

Marin Women's Political Action Committee

January 1, 2020

Dear Candidate:

The Marin Women's Political Action Committee ("MWPAC", formerly Marin NWPC) invites you to participate in our upcoming Candidates' Night, which will take place on **Wednesday, January 15** at the San Rafael City Council Chambers, 1400 Fifth Ave., San Rafael, CA, starting at 7:00 p.m, by returning the enclosed questionnaire. There will also be a reception at the Yet Wah Restaurant, 1238 Fourth St., San Rafael from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

The purpose and goals of MWPAC are to organize and educate women so that they may unite in their efforts to eradicate sexism, racism, ageism, institutional violence and poverty. To achieve these goals, MWPAC works to involve women in the political process at all levels including electing candidates and lobbying for political appointments.

MWPAC votes to endorse female candidates and recommend male candidates (only in races where there are no viable women candidates running or if there are more open seats than women candidates) who express agreement with and have demonstrated support for the MWPAC goals and purposes. The specific issues targeted by MWPAC include, but are not limited to: reproductive choice, affirmative action, comparable worth/pay equity, protection against domestic violence and sexual assault, and support for the principles of the Equal Rights Amendment.

If you agree with the purpose and goals of MWPAC and would like to participate in the Candidate's Night, please complete the questionnaire and **return it to me by Saturday, January 11.** **If you have questions, call me at 415-453-4162.** Please send the completed questionnaire via email to marinwpac@yahoo.com.

Please note that the PAC committee will review the questionnaires and will only formally invite those candidates who meet our bottom-line issues to participate in our candidates' night. **You will be notified if you are invited to participate in the Candidate's Forum.** If invited, each candidate will make a brief presentation to our members followed by questions and answers from the Endorsement Committee and the audience. In a closed-door session immediately following, the membership will discuss and then vote on the endorsement or recommendation. The results will be made known at that time.

Sincerely,

Michele Barni, Chair
Endorsement Committee

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Directions: Please complete all sections of this 4 page questionnaire. Use attachments if needed.

Candidate name: Sashi McEntee

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Office Sought: City Councilmember Political ID#: _____

Campaign Manager: _____ Campaign Tel: _____

Campaign Address:

The purpose and goals of MWPAC are to organize and educate women in order that they may unite in their efforts to eradicate discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, race or age and institutional violence and poverty. To achieve these goals, MWPAC works to involve women in the political process at all levels including electing candidates and lobbying for political appointments.

MWPAC will endorse/recommend (women and men, respectively) candidates who express agreement with and have demonstrated support for the MWPAC goals and purposes. The specific issues targeted by MWPAC include, but are not limited to: reproductive choice, affirmative action, comparable worth/pay equity, protection against domestic violence and sexual assault and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Part I.

Do you support the goals and purposes of MWPAC as outlined above?

Indicate whether you support, support with reservations, or oppose the following issues	Support	Support with reservations (*explain in detail your reservations)	Oppose
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS			
1. What is your position on freedom of choice?	X		
2. What is your stand on public funding for abortion and reproductive health care access?		I do not support government imposing ANY restrictions on access, but I do not support public funds being used to pay for services. I prefer that people be able to make their own choices without government interference.	
3. Do you support any <u>legal</u> restrictions on a woman's right to choose?			X no
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION			
1. Do you support Affirmative Action?		No. I believe everyone is equal and should be treated as such.	

CHILD CARE			
1. Do you think that local government has a role in expanding and supporting child care?		No, but we can work with the local chamber of commerce to make sure local businesses are providing support for employees.	
COMPARABLE WORTH/PAY EQUITY			
1. Do you support equal pay for equal work?	x		
2. Do you believe that the position you are applying for has a role in setting the tone for implementing equal pay?	x		
RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE			
1. Do you believe that the position you are applying for has a role in reducing rape, assault and domestic violence?	x		
SEXUAL HARRASMENT			
1. What does sexual harassment mean to you and what will you do to eliminate it in the position you are applying for?	The city needs to be a welcoming and positive environment where sexual harassment will not be tolerated.		
2. Are you aware of any public or private programs that have been effective in addressing this issue?	We hired an HR consultant to make sure employees felt safe and comfortable reporting any issues with the workplace.		
GENDER BASED BUDGETING			
1. Do you support investigating the annual review process in order to evaluate whether resources are proportionately allotted to women?	I believe in gender equality and that the best person for the job should be selected regardless of gender or other immutable characteristics.		

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT			
The Equal Rights Amendment states the "Equality of rights under the law shall be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex.			
1. Do you support the principles of the ERA?	Yes		
2. Have you done anything or do you plan to do anything in the future to promote the principles of the ERA if the issue arises?	I believe in equality of human beings regardless of their gender, religion, or political views. I do not believe government should infringe upon a person's rights because of their gender or other immutable characteristics.		

PART II. CAMPAIGN ISSUES

1. What do you see as the major issues in this campaign?

Selecting a new city manager is the most important and urgent issue we face. In addition, we will need to prepare for the city's budget to be under stress due to our pension obligations doubling over the next few years. We will need to create a community conversation so that we can make the necessary trade-offs together as a community. I am also a leader in the county on wildfire preparedness, and I see this work as continuing over the next term.

1a. What question would you most like to have answered by your fellow candidates?

How will you address the budget challenges that the city will face over the next 10 years?

2. What qualities or experience make you particularly qualified for this office?

I am the only person of color ever to serve on the Mill Valley City Council and the only woman incumbent. I have knowledge and history that will be critical as we face this transition. In addition, I have deep knowledge of the budget and the skills to facilitate community conversations about the tough issues we face. We are going to have a new city manager and some new councilmembers, and some continuity and institutional knowledge will be critical.

3. Whom do you consider your base of support and why?

I am happy to represent young families, since that is my demographic, but I consider my base all residents who care about this community for the long term.

4. What is your projected campaign budget and how do you plan to raise money for your campaign?

I will raise about \$10,000 from Mill Valley residents and friends.

5. If endorsed/recommended by MWPAC, will you use this in your campaign literature?

Yes, I will be proud to have MWPAC's endorsement again.

Please attach a list of your endorsements, both groups and individuals.

Partial list:

Stephanie Moulton-Peters

Jessica Jackson

Kate Colin

Barbara Coler

Katie Rice

Dennis Rodoni

Andy Berman

Dennis Fisco

Paula Reynolds

Jim Revoir

Betsey Cutler

Cliff Waldeck

Maggie Lang

Joan Murray

Hugh Kuhn

PART III. PERSONAL DATA (you may substitute a resume)

1. List your personal experience.

I have served on the council for 4 years, currently as vice mayor.

2. List your community involvement activities.

- Chair, Marin LAFCo
- Vice Chair, Marin Telecommunications Agency
- Co-Chair, Disaster Preparedness Committee, Marin County Council of Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC)
- Member, Pension & OPEB Committee, MCCMC
- Alternate Board Member, Transportation Authority of Marin
- Council Liaison to the Mill Valley School District (MVSD) Board
- Former board member, MCE
- Member, Mill Valley CERT Steering Committee
- Member, Marin Disaster Citizens Corp Council (DC3)
- Member, DC3 Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee
- Member, MVSD Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee
- Former member, Strawberry Point School Site Council

3. What do you believe are your strengths and weaknesses as they pertain to this office?

I am principled, honest, and responsive to the community. I am tenacious and thoroughly prepared for all meetings. I learned after the first year that I have a tendency to volunteer for too many committees, but I was able to reduce the commitment or otherwise focus my efforts so I can give my best to all that I do.

As a working mother, I know how to prioritize and give my all in a sustainable way, so I can get up and do it all again the next day. If I am re-elected to council, I will be the first mayor in the city of Mill Valley to be a person of color, and I will be proud to serve my community for another 4 years.

Signature *Sashi McEntee* Date 1/13/2020

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or

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