

Santa Fe DSA Endorsement Questionnaire

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Thank you for applying for Santa Fe DSA's endorsement. Please fill out this questionnaire to the best of your ability so our members can make an informed decision when voting on proposed endorsements.

This questionnaire will be disseminated to our membership and is public.

Please email santafedsa@gmail.org to submit this questionnaire or ask questions.

A) Candidate

1. Candidate Name:
2. Preferred pronouns:
3. Brief biography:
4. Public Contact Email:
5. Link to Photo of Candidate
6. Current Occupation:
7. Current and Past Party Affiliation:
8. Qualifications and Highest Office Previously Held:
9. Office Sought:

District:

10. Dates of Primary, General, and/or Runoff Elections:
11. How many votes do you expect will be needed to win this election?
12. How long have you lived in the district?
13. Amount of money pledged and raised so far:

Do you commit to rejecting donations from for-profit corporations or industry special interest groups?

14. Other endorsements held or sought:

Are you seeking the endorsement groups whose mission is primarily to organize and represent police officers?

15. When did you or when will you begin campaigning?

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B) DSA and Strategy

Santa Fe DSA seeks to promote the transition to a truly democratic and socialist society, one in which the means of production are democratically and socially controlled.

1. Why are you seeking Santa Fe DSA's endorsement?
2. Are you a Democratic Socialists of America member? If so, when did you join and why?
3. Do you identify as a socialist Why or Why not?
4. Through your election campaigns, and once in office, will you see mobilizing and fighting alongside working people as one of your primary responsibilities?
5. Will you actively and explicitly oppose racial, national, gender, and other forms of oppression and discrimination and repudiate support from oppressive or bigoted figures or groups?
6. Will you use your campaign and elected office to help build and unite socialist, progressive, union, and other worker organizations independent of your campaign?
7. Would your campaign allow Santa Fe DSA's members to wear DSA apparel (shirts, pins, etc.) while volunteering for your campaign?
8. Would your campaign work with Santa Fe DSA's volunteer members to organize DSA-themed canvasses, phonebanks, and other volunteer events?
9. Would your campaign allow Santa Fe DSA to keep a copy of all data collected by our volunteers, to the extent allowable by relevant campaign finance law?
10. If elected, would you commit to meeting with Santa Fe DSA's Socialists in Office Committee at least four times per calendar year?

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D) The Real Issues

Labor -

1. If elected, what would be your top three priorities?
2. Do you support raising the minimum wage, indexing the minimum wage to inflation, and abolishing the tipped wage?
3. Do you support increasing the wages of workers to a living wage, indexed to cost of living?
4. Do you support the unconditional right of workers to organize unions, including gig economy workers, support DSA's [Strike Ready pledge](#), and oppose so-called Right-to-Work legislation?

Medical Access -

5. Do you support creating a [Medicare for All](#) single-payer health care system that is free at the point of service?
6. Do you support a person's right to an abortion?

Environment -

7. Do you support a Green New Deal to provide a jobs guarantee, achieve full employment, and achieve 100% carbon-neutral energy by 2035 at the latest and zero emissions in all economic sectors as soon as possible?
8. Do you oppose fracking and the construction of new fossil fuel pipelines?

Public Safety -

9. Do you support decriminalizing sex work and drug usage, Why or Why not?
10. Do you support abolishing for-profit prisons, incarcerated labor, and cash bail, Why or Why not?
11. Do you support maintaining Santa Fe as an immigrant friendly city, ending cooperation with ICE, Why or Why not?

Taxation -

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12. Do you support increasing taxes on the wealthiest residents and corporations of your jurisdiction to pay for some of the programs you feel strongly about?
13. Do you support limitations or taxes on short-term rentals or vacant properties?
14. Would you support taxation to support making community colleges and public universities tuition free?

Housing -

15. Do you support protecting the rights of tenants to organize and assert their rights, enforcing laws against income discrimination, and establishing stronger protections against unfair evictions?
16. Do you support expanding affordable housing through ending exclusionary zoning, expanding public housing where possible, and setting limits on excessive profits from housing developed on public land?

Identity and Inclusion -

17. Do you support the inclusion of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation as protected classes banning discrimination in employment, housing, healthcare, education, and transportation?
18. Do you support automatic voter registration, expanding early voting, open primaries, and making Election Day a national holiday? Do you support the right to vote for people currently in prison?
19. Do you support the [BDS movement](#) to end US support for Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people and pressure Israel to comply with international law?
20. Do you support a permanent end to the current occupation in Gaza?

Information -

21. Do you support net neutrality, as well as establishing a universal-coverage, publicly-owned municipal broadband network?

Education -

22. Do you support public schools, Why or Why not?
23. Do you oppose the expansion of charter schools and school privatization in New Mexico, Why or Why Not?