

**National Association of Social Workers, CA Chapter**  
**CalPACE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**2008 Election Cycle**

Please return to:

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Thank you for your interest in an endorsement by the NASW-CA CalPACE Committee. Please complete this endorsement questionnaire and return it to the address indicated above no later than **April 15, 2008**.

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**California Political Action for Candidate Election (CalPACE) Agenda:**

- To help elect and re-elect public officials and candidates who support the goals and objectives of the social work profession and its clients;
- To promote the adoption of legislation that is in the interest of the social work profession and its clients;
- To oppose legislation that is detrimental to the social work profession and its clients; and
- To promote member education and mobilization of lawful political action among members of the social work profession, including seeking elective or appointive political office.

**About Social Workers**

- Professional social workers are uniquely qualified to help people in their own environment by looking at all the different aspects of their life and culture.
- Professional social workers have degrees in social work from universities accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- For over 100 years, we have been making sure that people get the help they need from the best resources available. We work to ensure personal well-being, prevent crises, and to counsel individuals, families and communities. Social workers care for people at every stage of life from infancy to the elderly.
- We help society overcome life's most difficult situations including poverty, addiction, mental illness, disability, discrimination, abuse, physical illness, divorce, death, stress and unemployment.
- NASW has been the leading social work association since it started in 1955 and the California chapter currently has over 12,000 members.



**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Candidate Name **Kriss Worthington**

Permanent Address **2808 Hillegass Ave. Apt. #1**

City **Berkeley** State **California** Zip **94705**

Phone: **(510) 548-8796** Fax **N/A**

Email: **[kriss@dsp.com](mailto:kriss@dsp.com)** Political Party **Democrat**

Are you a professional Social Worker?  Yes  No

If yes, what is your designation (BSW, MSW, DSW, PhD, LCSW) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Member of NASW?  Yes  No Membership ID \_\_\_\_\_

Office Being Sought **California State Assembly** District **14th**

Date(s) of Election(s) **Primary: June 3, 2008 & General: November 4, 2008**

Campaign ID # **1301557** Committee Name **Friends of Kriss Worthington**

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City **Berkeley** State **CA** Zip **94705**

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Campaign Consultant **Doug Linney, The Next Generation**

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Your District's Registration: % Democrat **57.9%** %Republican **15.7%** %Other **26.4%**

Please list all opponents in this race:

**Phil Polakoff, Nancy Skinner, Tony Thurmond**

Estimated Campaign Costs: Primary \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Raised to Date \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount on Hand \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Treasurer **Nancy Carleton** Phone **510-644-0172**

Name of Fundraiser **Leslie Katz (Ex San Francisco Supervisor)** Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Key Endorsements Received:

**Organizations:**

**Sierra Club**

**Equality California**

**California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO**

**SEIU State Council (Service Employees International Union)**

**AFSCME Local 3299**

**International Association of Machinists, Local 1546**

**Berkeley Firefighters Association, Local 1227**

**Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20**

**Teamsters Joint Council 7**

**John George Democratic Club**

**East Bay LGBT Democratic Club**

**Progressive Democrats of the East Bay**

**Cal Berkeley Democrats**

**GLOBE**

**Berkeley Daily Planet**

**Elected Officials:**

**Mary Hayashi, Assemblymember**

**Mark Leno, Assemblymember**

**Robert Lieber, Albany Mayor**

**Farid Javandel, Albany City Councilmember**

**Marjorie Atkinson, Albany City Councilmember**

**Max Anderson, Berkeley City Councilmember**

**Darryl Moore, Berkeley City Councilmember**

**Dona Spring, Berkeley City Councilmember**

**Don Jelinek, Former Berkeley City Councilmember**

**Norman La Force, Former El Cerrito Mayor**

**Ken Bukowski, Emeryville Mayor**

**Ruth Atkin, Emeryville City Councilmember**

**Beverly Johnson, Alameda Mayor**

**Kevin Dowling, Hayward City Councilmember**

**Ignacio De La Fuente, Oakland City Councilmember**

**Larry Reid, Oakland City Councilmember**

**Mark Green, Union City Mayor**

**Evan Low, Campbell City Councilmember**

**Tom Ammiano, San Francisco Supervisor**

**Bevan Dufty, San Francisco Supervisor**

**Gerardo Sandoval, San Francisco Supervisor**

**Leslie Katz, Former San Francisco Supervisor**

**Jose Cisneros, San Francisco Treasurer**

**Elsa Ortiz, AC Transit Board Member**

**Chris Peeples, AC Transit Board Member**

**Andy Katz, EBMUD Director**

**Doug Linney, EBMUD Director**

**John Selawsky, Berkeley School Board Chair**

**Rio Bauce, Berkeley School Board Member**

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**Jesse L. Arreguin, Berkeley Rent Board Chair**  
**Dave Blake, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Howard Chong, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Jack Harrison, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Jason Overman, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Lisa Stephens, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Eleanor Walden, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Pamela Webster, Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Selma Spector, Fmr. Berkeley Rent Board Member**  
**Van Nguyen, ASUC Berkeley President**  
**Taylor Allbright, ASUC Berkeley Executive VP**  
**Danny Montes, ASUC External VP, President UCSA**

**Appointed Officials:**

**Fredia Smith, Commission on Aging**  
**Richie Smith, Commission on Aging**  
**Bonnie Hughes, Former Civic Arts Commissioner**  
**Sunny Jha, Health Commissioner**  
**Igor Tregub, Labor Commission Chair**  
**Candace Nisby, Labor Commissioner**  
**Russell Kilday-Hicks, Former Labor Commission Chair**  
**Michael Diehl, Mental Health Commissioner**  
**Phoebe Anne Sorgen, Peace and Justice Commissioner**  
**Diana Bohn, Peace and Justice Commissioner**  
**Stephanie K. Thomas, Peace and Justice Commissioner**  
**Eric Chan, Personnel Board Member**  
**Robert Smith, Personnel Board Member**  
**Gene S. Poschman, Planning Commissioner**  
**Patricia Dacy, Planning Commissioner**  
**Nancy Holland, Public Works Commission Chair**  
**Yvonne Prevo, Public Works Commissioner**  
**Sara Shumer, Public Works Commissioner**  
**Denisha M. DeLane, former Telecommunications Commissioner**  
**David Tam, Zero Waste Commission Vice Chair**  
**Natalie Nava, Zero Waste Commissioner**  
**Nancy Carleton, former Zoning Adjustments Board Chair**

**... and Hundreds of Community Leaders:**

**Dolores Huerta, co-founder, United Farmworkers**  
**Margie Adam, Singer/Songwriter/Activist**  
**Santiago Casal, United in Action**  
**Federico Chavez & Aggie Rose-Chavez**  
**Pat Cody, Co-founder, Cody's Books**  
**Adrienne Bank, Youth Emergency Assistance Hostel (YEAH!)**  
**Patricia Kevena Fili, Lighthouse Community Center**  
**Anna de Leon, Owner, Anna's Jazz Island**  
**Kent A. Lewandowski, Sierra Club**  
**Sally Hindman, Executive Director, YaYa California**  
**Sean Dugar, President, NAACP Youth Council**

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**Jane Morrison, Former Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party**  
**Rory Cox, Director, Pacific Environment**

Have you run for office before?  Yes  No

If yes, describe result(s): **Berkeley City Councilmember – Elected four times (in 1996, 1998, 2002, and 2006); also twice elected President of Wilmington College Student Government Association**

What inspired you to run for office, or seek re-election?

**I want to represent the 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly District because I believe that Sacramento needs a policy maker, advocate, and progressive activist who can do more than simply vote the right way on the issues, but to be proactive in building coalitions to get things done. I want to take my work to the next level and continue to hold the Governor and other elected officials accountable to all Californians.**

If you are elected, what do you expect will be your top three policy priorities?

- 1. One of my top priorities will be to understand where the MONEY is. Many of my successes in city government, including better contracts for City employees and millions of dollars in funding for affordable housing and social services, have been the result of knowing where the money was.**
- 2. In my first two years, a high priority will be to work with the community to create pressure on the Governor and/or to expose the devastating role he has played in vetoing hundreds of bills passed by the Legislature. Once we get a better governor, a high priority will be to work with him or her to expedite the backlog of good bills stalled by the current occupant.**
- 3. Policy areas important to me will continue to include education, labor, racial and gender justice, youth, senior, disabled, and veteran's issues, the environment, health care, affordable housing, workforce housing, and peace and social justice. People used to tell me I should just focus on a few priorities, but I believe I have demonstrated in eleven years in office that I can take an active role in hundreds of projects and generally be successful at most of them.**

If elected, on which legislative committees or policy subgroups do you wish to sit?

**The Assembly, the Budget, Appropriations, and Transportation Committees would be most interesting to me. I am interested in the Budget and Appropriations Committees because where and how you spend your money is the most important question that a legislative official can have an impact on. At the city level, I have been able to work on the local budget to find pools of money that few councilmembers are aware of, so that our crucial city services are protected from cuts. For example, I have been able to annually protect and preserve millions of dollars of social service funding for programs throughout the city. I have also been able to secure \$1 million of the general fund annually toward the development of affordable housing. As a current member on seven regional transportation boards and committees, I would also be very interested in serving on the Transportation Committee. I think it is vitally important that we are linking our transportation policy and planning to land use, economic, and housing policies.**

**Please state your position on the following issues:**

### **Consumer Protections**

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In California, individuals with high school diplomas or college degrees in disciplines other than social work can call themselves a “social worker.” Would you support legislation which would require that only individuals with a Bachelor’s, Master’s or Doctoral degree in social work could use the title “social worker”? (Note: This legislation **would not** prohibit professionals with non-social work degrees from providing social services.)  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Parental notification for a minor receiving:

Mental Health Services \_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose  
 Substance Abuse Services \_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Corrections**

Only qualified mental health professionals should provide inmates mental health and counseling services.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Gender appropriate services should be provided to all inmates.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Early Childhood Education & Child Care**

All families should be able to access high quality and affordable child care.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

All children should have access to free universal preschool.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

There should be more social workers in public schools.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Economic Justice**

Raising taxes is necessary to preserve essential health and human service related programs.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

It is necessary to help ensure economic justice by:

Raising the minimum wage  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Ensuring pay equity  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Ensuring access to higher education and employment training  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Increasing the number of child care spaces  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

All individuals and families have the right to obtain housing that meets their basic needs for shelter at an affordable price.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Economical housing should be distributed geographically according to the housing needs of urban, suburban and rural people.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Equal Rights**

Legislation should allow same-sex couples to marry in California.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Legislation should allow Domestic Partners to have the same rights and benefits as married spouses.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

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Legislation should allow adoption of children by gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Efforts should be made to end discrimination and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youths in public schools.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Do you support curriculum policies in schools that eliminate discrimination against LGBT people?  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Undocumented Californians should be able to receive:

Social services  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Health care  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Mental health  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Public assistance  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Drivers licenses  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Attend Public Schools  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Geriatrics**

Older adults should be able to access a variety of low or no-cost health and aging support services to maintain their maximum level of independence in the least restrictive environment.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Everyone who needs long-term care services should be able to access them regardless of age, income, disability, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or geographic location.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Health Care**

Law should guarantee universal health care coverage for all Californians.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Comprehensive universal health care should be provided for all youths.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should establish a single payer health care system.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Justice**

We should place an immediate moratorium on executions.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should prohibit the use of the death penalty on defendants with mental impairments.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Do you support a life sentence instead of the death penalty?  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should provide legal assistance funds to ensure that low-income defendants and plaintiffs in criminal and civil actions are provided with adequate legal assistance.  Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose



Specialized treatment should be provided for juvenile and adult sex offenders.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Mental Health**

Mental health treatment should be provided in parity with treatment for other types of illness in all health care plans.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Alcohol and drug treatment should be provided in parity with treatment for other types of illness in all healthcare plans.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

People with substance abuse disorders AND mental illness should be treated fairly in rendering social insurance, public assistance, and social services.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Comprehensive, culturally competent mental health services should be provided for all youth who need them.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Health insurance policies should cover all hospital costs, mental health and counseling costs related to a person who attempts suicide.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Reproductive Rights**

Every woman has a right to choose to have a safe and legal abortion.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should guarantee access to full reproductive health services, including birth control, emergency contraception, and preventative health care.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should require parental notification for a minor receiving an abortion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Support  Oppose

We should provide age appropriate, comprehensive sex education for young people, in elementary school, middle school, and high school.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

**Public Social Services**

The government should be responsible for the delivery benefits and programs that serve as a safety net for all people during times of poverty.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Sufficient funding and resources should be provided to meet the needs of abused and neglected children and their families.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should set and fund caseloads or workload size standards for child welfare services workers to ensure the provision of effective case management services to each at-risk child and family.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should protect the entitlement status of welfare participants who meet the eligibility criteria for programs, including CalWORKS, Medi-Cal, and food stamps and provide more education and training services.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

We should establish programs like student loan repayment and specialized stipends to increase the number of social workers in areas of need.

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

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**Miscellaneous Issues**

Every person should have the right to self-determination when it comes to making end-of-life decisions.  Support  Oppose

Local, state, and federal disaster plans should include a plan and funding for victims assistance programs provided by social workers and other like professionals.  Support  Oppose

Title IX, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex regarding federal funding assistance for educational purposes, should be upheld.  Support  Oppose

What have you done or do you plan to do if elected, to enhance the profession of social work?

**Social workers are often underappreciated and overburdened with a high caseload. The performance of social services often suffers because they are not adequately supported, both in resources and in personnel. I will support and advocate for legislation and funding to ensure that county workers are receiving appropriate caseloads and that we are providing the quality and level of service that the public deserves. This is also a place where a income-based tax/fee increase can provide the necessary support that social workers need.**

Is there anything else that you wish the members of the NASW-CA CalPACE Committee to know in considering your application for endorsement?

**I have already actively worked on virtually all of the issues identified in this thoughtful questionnaire. My hard work and attention to detail are matched by my passionate commitment to progressive policy and helping people as much as possible. I have actively worked with many community based organizations and labor unions to fight with them on the front lines for increased access to resources to better serve the needs of the community. Just as I have found millions of dollars in the city budget for better contracts and social services, I believe I too can help win billions of dollars for state employees and social services.**

**In my most recent re-election, my campaign was outspent by a 2½ to 1 margin but we still won, which is one reason why I think we can win this with “only” \$475,000 even if an opponent spends much more. In my first election, I was an underdog. Hundreds of grassroots volunteers helped me win for City Council when I had the support of almost no elected officials. Many of the same volunteers, and quite a few new ones have already volunteered for this new campaign. My campaign consultant, Doug Linney, has recently won a crowded Assembly race, and our outstanding fundraising consultant Leslie Katz has just come on board. We have hired Mike Sheen, who did an excellent job as Campaign manager supervising the many volunteers of our previous campaign. If you want an Assemblymember who will do more than just vote the right way, but who will be actively involved in supporting Social Workers, CalPACE and all the issues we care so much about, I will continue to be A DEMOCRAT WITH A BACKBONE, and an all-around activist fighting for you.**

Would you be willing to meet with a member of CalPACE or have one of your staff meet with us to discuss an endorsement by our over 12,000 members?  Yes  No



**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008** is the Final Deadline to submit CalPACE Questionnaire for consideration.

Note: Early submissions may be considered for early endorsement.