



Mendocino Women's Political Coalition 2026 Election Year Endorsements

Thank you for your interest in seeking an endorsement from the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition. MWPC advocates for women's issues, economic equity, environmental sustainability, and the active participation of women in public life. Endorsed candidates will receive our official support and may receive a campaign donation. Please complete this questionnaire to be considered.

Response Format

This questionnaire consists of two parts: this Candidate Information and Contact Form (Part One) and a Question List (Part Two). Please submit both together.

For Part 2, you may respond in any format you choose, as long as your responses are complete and legible. You may type your responses directly into this Word document if you want. Your responses to Part Two will be posted as-is to the MWPC website at mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/ to share with our members.

Deadline: Completed questionnaires must be received by **SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**.

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PART ONE: CANDIDATE INFORMATION & CONTACT FORM

Name	Nicole Karkar
Phone	(925) 478- 0382
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Election Date	November 2026
Office Running For	Willits School Board
Campaign Name	
Website	
Campaign Number*	
Campaign Treasurer Name	

* California campaign committees may obtain a committee ID number by filing Form 410, Statement of Organization, with the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of raising \$2,000 or more. For more information, go to <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn.html>.



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PART TWO: CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Candidate Name	Nicole Karkar
Office Running For	Willits School Board

Please answer each question below. You may type your responses directly into this document, or submit a separate Word document, PDF, or email — as long as all questions are addressed. Whatever you submit will be posted as-is to the MWPC website. Please type your name and the date at the end of your responses before submitting.

1. Elevator Pitch

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

Hi, my name is Nicole Karkar. I am running for my first time ever for a seat on the Willits School Board. As much as most people hate school, I believe it's the most important resource for students to see beyond their minds. I grew up in this community and have the skills to produce creative solutions to transform Willits to a more educated place.

2. MWPC Core Principles

Please respond to all of the following Core Principles questions in a short statement, noting which you support and explaining any reservations. If you support all of them without reservation, a single clear statement to that effect is also sufficient.

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 support a woman's right to reproductive self-determination and public funding of abortion? If your answer is no, please describe why.

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

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?

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? Do you support Marriage Equality?

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

My core values heavily align with those of the MWPC. In a school sense (and world sense), everyone should feel safe, supported and encouraged regardless of race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or ability.

3. Campaign Information

Describe the demographics of your district. What are the most pressing issues facing your constituents – particularly any communities or populations that are underserved – and how do you plan to address them?

The most pressing issue on my radar in Willits schools are the varying needs amongst varying groups. It is difficult to accommodate for all, naturally. With there being a large Hispanic community in Willits, there is a gap at schools due to language barriers. Recently, the translators were laid off due to lack of funds. If we had translators, there would be less miscommunications, and more accurate transfers of information from teachers, students and parents. Relieving lots of stress at every level and creating better understanding of one another. Another demographic on my radar are students that have someone at home abusing drugs/alcohol. There are many factors that could prevent those students from attending school regularly. Such as improper hygiene, money, food, school supplies, transportation and sleep. Attendance directly influences funds flowing into a school. I want those students to see school as a resource and not a burden, encouraging them to come by having a place they can reset from being at home. I want to increase attendance (and money) by getting rid of the tension that prevents students and parents from using school as a reliable and helpful resource.

4. Personal Information

Please tell us about yourself (occupation, education, family, community involvement, etc.).

My name is Nicole Karkar. I am 26 years old and I am the proud daughter of two Palestinian immigrants. We moved to Willits from the Bay Area when I was 8 years old. My parents first opened Sherwood Market and Deli and that has now evolved into Karkar's Deli, which I now operate with my whole family. My family was different from those in Willits, but the deli has allowed us to quietly carve our way into the town. I graduated from Willits High School and moved to Hawaii and then Oregon. Eventually obtaining my degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy. Every summer, I teach water aerobics at the local pool, just completing my ninth summer. I am the assistant coach for the high school girls wrestling program, which is a community I've been a part of since I was in fifth grade. Though I enjoy pursuing physical endeavors, I like to bring my psychology and philosophy background to teach the students deeper thinking and deeper meanings that will last a lifetime. I loved living somewhere else and learning about that place. But I eventually found my way back to Willits and I want to use those experiences and knowledge to better serve the next generation of this community.

SUBMISSION

By submitting this questionnaire, you confirm that the responses are your own and that you give MWPC permission to post them on the MWPC website at mendocinowomen.org/endorsements/.

In lieu of a signature, type your name and date below, or at the end of your document, to confirm that these responses are your own and that you authorize MWPC to publish them.

Your Name	Nicole Karkar
Today's Date	September 03, 2026

Return completed questionnaire by SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

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