

Questionnaire for Candidates for Alameda County Superior Court Judge

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot: Louis Goodman
2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number)
Alameda County Superior Court – Seat 9
3. What is your current occupation or elected office?
Attorney at Law
4. Are you the incumbent? No/Open Seat
5. How long have you resided in this district and city? 27 years

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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OUR ISSUES

Please answer the first five questions in 250 words or less

1. Jury service is an incredibly important and valuable civic duty. However, jury participation is declining with many citing financial burden, and many well-qualified jurors talk their way out of being selected. How would you use your position as a judge to encourage jury participation in our court system?

Let's start by not making them wait 45 minutes to get through the metal detector in order to get into the Court House. Jurists must ensure that jurors feel that their time, energy, and skills are valued. Judges who are organized and efficient administrators demonstrate those qualities to jurors. My practice requires me and my staff to be extremely well organized and efficient. I intend to take those skills to the bench, and in doing so, make jurors feel valued for their time, effort, and judgment.

2. The state's prisons are overcrowded and under-resourced. Offenders are being granted early release back into the community due to budget cuts. How will state and local budget cuts affect your work as an Alameda County Superior Court judge? Will you have discretion to use scarce resources wisely, and what will your priorities be as you do so? We are especially interested in youth involved in family or juvenile court.

Money is always an issue. Resources need to be used effectively. In juvenile cases the courts need to work with the schools, the probation department, and the health services to ensure that young people who come in contact with the police get back on track. As a society we have to take a close look at the prevalence of alcohol in the culture as a whole and youth culture in particular. It has been my experience that alcohol and drugs play a role in most criminal behavior juvenile or adult. That's where health, mental health and education resources can be spent to keep juvenile offenders from becoming adult offenders.

3. We understand that judges and judge candidates are limited in their ability to discuss their stance on many political issues. In lieu of that, please describe your life experiences that led you to run for judge, why you are running, and what kind of judge you want to be.

Over the past 30 years, I have seen our judicial system from many different perspectives – as an Alameda County Deputy District Attorney, as a private practitioner, and as a Judge Pro Tem. I know the difficult job law enforcement has in protecting the public and I am reminded every day of the importance of safeguarding individual rights. My experience makes me deeply aware of the impact judicial decisions have on individuals, families and businesses. As a judge, I will be both fair and faithful to the law. I will approach every case with an open mind and will decide every case based on the record, according to the rule of law. I am absolutely committed to maintaining the integrity of the court and to ensuring that I provide an impartial forum to all persons whose cases are presented in my courtroom.

4. Although you are limited to discuss political issues during your campaign, young people are extremely concerned with Alameda County's high death penalty rate. What is your position on the death penalty?

Whether or not a case is charged "special circumstances" is up to the District Attorney. If in fact there is a high death penalty rate in Alameda County that is a matter that should be addressed to the charging agency, the DA's office. I am personally in favor of having individuals exhibit behavior that does not warrant

any prosecution let alone one that would give rise to a special circumstances charge. The law in California does allow for the death penalty in certain, well defined, situations. As a judge I would be obligated to follow the law. Changing the law is a matter for the legislature.

5. Have you collaborated with young people in your community work in the past (list specific examples)? How are young people involved in your campaign? How will you continue to involve young activists in your work after you are elected?

I've been involved with the Interact program with the Rotary Club. Most of this work was at Hayward high schools. I've coached and judged moot court competitions. I've run speech contests for young speakers. My campaign has several young volunteers doing great work, creative work, and social networking on the part of the campaign. I have served as a mentor. I intend to continue my mentoring of youth and working with the schools once on the bench.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR YOUTH

Please describe in detail at least three of your accomplishments that have improved the lives of young people. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities that apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

The most important young person's life I improved was my own. I went to school, college and law school. I've had some sort of job since the time I was 12. That young person turned into the experienced attorney who is now running for judge. Setting an example for others is the most persuasive form of argument.

A girl I met while running a moot court program later called to tell me that she had graduated from college and had been accepted to law school. She is now a practicing attorney, married to an attorney and has a family. I met her at Logan High School in Union City. I've represented many gang members in juvenile court from that same school. My young friend took a different path, not because I spent a lot of time talking to her about it, but because I set an example.

While still a teenager myself, I worked at the Boys Club (now Boys and Girls Club). Most of the kids were from pretty tough neighborhoods. It was mainly an outdoors program, but we also worked on reading and math. These skills broadened the horizons of these inner city children, allowing them to have more meaningful dialogue with a wider range of individuals.

EXPERIENCE

Please list or describe your current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life. You may also list endorsements here.

Community service plays an important part in my life. In addition to regularly giving advice to indigent clients on a pro bono basis, I have served breakfast to underprivileged children, been a member and president of the Rotary club, volunteered at beach clean-up days, volunteered as an adviser for Moreau Catholic High School, volunteered at the YMCA, participated in my neighborhood crime watch program, and numerous other community events and services. I also volunteer my professional time as the continuing legal education chair of our local South Alameda County attorney's association.

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