2018 Candidate Questionnaire - House

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Office for which you are running: Congress, CA 48
Date of Election: June 5th 2018, Nov 6th 2018
Campaign Manager: Mike McLaughlin
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Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites - with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests. As a grassroots PAC, PDA operates inside the Democratic Party, and outside in movements for peace and justice.
The Congressional Progressive Caucus

Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to immediately join the Congressional Progressive Caucus?

Yes  No  If not, why not?

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Lobbyist

Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to NOT become a paid lobbyist for at least 5 years after you leave Congress?

Yes  No  If not, why not?

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PDA Issues

PDA focuses on fundamental issues of concern to voters. The questions are grouped, but all issues are equally important. Your answers to the questions below will be used to help determine whether to endorse you in the race for this office.
Notice to Candidate:

The questions below refer to legislation introduced by bill number in the 115th Congress. By checking YES as your answer, you pledge that, if elected, you will immediately co-sponsor the reintroduced version of these bills in the 116th Congress.

Presidential Fitness

H.R. 1987  To establish the Oversight Commission on Presidential Capacity, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep. Jamie Raskin

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Healthcare:

_Millions of Americans have no reliable access to health care and millions more have inadequate or overly expensive coverage. Despite spending twice as much as other developed nations on health care, our system performs poorly. Private U.S. insurance gatekeepers soak up one-third of expenditures. Pharmaceutical interests overcharge Americans by avoiding price competition._

**H.R. 676**  
Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act  
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers  

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**H.R. 771**  
Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance  
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee  

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**H.R. 242**  
Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017  
Sponsor: Rep. Peter Welch  

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**H.R. 1776**  
**Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Jan Schakowsky

- **Yes**  
- **No**  
- **If not, why not?? (50 word limit)**

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**H.R. 947**  
**Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (The Family Act) of 2017**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Rosa DeLauro

- **Yes**  
- **No**  
- **If not, why not?? (50 word limit)**

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**H.R. 934**  
**Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2017**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Keith Ellison

- **Yes**  
- **No**  
- **If not, why not?? (50 word limit)**

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War and Peace

Terrorism should be treated as a crime, not as a pretext for war and global military expansion. Nuclear weapons are too dangerous to serve the strategic interests of any country and must be abolished. Initiatives to promote peace, disarmament, and the rule of international law will allow the US military budget to return to the 1998 peacetime level. We must bring our troops home to their families and redirect wasteful military spending to reinvest in America.

**H.R. 1111**  
Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2017  
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee  
Yes No  
If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 1229**  
Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force  
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee  
Yes No  
If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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**H.R. 608**  
Stop Arming Terrorists Act  
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard  
Yes No  
If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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PDA National Endorsement Policy - 2018  
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H.R. 4867  No Unconstitutional Strike against North Korea Act
Sponsor: Rep. Ro Khana

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 669  Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Ted Lieu

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
Global Warming/The Environment


**H.R. 3671**  
Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (OFF Act)  
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

**Yes**  
No  
If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

**H.R. 3314**  
100 by ’50 Act  
Sponsor: Rep. Jared Polis

**Yes**  
No  
If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

**H.R. 2242**  
Keep it in the Ground Act  
Sponsor: Rep. Jared Huffman

**Yes**  
No  
If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
Election Integrity:

*Big-money domination threatens our election system. Incumbents are unfairly insulated by district gerrymandering. Voters face political and racial obstacles to voting and getting their votes counted. Digital voting systems and internet voting are vulnerable to error and manipulation and defy verification. Only an auditable paper ballot can protect our right to vote.*

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<td>Automatic Voter Registration Act</td>
<td>Rep. David Cicilline</td>
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<td>Constitutional Right to Vote</td>
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<td>Same Day Registration Act of 2017</td>
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**H.R. 12**  
**Voter Empowerment Act of 2017**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Lewis

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**H.R. 787**  
**Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2017**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Steve Cohen

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Economic and Social Justice:

The enormous wealth disparity between the top 1% and the rest of America is an unsustainable economic and social injustice. Will you work for an economic recovery that employs all those willing and able, that houses all those needing shelter, and that imposes the cost based on the ability to pay.

H.R. 1144  
Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2017  
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison  
Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)  

H.R. 15  
Raise The Wage Act of 2017  
Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)  

H.R. 1000  
Jobs For All Act  
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers  
Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)  

H.R. 1902  
Social Security Act of 2017  
Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
H.R. 1114  Social Security Expansion Act
Sponsor:  Rep. Peter DeFazio

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 40  Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act
Sponsor:  Rep. John Conyers

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 4396  ME TOO Congress Act
Sponsor:  Rep. Jackie Speier

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 4152  Fair Employment Protection Act of 2017
Sponsor:  Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
Do you support, and would you pledge to author and introduce legislation in the House of Representatives identical to current Senate bill as shown below:

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<th>The Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act</th>
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EMERGENCY AID FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

The climate change-intensified natural disasters of 2017 have laid bare the federal government’s current response as both politicized and racist. How would you identify and legislatively fix underlying structural flaws in federal disaster relief and preparedness funding to ensure more timely, equitable, a effective federal responses to future events? (No more than 250 words)

The recent natural disasters and our federal government’s response are unacceptable. We must take legislative action to address and combat climate change but of equal importance, we must do more to address federal disaster relief. Responding to natural disasters is the responsibility of a civilized people and our federal government. I strongly oppose short-sighted and mean-spirited proposals calling to reform the Stafford Act that would shift the cost burden for disaster recovery to states when they need the assistance of our federal government the most. I also oppose changes that increasing the spending threshold for FEMA assistance. We must do more to promote equity in disaster relief resource allocation, provide equitable long-term assistance to affected regions and invest in resilient housing and infrastructure.
Corporate Rule

Big corporations and banks dominant our political process, spending billions to lobby for programs against the public interest, and to privatize public services for profit. This erodes the middle class, destroys vital services, increases poverty, and undermines our nation. Congress must work to return our government to the people, improve services, stand up to corporate lobbyists, and stop the privatization of public services. We need a constitutional amendment to establish that corporations are not people and that money does not equal speech.

H.R. 2585 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Michael Capuano
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HJ Res 88 Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporations
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HJ Res 31 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections
Sponsor: Ted Deutch
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
Mass Criminalization

The United States houses 25% of the world's inmates despite having only 5% of the world's population. The prison industrial complex has a vested interest in keeping people locked up. The growth of private, for-profit prisons has placed incarceration beyond public view. The administration of justice system is prejudiced against the poor and minorities.

H.R. 3227  Justice Is Not For Sale Act
Sponsor: Rep. Raul Grijalva

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1498  End Racial Profiling Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 65  Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education (RAISE Act)
Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
Equality Issues

The belief in equality, including religious equality, is a part of the founding documents of our nation and an important part of our national identity. Equality still has not been achieved by most groups in this country. We hope and expect that our endorsed Candidates will sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or support legislation that furthers the reach of equality to any and all groups seeking equal status.

HJ Res 53
Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1869
Paycheck Fairness
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 489
No Religious Registry Act pf 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Suzan DelBene
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
Immigration

We strongly support Comprehensive Immigration Reform that promotes fairness, equality, labor rights, family unification, integration, a program for legal residency and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

H.R. 3440  Dream Act of 2017  
Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1036  American Families United Act  
Sponsor: Rep. Beto O’Rourke

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1006  To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.  
Sponsor: Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Yes  No  If not, why not?? (50 word limit)
### Education

*Education in the USA is unaffordable for the majority of Americans. The securitization of student debt has placed our students at the mercy of corporate predators. Minorities are denied equal access to education. We work to make our education system accessible and affordable to all.*

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<th>College For All Act</th>
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<td>Rep. Frederica Wilson</td>
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General

Please provide us with information in the sections provided below, some information about your campaign:

• Your campaign plan with some *detail*

  Our campaign is committed to running an inclusive grassroots campaign. We are working to articulate progressive positions, including but not limited too Medicare For All and Free College tuition in ways that will appeal to Coastal Republicans and NPP voters. Our campaign also has outreach efforts to Hispanic and Vietnamese communities. Our campaign has built a diverse grassroots volunteer network that will spread our message through canvassing and phone-banking.

• Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign,

  Our campaign has raised over $1.75 million dollars. According to Indivisible 48 our campaign has raised the most money in district and has the highest number of unique donors in district. We are committed to running a grassroots campaign that is needed to excite the Democratic base and beat Dana Rohrabacher.

• grassroots support

  Our campaign has won every straw poll held by grassroots organizations, including 3 straw polls conducted following the Indivisible OC 48 debate series. Recently HB Huddle, a grassroots organization formed in Huntington Beach after the 2016 election conducted a straw poll where we received over 60% of the vote. We are proud to have over 1,000 grassroots volunteers.
• your campaign staff in place
  Mike McLaughlin – Campaign Manager
  Katharine Abrahamson – Finance
  David Kilstein – Field Director
  Avery Counts and Nathan Searcy – Field Organizers

_______________________________  ________________________
Signature of Candidate                  Date

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
  We believe that an informed electorate is
  the greatest assurance of a strong democracy.