

Questionnaire for Candidates for Alameda County Supervisor District 3

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot: [Bev Johnson for Supervisor](#)
2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number): [County Supervisor, District 3](#)
3. What is your current occupation or elected office? [Mayor, City of Alameda](#)
4. Are you the incumbent? [No](#)
5. How long have you resided in this district and city? [My entire life, 51 years](#)

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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OUR ISSUES

Please answer the first six questions in 250 words or less

1. The national impasse in healthcare reform continues as Alameda County residents seek basic services to help them. How important is healthcare to you and is it a priority of your campaign? How would you use your office to work towards making health insurance available to more people in Alameda County?

the healthcare needs of my constituents will be a top priority. One issue I would focus on immediately is how to keep San Leandro Hospital's Emergency Room open. Several years ago Alameda Hospital faced a similar situation so I am well aware of the impact the hospital's closure would have on San Leandro residents, as well as other area hospitals whose ER's would be overburdened by the influx of the 25,000 to 27,000 ER patients seen annually at San Leandro Hospital. Our county also cannot afford the financial impacts of the job losses this hospital closure would cause.

I support the provisions of Senate Bill 810 (Leno), The California Universal Health Care Act. As an Alameda County Supervisor I would actively lobby for passage of this bill which has, of course, been passed by the State Legislature twice previously only to be vetoed by the Governor. On a national level I would commend the efforts of our Bay Area Congressional delegation in supporting federal healthcare reform and urge them to persuade as many of their colleagues as possible, on both sides of the aisle, to join them and set partisanship aside to do what's best for the American people.

2. Young adults entering the workforce need stable jobs with fair pay and benefits. How will you use your office to create good jobs for Alameda County's young adults (especially at-risk youth) and ensure a living wage? Would you fight for Alameda County to pass a living wage ordinance?

Yes. One of my strongest strengths lies in the area of economic development and job creation. The City of Alameda has benefited from my experience in this regard and I know that I can bring my experience and skills in this regard to the County level to benefit the constituents of my district. Through smart economic development, jobs will be created. The development contracts, living wages can be overseen and secured through said development contracts.

3. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has seats at several County and regional transportation and housing agencies, including MTC, ABAG, CMA, and ACTIA. Would you be

interested in serving on any of these boards? What do you think Alameda County's priorities should be on these boards?

Yes. On many of these boards and commissions, I currently serve and would continue to serve. The priorities of these boards should be to accomplish their missions as set forth in their design and designation. To avoid the bureaucracies that ensue on such boards and stay on task, getting done what needs to get done.

4. Young adults are skeptical about the integrity of the democratic process, especially given the recent Supreme Court decision regarding campaign finance. How will you work to ensure that elections in Alameda County are secure, inclusive, and fair? We are especially interested in public financing of elections, maximizing voter turnout, and instant-runoff voting. Would you support public financing for supervisorial elections or stricter limits on campaign finance contributions and reporting requirements?

Yes.

5. Transparency and openness are vital for citizens to inform themselves about the actions of their government and elected leaders. If you were elected, would you post your official schedule and calendar on your county website? Would you also support broadcasting county hearings live on public television?

Yes and Yes

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

Yes. Young adults are involved as volunteers and members of my campaign cabinet. If there is enough space and funding for staff, I do intend to have a young, politically active adult on my staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Please describe in detail at least two of your accomplishments that have improved the lives of young adults. 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.

By supporting and voting for the economic development within the city of Alameda, specifically, the theatre complex as well as the complete rehabilitation of South Shore Center, jobs were created that directly benefited the young adults

on the island, encouraging them to remain on the island and eliminate the necessity of many young adults who have to leave the island to seek employment elsewhere. I also worked very hard to ensure the development of affordable housing so as to provide young adults the opportunities to continue living in a wonderful city such as Alameda.

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. Please explain how your experience would make you an effective advocate for young adults as an office holder. You may list endorsements here.

I am now finishing my 12th year on the Alameda City Council -- the last eight of those years I have been the city's separately elected mayor; I serve on eight regional governmental boards, including but not limited to Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority, Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, ATTIA, CMA, ABAG, Waste Management Authority, Water Emergency Transit Authority and I am currently the President of the Alameda County Conference of Mayors. I am a fourth generation Alamedan and was raised with strong values regarding involvement in one's community and giving back. Public service is part of who I am. This dedication to my community and the citizens thereof, coupled with my experience in law and government, is what makes me perfectly qualified for this office.

My endorsements to date include but are not limited to the following:

**The Hon. Loni Hancock, State Senator, 9th District
The Hon. Sandre Swanson, State Assemblyman, 16th District
State Senate President (Ret.) Don Perata
The Hon. Frank Matarrese, Councilman, City of Alameda
The Hon. Kevin Kennedy, Treasurer, City of Alameda
The Hon. Tracy Jensen, Trustee, Alameda Unified School District
Horst Breuer
Douglas Mitchell
Taylor Mitchell
Deborah Mitchell
Georgia Petrie
Bruce Reeves
Lorre Zuppan**