

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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You may provide longer answers on a separate page, and attach any relevant campaign materials.

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Election Date: 11/5/2024
Office Sought: Mendocino County Board of Education Trustee (3rd district)

Campaign Name: David Strock for Mendocino County Board of Education
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Campaign Number: (707)205-6525
Campaign Treasurer: Dvid Strock

ELEVATOR PITCH: Why you are the best candidate for this office? Please provide a concise introduction that can be communicated in 30 seconds or less.
One short paragraph)

<p>I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Mendocino County Board of Education. As a lifelong resident of Mendocino county, I am deeply invested in our community's educational success. My wife, a dedicated music teacher, and I share a passion for education and our children's future. As a new parent, I want our schools to be exceptional when my son is old enough to attend.</p> <p>I aim to bring a fresh perspective and proactive leadership to our schools. Having worked as a substitute teacher Mendocino County schools, I have seen firsthand the challenges and opportunities within our schools. I believe in the importance of music and the arts as integral parts of a well-rounded education. My goal is to prioritize transparency, inclusivity, and academic excellence. I will advocate for increased resources, support for our teachers, and programs that address the diverse needs of our students.</p> <p>I am committed to listening to your concerns and being a voice for our community. Together, we can build a s</p>
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PART ONE - MWPC Core Principles

Reproductive Choice: In recent years there has been an orchestrated effort to chip away at women's right to reproductive choice by dividing the issue into sub-issues including parental consent and public funding of family planning and abortion.

Do you unequivocally support a woman's right to reproductive self-determination?

Yes.

Do you support public funding of abortion?

Any private insurance should be required to cover reproductive care. If we ever adopt a government run healthcare system, that too must cover reproductive care.

Please state any reservations:

None.

Child Care and Dependent Care: Do you support increased access to childcare and other dependent care programs funded from all available sources?

Yes, I would support any measure to help more families have access to childcare.

Comparable Worth: Comparable Worth is the effort to bring wages in female-dominated occupations to a level of pay equal to other jobs (often male dominated) that require comparable skills, responsibilities and education. Do you support the concept of Comparable Worth?

Yes, I believe men and women should be paid equally.

Support of Ending Discrimination: Will you make a commitment to ending discrimination based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, marital status, socioeconomic status and disability?

Yes

Do you support Marriage Equality?

Yes

Elimination of Sexual Harassment: Will you work to ensure that laws and educational programs are in place to eliminate sexual harassment?

Yes.

PART TWO – Campaign Information

A. What are your qualifications for this office?

I was born and raised in Mendocino county and attended public school in Willits. I have a strong commitment to this county and to the success of our schools. I have worked in schools as a substitute teacher for many years. I have worked in schools in Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Sacramento, and Mendocino. I know the challenges our rural schools face, and want to do my part to help the students of this county.

B. What campaign experience and training have you had?

This is my first time running for public office.

C. List your major endorsements.

I have been endorsed by:

SEIU 1021

The North Bay Labor Council,

The California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Holly Madrigal, (Program Director of Leadership Mendocino)
and Supervisor John Haschak.

D. Where do you expect to get your main political, financial and volunteer support?

I am expecting to raise no more than \$2,000 for this race.

To date I have raised \$741. \$500 from SEIU, \$200 from North Bay Labor Council, and \$41 from private donors.

SEIU and CSEA are planning to help my campaign with phone banking and door knocking.

(CSEA may also be making a financial commitment, but has not yet done so).

E. Describe your campaign organization (staff, consultants, volunteers)

My campaign staff includes myself and my wife.

F. Describe your campaign strategy (mailers, forums, walking, phone banks, etc.)

My campaign activities will include:

Phone banking,

Going door to door,

Yard Signs

Targeted ads from my campaign Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565154542032>)

Ads in the Willits Weekly

Scheduled site visits to county schools with CSEA.

G. List your opposition:

Michelle Hutchins.

H. What are the demographics and political affiliation of your district?

The third district includes Willits, Laytonville and Covelo. These areas are very rural. There are a wide range of political views, and I believe it is close to 50/50 left vs right wing.

This is not based on research, just my lived experience.

PART FOUR – Office-Specific Position

I. [Question(s) relevant to the specific office sought.] (See attached.)

NONE

PART FIVE – Personal Information

J. Please tell us something about yourself, (occupation, education, family, community involvement, etc.) You may attach your resume if you wish.

My wife and I are both Mendocino County natives, I was raised in Willits, and she in Fort Bragg. We both have strong ties to the community and are committed to improving. My wife serves on the board of Symphony of the Redwoods, and has a music studio in the Willits Grange where she teaches piano and voice to school aged children. We recently became parents when our son Henry was born in July of this year. Becoming a parent greatly affected my decision to pursue public office.

PART SIX – Financial Information (Confidential)

K. What is your projected budget? How much have you raised at present? How do you intend to raise the balance? (This is for our information only, and will not be posted on the MWPC website.)

I am expecting to spend between \$1,500 and \$2,000 on this campaign. So far I have raised \$741. I may try to ask for donations through my Facebook page, or just pay the remainder out of pocket.

Candidate's Signature: David Strock Date: 9/29/2024

An electronic copy of this questionnaire is at <https://mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/> if you prefer to download and fill a PDF version.

Return this completed questionnaire by _____ to be considered for endorsement.

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