

NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS-ALAMEDA NORTH

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

For April, 5th Endorsement Meeting

Directions: Please complete all sections of this questionnaire, using the form where possible and using attachments where necessary. Include samples of your campaign literature.

Candidate Name: Kriss Worthington

Home Address: 2808 Hillegass Ave. #1, Berkeley, CA 94705

Daytime Phone: 510-548-8796

Evening Phone: 510-548-8796

E-mail: kriss@dsp.com

Office Sought: California State Assembly District 14

Date of Election: (include primary, runoff dates) June 3, 2008 Primary

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Congressional District in which you reside: 9th Congressional District

State Senatorial District in which you reside: 9th State Senatorial District

State Assembly District in which you reside: 14th State Assembly District

Campaign Manager: Mike Sheen

Campaign Manager Phone: 510-604-2776

Campaign Address: 2808 Hillegass Ave. #1, Berkeley, CA 94705

Campaign Phone: 510-548-8796

Campaign Fax:

Campaign E-mail: mikesheen@gmail.com

Website: www.krissworthington.com

Treasurer: Phone: Nancy Carleton 510-644-0172

Campaign Consultants: Doug Linney, The Next Generation 510-444-4710; Fundraising Consultant – Leslie Katz; Events Consultant – Barbara Taylor

Political ID#: 1301557

The goals of the National Women's Political Caucus-Alameda North, are to increase women's participation in the political process and to identify, recruit, train and support women for election and appointment to public office. While in pursuit of these goals, NWPC-AN will strive to win equality for all women; to ensure reproductive freedom; to achieve quality dependent care; to eradicate violence and poverty; and to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, physical limitations or sexual orientation.

If you support these goals and purposes and would publicize NWPC-AN endorsement if received, please complete and submit this application for consideration to the NWPC-AN Political Action Co-Chair Rena Rickles. Applications must be received by mail or email by Friday, March 21, 2008 by midnight.

Please join us for our candidate interviews on Saturday, April 5th, 2008 at the Chabot Elementary School, Auditorium, 6686 Chabot Road, Oakland. Parking is available on the street.

Thank you for taking the time to submit an application for NWPC-AN's endorsement by one of the following methods:

Email Submission Guidelines:

For your convenience, you may submit your application by email to rllaw@mindspring.com, followed by a "wet" signature sent by fax to (510) 451-4115. Rena will confirm receipt of your emailed application. NWPC-AN is not responsible for "lost" emailed applications without a confirmed receipt notification from rllaw@mindspring.com.

"Mail Only" Submission Guidelines:

If you are only mailing your application, you may mail your original, signed application to the following address: Catherine Trimbur, 1816-5th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710. Applications submitted only by mail must be received by March 21, 2008.

NWPC-AN recommends submitting your application in advance of the deadline. Questions regarding the application submission process can be addressed by Rena at (510) 452-1600 or Catherine Trimbur at (510) 548-5075.

Fax Submission Guidelines:

Fax your original, signed application to Catherine Trimbur, (510) 548-5074. Applications submitted by fax must be received no later than midnight, March 21, 2008.

PART I: COMMITMENT TO NWPC'S GOALS

A. We need gender equity in politics to guarantee that women's perspective is represented on all issues. However, NWPC-AN has a short list of issues it has prioritized as being of utmost

importance for women. Please fill in the box that best represents your position. You may expound further on how these issues are significant to you and what you have done to further them (optional).

1. EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA): The Equal Rights Amendment states "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex." Will you actively support the *spirit* of the Equal Rights Amendment if elected?

(X) Support () Do not support () Need more information

I passionately and actively support the ERA and the spirit of the ERA. It is a sad commentary on the state of our civilization that this simple reasonable constitutional amendment has not YET been adopted. I actively supported the original campaign for state-by-state approval by participating in teach-ins, rallies, and civil disobedience to show strong public support. I was one of the people arrested at the White House protesting in favor of the ERA. More recently, I sponsored local support for reintroduction to finally make it happen. Sponsored Women's Equality Amendment HJR 40 (May 5, 2007). Given that we do not yet have this constitutional protection, I have actively supported much legislation and activism to implement the spirit of the idea. I support the ERA with all my heart, mind, and soul. That is why I am a member of NOW, NWPC, NARAL, Planned Parenthood, etc. Whoever you might support for President, I believe the ongoing pervasive patterns of sexism and racism are surfacing, and we need to stand up against all of those isms all of the time. It is still glaringly obvious that we still need the ERA.

2. REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: In recent years, there has been an orchestrated effort to chip away women's right to reproductive choice by dividing the issue into sub-issues including parental and spousal consent, third-term abortions and public funding of family planning and abortion.

Do you unequivocally support women's rights to unrestricted reproductive self-determination?

(X) Support () Do not support () Need more information

Yes, I strongly support reproductive rights. A woman's right to choose is a fundamental moral and legal right. Not only have I stood up in support of choice but I have opposed the numerous disgusting attacks on girls and women disguised as parental notification, such as Proposition 85. Most recently, I am actively discouraging people from signing the misnamed "Sarah's Law". I even persuaded one petition circulator to stop circulating it! Back in September 2007, I sponsored opposition to the sexual abuse reporting act (Initiative 1249). And recently, I sponsored City opposition to the nomination of Richard Honaker. In addition to taking City government action, I also activate others to lobby as well through speaking at organizations or flyering to interested individuals. I have actively opposed numerous other anti-choice judicial nominees. I signed on

and showed up to support Oakland's creation of a program to protect women being harassed when entering a clinic.

Do you support public funding of family planning?

Support Do not support Need more information

Yes, I support public funding of family planning. I have opposed proposed restrictions and funding cuts nationally and internationally. I have opposed attaching strings to require abstinence only training, which has proven to be of very limited effectiveness. I have actively supported those who choose not to accept these restrictions. For multiple years I also have actively supported efforts to allow access to legal pharmaceuticals such as S809/HR1652 to try to ensure that pharmacies fill all prescriptions.

3. CHILD CARE: Do you support expansion of child / dependent care facilities including government participation in funding?

Support Do not support Need more information

I strongly support expansion of child care/dependent care facilities. Women still do a significant majority of child care, elder care and dependent care, on top of laundry, cooking, cleaning and other housework. For women to have a fair chance in their careers, it is essential that we make efforts to spread the work more fairly, and that we remove as much of the extra burden of unpaid work as possible. Employer-sponsored child care is one VERY important component of this because that system does not require the parent to travel to some far off place to drop off and pick up their children. I have worked with individual employers to support their attempts to do this. I worked with the worthy wage coalition and sponsored the City of Berkeley increased stipend and increased training for child care workers. I actively worked with SEIU 616 to gain better wages and working conditions for the Head Start workers in a union contract. Having childcare workers get better compensation is morally right and it will have the practical effect of increasing the quality of care as well. I have proposed policies to make it easier to create childcare centers and even proposed that the City of Berkeley have a childcare center for City employees, but the City Manager at the time strenuously opposed the idea. I have supported legislation and state ballot measures to fund child care.

Personally I worked as a day care teacher and it was one of the most rewarding work experiences of my life. Unfortunately, I felt I had to leave the field to earn enough money to pay my high rent. I have also volunteered as a childcare provider at community events and workshops, including during high holidays so parents could attend services. Similarly I have been an activist in support of gaining resources to provide elder care and services for the disabled community.

4. ADDITIONAL KEY ISSUES: Will you actively support legislation in the areas of rape,

domestic violence, women's health, discrimination in the workplace, sexual harassment and other issues that gave a profound and direct impact on women's ability to obtain equality?

(X) Support () Do not support () Need more information

I have actively supported legislation and activism in all five of these categories and more.

- Rape: I have organized programs with Bay Area Women against Rape, and coordinated educational programs with peer health counselors to attract men and women to talk about rape prevention as well as response.
- Domestic violence: I am working on better policy to make it easier to site domestic violence resources without publicizing locations to perpetrators.
- Women's Health: I worked with the Women's Cancer Resource Center to sponsor Stop Cancer Where It Starts, as well as the Precautionary Principle Ordinance.
- Workplace discrimination: Continuing workplace discrimination against women in the State of California must be addressed. Recent Title IX cases such as within the UC system indicate we have a lot of work to do. In most City governments and in City management, (including in Berkeley) women have not achieved 50% of the jobs or reached top management positions. I have advocated actively and with some small success.
- Sexual harassment: I have actively worked with individual women finding their way through the police and court system, as well as advocating policy improvements.
- Other issues: We need to do more on Comparable Worth/Pay Equity. We need to undo the damage of Prop 209 and implement effective Affirmative Action measures; addressing Poverty; Violence Prevention and Response; Prioritization of Education as highest state funding priority; Support for Affordable Housing; Environment and Transportation issues.

B. If elected into office, how do you plan to recruit and mentor pro-choice women to run for your seat when it is vacated in accordance with our stated purposes?

I have recruited and supported multiple women for appointments, hirings, business contracts, and elected offices. Just like I have worked closely with talented women who could take my current position, I would expect to do the same in Sacramento. Not only have I supported many women candidates, but I have also recruited many women, people of color and young people to get involved and get empowered. As a Board Member of East Bay NOW I initiated and helped conduct research on appointments and then lobbied the Council members who had appointed 70% male appointees. After several years of efforts we reached 50% women commissioners! I have also worked on helping individual women

owned businesses as well as addressing policy to encourage women and minority business contracting.

C. How do you envision advancing NWPC-AN's goals (please see page 1)?

Whether I win or not, I envision advancing NWPC's goals by continuing to be a member, an activist and a supporter in all of the ways already enumerated. Additionally, I welcome suggestions and constructive criticism of other things I could or should be doing.

I will promote coalition building efforts to encourage multiple communities to see that the fight against sexism, is linked to the fight against racism, ageism anti-Semitism, homophobia etc. Education will be my number one state priority so I will prioritize education funding for preschool, K-12, CC, CSU, UC and technical and career training.

D. If endorsed by NWPC-AN, what kind of support do you need from the Caucus to best forward the goals of NWPC-AN?

Since NWPC rules currently preclude organizational support from NWPC since I identify as a man, Caucus members can provide support as individuals.

PART II: CANDIDATE VIABILITY

A candidacy is part ideals and part practicalities. This section addresses a candidate's viability.

A. What are your qualifications for this office?

I am running for this office because I have the most progressive, extensive and effective public service record. With my 98% success rate at enacting hundreds of pieces of progressive legislation, I've helped establish a living wage for Berkeley's workers, spoken out against the war while demanding fair treatment for our veterans and men and women currently serving in uniform, secured millions of dollars for affordable housing, and spearheaded environmental programs like Eco-Pass and the Zero Waste Ordinance, which now serve as models for sustainability in cities nationwide.

B. What campaign experience and training have you had?

I have run four times for the City Council and won in every instance. 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 running against an incumbent council member. 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. I have volunteered on hundreds of campaigns in my lifetime, including Hubert Humphries for President, Barbara Lee's first Assembly race, multiple campaigns against Schwarzenegger's special

election measures, and a wide variety of local, state, and national candidates and measures.

C. List major endorsements:

Organizations

Sierra Club
Equality California
Service Employees International Union (SEIU) State Council
International Association of Machinists, Local 1546
Berkeley Firefighters Association, Local 1227
Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20
Teamsters Joint Council 7
Progressive Democrats of the East Bay
Cal Berkeley Democrats
Berkeley Daily Planet

Elected Officials

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
Ken Bukowski, Emeryville Mayor
Ruth Atkin, Emeryville City Councilmember
Kevin Dowling, Hayward City Councilmember
Larry Reid, Oakland City Councilmember
Mark Green, Union City Mayor
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
Doug Linney, East Bay MUD Board Member
John Selawsky, Berkeley School Board Chair
Rio Bauce, Berkeley School Board Member
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 UC Student Association

Appointed Officials:

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 Commissioner
Gene S. Poschman, Planning Commissioner
Patricia Dacey, Planning Commissioner
Jonathan Huang, Police Review 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

Other Community Leaders

Dolores Huerta, co-founder, United Farmworkers
Margie Adam, Singer/Songwriter/Activist

D. Where do you expect to get your main political, financial and volunteer support?

Support will come from a variety of communities that have historically supported our campaigns, including the LGBT community, environmentalists, and labor supporters. We expect a wide range of volunteer supporters who have been involved in the myriad of issues that I have worked on in the past.

E. What is your projected budget, how much have you raised to date, and how do you intend to raise the balance?

I have raised \$120,000 to date, and we expect to raise \$450,000. We have a

number of fundraisers planned in the next month, and we expect to meet our goals through a combinations of those events, organizational support and grassroots fundraising.

F. Describe your campaign organization: (staff, consultants, volunteers)

Our campaign includes a consultant, a campaign manager, a fundraiser, field staff, and a number of volunteer support staff. We also have volunteer coordinators and the support of hundreds of volunteers.

G. Describe your campaign strategy: (mailers, forums, walking, phone banks etc.)

Our campaign will use multiple methods of communication. As with our past successes, we will pair voter contact with informative literature for voters.

H. List your opposition: Tony Thurmond, Nancy Skinner, Phil Polakoff

I. What is the demographic make-up of your district?

POPULATION (2000)

Total population 423,398 100.0%

SEX AND AGE (2000)

Male	205,051 (48.4%)
Female	218,347 (51.6%)
Under 5 years	24,732 (5.8%)
5 to 9 years	26,233 (6.2%)
10 to 14 years	25,898 (6.1%)
15 to 19 years	27,279 (6.4%)
20 to 24 years	35,519 (8.4%)
25 to 34 years	64,919 (15.3%)
35 to 44 years	66,220 (15.6%)
45 to 54 years	63,555 (15.0%)
55 to 59 years	22,043 (5.2%)
60 to 64 years	15,673 (3.7%)
65 to 74 years	25,025 (5.9%)
75 to 84 years	19,481 (4.6%)
85 years and over	6,821 (1.6%)

RACE (2000)

Total:	423,398 (100.0%)
White alone	241,829 (57.1%)
Black or African American alone	65,936 (15.6%)
American Indian & Alaska Native alone	2,076 (0.5%)
Asian alone	59,641 (14.1%)
Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander alone	1,128 (0.3%)
Some other race alone	31,449 (7.4%)

Two or more races 21,339 (5.0%)

J. What is the political make-up of your district?

Total registration	254,326	100.0%
Democratic Party	147,178	57.9%
Republican Party	39,991	15.7%
American Independent Party	3,148	1.2%
Peace and Freedom Party	1,161	0.5%
Miscellaneous	30,214	11.9%
Libertarian Party	1,265	0.5%
Natural Law Party	8,537	3.4%
Green Party	486	0.2%
Reform Party	0	0.0%
Declined to State	22,369	8.8%

PART III

Personal Background (Occupation, Education, Family, Community Involvement):

Public Offices Held

- Berkeley City Councilmember, 1996 – present
- Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) 1998-2008– Plans and Programs Committee, Administration and Legislation Committee, Planning Area Committee,
- AC Transit: Berkeley-Oakland-San Leandro Major Investment Study Policy Committee
- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – City of Berkeley Alternate
- League of California Cities – City of Berkeley Delegate
- San Pablo Avenue Policy Steering Committee – Member (1998-2008)
- Alameda County Transportation Authority/Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTA/ACTIA) – Alameda County Alternate 2004-present
- Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste) – Member 2006-2008
- City of Berkeley – Vice Mayor, Telegraph Committee (Chair), Downtown Committee (Vice-Chair), Undergrounding Utilities committee, Parks Committee, Eco-Pass Committee (Chair), Rules Committee (Chair), Joint City/Library Board Selection Committee (Chair) 2007, Housing Authority 1996-2007, Redevelopment Agency 1996-2008, Civic Improvement Corporation 1996-2007, and Holocaust Remembrance Day Planning Committee (Chair) 2004-2008

Work Experience

Served as a day care teacher, home health care worker, and as manager or Executive Director of non-profit groups including home for mentally retarded

adults, shelter for homeless women, a youth hostel, housing co-ops, a food co-op, a neighborhood development association, and a UC student housing co-op.

Education

While I was in high school, I took courses at Bucks County Community College and the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation from high school, I attended Wilmington College. I also later took courses at Harvard Extension. While I have attended four colleges, the vast majority of my education has come from ON-THE-JOB TRAINING from jobs and volunteer activities.

Community Involvement/Organizational Membership

AARP, ACLU, Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County, BCA, BWOPA, California Democratic Party Disabilities Caucus, CalPirg, Center for Reproductive Rights, Common Cause, Contemporary Jewish Museum, Democrats with Disabilities, East Bay for Democracy, East Bay LGBT Dems, El Cerrito Democratic Club, Environment California, Equality California, Gray Panthers, HRC, John George Democratic Club, Lamorinda Democratic Club, Latino Democratic Club, League of Conservation Voters, Magnes Museum, MGO, NAACP, NARAL, NOW, NWPC, Planned Parenthood, Progressive Democrats of the East Bay, Save the Bay, Sierra Club, Wellstone Democratic Club, WILPF. These are the groups that come first to mind. I try to be an activist member and attend meetings, and support action campaigns, but my participation varies depending on who says they most need my attention at any particular time.

Candidate Signature:

Date:

Please attach campaign literature.