



RSA CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill in all information on the application and questionnaire completely.
2. Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if necessary when answering the questionnaire.
3. Include a copy of your resumé and any other additional information that you would like the committee to consider during its deliberations.
4. You may be required to participate in a pre-endorsement interview.
5. Return completed documents to:

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association

6215 River Crest Dr. Suite A

Riverside, CA 92507

www.rcdsa.org

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Attn.: Political Action Committee



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Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in RSA's endorsement of your political endeavor. RSA frequently offers its support to candidates who demonstrate a dedication to public safety as well as other matters of interest to the law enforcement community. The following is a summary of how RSA processes requests for its political endorsement. Please keep in mind that this information is being provided as a courtesy to you.

- Candidates must submit a completed copy of the RSA endorsement application and candidate questionnaire in order to be considered for an endorsement. These documents must be returned to the RSA office prior to the filing deadline for the office that you are seeking. Endorsement applications and candidate questionnaires may be obtained by downloading it from the RSA website (www.rcdsa.org) or by calling the RSA office — (951) 653-5152.
- RSA will not usually issue an endorsement prior to filing deadlines, however, early endorsement requests will be considered. Such requests may be made in writing or in person before the Association's Political Action Committee (PAC).
- Each candidate is evaluated by the RSA-PAC. This process usually involves a review of your application, questionnaire and personal history, and may require your participation in an interview before the committee. If an interview is necessary you will be contacted by RSA to arrange a date and time for the interview.
- Once the RSA-PAC has completed its evaluation, a recommendation is submitted to the Association Board of Directors for consideration. Only the RSA Board of Directors is authorized to issue a political endorsement on behalf of the organization. Individual officers, directors and staff members are not authorized to endorse on behalf of RSA.
- All efforts will be made to notify candidates of a decision as soon as possible following action by our Board of Directors. Such notifications are made in writing, on official RSA letterhead and signed by the Association's president. No candidate is authorized to publish nor use the RSA endorsement without receiving the official written notification of endorsement by the RSA.
- RSA reserves the right to withdraw its endorsement at any time and/or to modify this procedure for any reason and without prior notice.

For further details, contact RSA's representative.



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Endorsement Application

CANDIDATE FOR WHAT OFFICE:

_____ Ward/District: _____

Name: _____

Committee ID Number: _____

Filling Dates for this office: Opens ___/___/_____ Closes ___/___/_____

Election Cycle: Primary General Run-off Special Election

Campaign Office Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Residence Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Campaign Manager: _____

Political Affiliation: DEM REP Other Date of Birth: ___/___/_____

Education: _____

Employment/Career Background: _____

How long have you lived in Riverside County, California or USA: _____

Public Service Background/Memberships/Affiliations (include dates): _____

Have you or any family member ever served in law enforcement? Yes No

If so, where? _____

Have you ever been convicted of any crime? Yes No

If yes, explain briefly: _____

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed _____

Date ___/___/_____



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Basic Candidate Questionnaire

PART 1 — PUBLIC SAFETY

Please answer the following questions, and please elaborate on your answers.

1. What is your position on allowing illegal immigrants to obtain California drivers' licenses? Why?

1a. Is this a risk to public safety? Why or why not?

2. Do you support allowing law enforcement to accept the Matricula Consular as valid identification?

3. Do you believe that local law enforcement is equipped to handle terrorist threats? Why or why not?



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4. Do you believe the federal government is adequately enforcing the United States border? Why or why not?

5. Should local law enforcement play a role in border protection? Why or why not?

6. What are your views on individuals or organizations in our State that fly a flag of another nation above the American flag or in place of the American flag?

7. Do you support the privatization of security forces at County Court? Why or why not?

8. Do you support California's death penalty? Why or why not?



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9. Do you support the legalization of any controlled substances? Why or why not?

10. Do you support California's "Three Strikes" law? Why or why not?

11. Should California's "Three Strikes" law be amended to ensure non-violent felons are not imprisoned for life?

12. Civilian Review Boards are comprised of lay people from the community, and are tasked with reviewing standard operating procedures, as well as special circumstances of misconduct, within local law enforcement agencies.

What is your position on the use of Civilian Review Boards to oversee law enforcement operations? Why?



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13. Are you in favor of building more jails/correctional facilities to relieve the overcrowding in the jails, both statewide and within Riverside County?

14. Are you in favor of hiring more judges to relieve the backlog in the courts?

15. What do you view as the 3-5 most important issues facing law enforcement today? What, if any, specific solutions can you offer?

16. Please rank the following budget areas in order of priority for you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | |



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PART 2 — LABOR RELATIONS

The rights which California peace officers are currently afforded under the Public Safety Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights, as defined in *California Government Code section 3303-3311*, were established after years of effort by many who wanted to see that law enforcement officers in California would be free from abusive, arbitrary and unfair treatment by overzealous or politically motivated officials in internal discipline matters.

19. Do you support the Public Safety Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights? Why or why not?

20. Do you believe peace officers and/or other public safety personnel should have fewer rights than any other citizen, the same rights, or more rights? Please explain your reasoning.

21. Through the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, peace officers and other public safety employees are given the right to form Bargaining Units in order to negotiate with their employers on issues of wages, benefits and working conditions. This process is commonly known as "collective bargaining."

Do you support collective bargaining rights for public safety professionals? Why or why not?



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22. Current law grants law enforcement the right to seek binding arbitration when it cannot reach agreement with public employers over economic issues. It allows the governing body of public employers to reject an arbitration panel's decision by a unanimous vote.

What is your position on binding arbitration for contract negotiations? Why?

23. Various elected officials have proposed reforming the pension system for public employees, including law enforcement professionals. One such proposal would change the current "defined benefit plan," which guarantees specific retirement benefits under CalPERS, to a privatized "defined contribution system" in which retirement checks would vary based on employees' investments performance.

Do you support this pension reform? Why?

24. Should the general public or the media have the right, under the Public Records Act, to have unrestricted access to officer personnel files, or be part of a disciplinary hearing involving an officer?

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed _____

Date ____/____/____



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Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

PART 3 — FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY

25. How would you describe the difference between appointed and elected judges?
Do you have any recommendations for how judicial elections could be de-politicized?

26. How do you view the role of the judicial system vis-à-vis the other branches of government?

27. What is your judicial philosophy? For example, do you believe the law should be interpreted literally, or should judges review the legislative body's intentions in the context of the times we live in?

28. (If applicable) Please cite a specific case in which the way you ruled most exemplifies your judicial philosophy.
