



Candidate Questionnaire

1. General Information

Candidate Name: [Laura Parmer-Lohan](#)

Office Sought: [San Mateo County Board of Supervisors D3](#)

Proposed Ballot Designation: [Businesswoman/Local Councilmember](#)
(Or Occupation Listing)

Campaign Mailing Address: [PO Box 7305, Menlo Park, CA 94026](#)

Candidate/Body Person Cell Phone: [650-743-0059](#)

Candidate Email Address: laura@lauraforsupervisor.com

2. Campaign Team

Provide the names, email, and cell phone numbers for your campaign team:

Contact 1

Name: [Laura Parmer-Lohan](#)

Email: laura@lauraforsupervisor.com

Phone: [650-743-0059](#)

Contact 2 (optional)

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Contact 3 (optional)

Name:

Email:

Phone:

3. Elected Office

Do you currently, or have you ever held public office? [Currently serving as council member for the City of San Carlos, last year as mayor; elected in 2018](#)

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If yes, which public office(s) have you held and when did you do so?

4. Personal and Political Background

Current Occupation: [Small business owner/Chief of Staff for biotech company](#)

Are you a registered Democrat? [Yes](#)

Have you ever been registered with another political party or selected “Decline to State” or “No Party Preference” for your voter registration party affiliation, and if so, for what period? [When I turned 18, I registered as an independent. After I learned that I was unable to vote in the presidential primary and because I considered myself a Democrat, I registered for the next election as a Democrat. I am a staunch Democrat and have voted for the Democratic ticket in every partisan race since I was eligible to vote.](#)

In less than 250 words, briefly summarize your personal background (work experience, education, community involvement, etc.).

[Local Councilmember and former Mayor Laura Parmer-Lohan champions a vision for the County that includes communities prepared for any emergency such as wildfire, climate-induced flooding, and sea level-rise; housing near transit to fight traffic gridlock; and a region affordable to teachers, firefighters, essential workers, and future generation. A graduate of UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business, small businesswoman and working mom, Laura is a thoughtful, well-prepared, and accessible leader who brings people together to solve problems. Her inclusive leadership style embraces the unique characteristics and needs of our diverse Coastal and Peninsula communities. She is a lifelong Democrat.](#)

[Laura is a life-long Democrat and someone who got started in empowering communities early in life.](#)

[An avid athlete, Laura works to ensure our parks and open spaces are protected to promote the enjoyment of our stunning natural resources, and healthy lifestyles. She is a Peninsula Clean Energy Board Member, San Mateo County Homes for All Steering Committee Member, and San Mateo County Long Range Planning Economic Recovery Subcommittee Member where she advocates for the needs of all District 3 residents and families.](#)

[Laura, wife Kathy, sons Bradley and Gregory, and four-legged pal, Charlie, are residents of San Carlos, where Kathy serves as Executive Director of the San Carlos Education Foundation. Please reach out to Laura at \[Laura@LauraforSupervisor.com\]\(mailto:Laura@LauraforSupervisor.com\).](#)

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What endorsements have you received from organizations and prominent individuals?
(You may either use the space below or attach a separate list.)

I am the only candidate in the race endorsed by current seat holder, board president Don Horsley and his two predecessors Rich Gordon and Ted Lempert. I have been endorsed by each one of my colleagues on San Carlos City Council, and I have the sole endorsement of Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte for her commitment to women's health and reproductive rights. <https://www.lauraforsupervisor.com/endorse-laura>

5. Check boxes:

Previously held positions in the 2022 election cycle:

In the 2022 cycle have you:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Have you affirmed to any other organization to boycott or not take trips to Israel from any particular sponsor to learn about Israel or Palestine?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Have you endorsed, supported or opposed any bills as a result of your position, would reduce, withhold or condition aid to Israel?

In the past five years, have you:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Participated in an organized activity, including a forum, on Israel or related issues? I attended JCRC's Freedom Seder and participate in the Jewish Democratic Club SV as I am able and really appreciate the perspectives of the panelists and thoughtful discussions. My worldview is enriched as a result, and I look forward to future convenings.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	While holding office, introduced or co-sponsored legislation (other than purely ceremonial, supportive measures) on Israel or related issues or the Jewish community? If yes, please specify which kinds in this box below: Earlier this year when antisemitic hate crime was committed in Texas, I was inspired by Menlo Park Vice Mayor Jen Wolosin's proclamation denouncing antisemitism and requested the City of San Carlos follow suit. The mayor and city manager agreed, and the story is chronicled here: https://jweekly.com/2022/02/23/two-peninsula-cities-adopt-proclamations-to-combat-casual-antisemitism/

6. Policy Questions

Please describe your positions on the following issues. Please limit your responses to 250 words for each response. If you wish, one response may include up to 500 words.

1. Please describe your relationship, if any, with the Jewish community in the area you serve as an elected official: **Since elected, I have been building a relationship with the JCRC and am a founding member of the Jewish Democratic Club of Silicon Valley. I consider myself an ally and am eager to advocate for my neighbors of Jewish faith.**
2. Hate Crimes: Do you see Anti-Semitism as a Hate Crime? How do you propose working on Hate Crimes if you are elected? **Yes! When hate crimes have occurred in my community, I have leaned into these situations to work with the police, staff and impacted community members. I speak out against hate in community forums, rallies, convenings and from the dais on a regular basis. There is much work to do and I am committed to standing up against these injustices.**
3. Do you support or oppose efforts to boycott Israel (BDS)? Have you had any discussions with your community about BDS? **I do not support efforts to boycott Israel and will support my Jewish neighbors as an ally in this way.**
4. Ethnic Studies Program: Would you support state policies that ensure that Jewish-American lesson plans are included in the Ethnic Studies curriculum? Would you work to change lesson plans that denigrate Jews, Judaism and Israel? **Yes! Yes! I am in full support of ensuring that ethnic studies are presented in their entirety and truthfully. I am horrified by the rhetoric and efforts to ban books and dissuade accurate dissemination of our shared histories in our schools and beyond.**
5. As a Democrat, what steps can we take to help fight anti-Semitism on both the left and the right?
As mentioned above, I am an outspoken advocate in support of my Jewish neighbors. I am working to become more familiar with issues of concern to the Jewish community by way of my affiliation with JCRC

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and the JDCSV. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community I know what it feels like to be excluded and othered. I don't want this experience for anyone in my community and will do my part to ensure that every one of my neighbors knows that they belong and their voice matters.

6. What other issues do you think are unique or important to the Jewish and pro-Israel community, and how do you propose to make a difference with these issues and keep in touch with the community? I wish to continue to pursue my understanding of the Jewish community, culture and areas of concern. The Freedom Seder was a joyous occasion that impressed upon me that which is important – community and the health of the community. Lifting up what is good and sustains us and eradicating the ills that bring us down. I am inspired to do more. The endorsement of the JDCSV would be such an honor and I hope to earn your support.

Thank you for your time and effort to complete this Questionnaire

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