2.10 - Please list any clubs, boards, commissions, and /or organizations with which you are an active member, including the length of your affiliation and any leadership position you hold/held. *

Chair - Oakley Planning Commission - 3 years

President - Oakley Chamber of Commerce - 2 years

Vice Chair - BART Transportation Safety Advisory Committee - 2 years

Master of the lodge (2024) and a California Grand Lodge Committee Member Masons of California - total affiliation 15 years

Board Member of Asiya Shriners (San Mateo, CA) - Shriners International - 11 years

2.11 - Have you ever endorsed non-Democrats? *

Yes

No

2.11a - If so, what were the circumstances?

Section 3: References & Club Endorsements

3.1 - Please list any other endorsements you have received for this campaign. *

None at the moment.

3.2 - What other endorsements are you seeking? *

I am actively seeking endorsements from both the labor and business communities, recognizing the valuable perspectives and contributions they bring to Oakley. These endorsements align with my commitment to fostering a thriving local economy and ensuring fair labor practices.

Some of the Democratic Clubs use this questionnaire in their endorsement process. If you would like to be considered for Democratic club endorsement(s), please contact the club(s) directly by going to our DPCCC website club's page:

<https://contracostadems.com/clubs/>

Part 2: DPCCC Values Section

Please proceed to fill out the 2nd section of the Candidate Questionnaire on the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County's Values.

DPCCC Value: Criminal Justice & Conflict Resolution

- *Opposes criminalization of low level offenses, advocates for Community Support Services, funding for prompt rape kit processing, gun violence prevention measures; Opposes scapegoating, racial profiling, religious profiling, bigotry, vigilantism, exploitation, and any xenophobic conduct that polarize communities and denounce actions by the government or individuals that keep undocumented immigrants in the shadows of our society; Supports Law Enforcement Training, Civilian Oversight Committees, independent investigators for cases involving the use of deadly force or in-custody deaths, restorative justice;*
- *Supports a properly funded and staffed the U.S. foreign service that promotes democracy and human rights around the world; Supports candidates who work to de-escalate tension especially in areas of conflict like Israel/Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, and other parts of the world through good faith negotiations and work for world peace; Endorse candidates who support the Democratic Party as it works to counter aggression by countries that violate the sovereignty of other countries and that fund and implement physical, cyber, and financial attacks on democracies and developing countries.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

I fully support the Democratic Party's values on Criminal Justice and Conflict Resolution, emphasizing the need for community support services over criminalizing low-level offenses. In Oakley, this means (but is not limited to) advocating for gun violence prevention and better law enforcement training. I also support establishing Civilian Oversight Committees (such as the one I currently serve on BART) and independent investigations in cases involving deadly force or in-custody deaths to build trust and accountability in our police force.

I strongly oppose scapegoating, racial or religious profiling, and xenophobia, and I'm committed to ensuring all residents, including undocumented immigrants, are treated with dignity and respect.

On a global scale, I support de-escalating tensions and promoting democracy and human rights, recognizing that global issues can impact our local community. My focus is on building a fair, safe, and inclusive Oakley where every resident feels valued and protected.

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DPCCC Value: Education & Child Support Services

- *Advocates for high-quality, affordable child care; support programs for low income families including access to parks and job retraining; ensures educational materials (textbooks, library books) are inclusive, historically accurate, and reflect scientific consensus including age-appropriate, medically accurate sex/gender education; replacing sworn peace officers in schools with trained non-police personnel; Supports policies that respect students' civil rights related to gender expression and addresses issues like gender-based violence and harassment.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

As a parent, I fully support the Democratic Party's focus on high-quality, affordable child care and programs for low-income families, such as access to parks and job retraining. Ensuring educational materials are inclusive, historically accurate, and scientifically sound is crucial for preparing our children for the future. I advocate for replacing police officers in schools with trained non-police personnel to better address student needs while respecting civil rights and tackling issues like gender-based violence and harassment.

DPCCC Value: Seniors & Veteran Support Services

- *Supports the California Master Plan for Aging including dignified living at home housing options that are age, disability, and dementia-friendly; prioritize public housing initiatives over privatization for seniors and adults with disabilities; support retraining for those aged 55-65, and extend unemployment; oppose mandatory retirement; call for stronger oversight of reverse mortgage programs, rigorous prosecution of financial crimes against seniors; support comprehensive single-payer healthcare, with interim Medicare Part D reforms; support HICAP services, affordable mental healthcare including issues around isolation, quality caregiving, and increased funding for In-Home Supportive Services. Preserve programs like Adult Protective Services and home-delivered meals; advocate for the removal of the FICA income limit to strengthen Social Security and preserve pensions.*
- *Champions the needs of veterans and military families by promoting equitable treatment and benefits, access to education including tuition waivers and retraining, adequate healthcare funding including government assistance for those exposed to toxins; elimination of veteran homelessness, establishment of Veterans' Courts and justice programs and support independent investigations of claims of hazing, rape, sexual assault and harassment and that the military remove the chain of command from all investigations and prosecutions; support a path to citizenship for military service members, and protections against discrimination based on ethnicity, disability, gender identity, political affiliation, race, religion, or sexual orientation; oppose deportation of military personnel and limitations on citizenship for children of veterans who are born abroad.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

I support the California Master Plan for Aging, advocating for dignified living options for seniors and prioritizing public housing over privatization. I also back retraining for older workers and call for stronger oversight of reverse mortgages and protection against financial crimes. I support comprehensive healthcare and essential services like Adult Protective Services.

For veterans, I advocate for equitable treatment, access to education, healthcare, and the elimination of veteran homelessness. I also support independent investigations of military misconduct and a path to citizenship for service members.

DPCCC Value: Affordable Housing & Environmental Protections

- *Supports eviction protections, rent control/stabilization, anti-harassment ordinances, and habitability protections; Supports zoning and housing policies that ensure sustainability and affordability, including infill and mixed-use developments that balance job opportunities with housing availability; Promotes the integration of green spaces and community gardens in all communities; Supports local authority in phasing out fossil fuel extraction and preventing the zoning of new extraction sites; Advocates for strong regulatory measures for setting science-based health and safety setbacks from residential areas for industrial sites, including oil and gas wells and toxic dump sites.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

I support strong tenant protections, including eviction protections, rent control, and habitability standards. I also advocate for sustainable zoning and housing policies, like infill and mixed-use developments that include green spaces and community gardens.

On environmental issues, I support phasing out fossil fuel extraction, preventing new extraction sites, and enforcing science-based health and safety setbacks for industrial areas. These policies will help ensure that not only Oakley, but also our entire region remains affordable, sustainable, and healthy for all residents.

DPCCC Value: Equality & Human Rights

- *Actively advocates for a just and inclusive society, speaking out against all forms of racism, discrimination, harassment, hatred, and violence; Supports movements and initiatives that address discrimination; Enforces policies that ensure equal opportunities and equal pay for equal work across genders, races, and abilities; Upholds the rights of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals for acknowledgment of their stated name, gender, and pronoun; Supports the use of gender-neutral language to foster an inclusive environment; Promotes the participation of women, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and people of color in elected office and ensures access to facilities consistent with individuals' gender identity and disability access; Supports the right to free speech, ensuring it does not extend to discriminatory practices against any group based on race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

I am committed to promoting a just and inclusive society in Oakley, actively opposing all forms of racism, discrimination, and violence. I support policies that ensure equal opportunities and pay for all, regardless of gender, race, or ability. I strongly advocate for the rights of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, including the use of their stated name, gender, and pronouns, and support the use of gender-neutral language.

I also encourage the participation of women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, and people of color in elected office. While I uphold the right to free speech, I believe it should not extend to discriminatory practices.

DPCCC Value: Healthcare & Reproductive Rights

- *Advocates for the preservation of rights under Roe v. Wade, guaranteeing confidential and unrestricted access to reproductive services without the need for consent or judicial intervention, ensuring continued coverage of all healthcare options; Works toward implementing a universal, single-payer healthcare system, while in the interim, seeking reforms to make Medicare Part D more affordable and accessible, including the ability for Medicare to negotiate drug prices.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

I strongly advocate for the preservation of reproductive rights, including the protections under Roe v. Wade, ensuring confidential and unrestricted access to reproductive services without the need for consent or judicial intervention. It's essential that all individuals have access to comprehensive healthcare options.

I also support the implementation of a universal, single-payer healthcare system to ensure that everyone has access to affordable and quality healthcare. In the meantime, I advocate for reforms to make Medicare Part D more affordable and accessible, including allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

DPCCC Value: Economic Justice & Business Development

- *Support for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship focusing on women, people of color, and those with limited entrepreneurship opportunities including veterans; Support the rights of employees to organize and Project Labor Agreements; Ensures a safe working environment free from harassment, intimidation, and retaliation; Advocates for the establishment of local banks and credit unions, limiting regressive financial operations like check cashing businesses and pawnshops; Promotes Project Labor Agreements to protect workers; Supports initiatives to counteract "food deserts" by developing local grocery stores and community gardens in underrepresented areas.*

Please expand on your stance and describe the potential impacts on the community that you seek to represent. *

I support fostering small businesses and entrepreneurship, especially for women, people of color, and veterans, to promote diversity and economic growth in Oakley. I advocate for employees' rights to organize and work in safe environments. I also support establishing local banks and credit unions to provide fair financial services and limiting predatory businesses like check cashing services. Additionally, I'm committed to addressing "food deserts" by promoting local grocery stores and community gardens in underserved areas. These efforts will create a more inclusive, resilient, and prosperous community on the California Delta.

Reminders:

* After submitting this questionnaire, please go and pay your endorsement application fee at:

<https://contracostadems.com/donate>

* Please direct questions to the Endorsements Committee Chair Tamela Hawley or Vice Chair Cameron Sasai at endorsements@contracostadems.com

* The DPCCC Code of Conduct: <https://contracostadems.com/about/code-of-conduct/>

* The CADEM Party Platform: <https://cadem.org/our-platform/>

If you like, you may submit a biography and/or resume in the section below. Not required.

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Submit Questionnaire

By submitting this questionnaire, I attest that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and to uphold the Code Of Conduct. <https://contracostadems.com/about/code-of-conduct/>

Thank you and good luck with your campaign! We will be in touch with you to schedule your interview time.

Interviews will be scheduled by District Directors.

By submitting this questionnaire, I agree to accepting the endorsement of the DPCCC if offered. *

Yes

No

I have paid my endorsement application fee: <https://contracostadems.com/donate/> *

Yes

No

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