



## Candidate Questionnaire

### 1. General Information

Candidate Name: Ray Mueller

Office Sought: District 3 San Mateo County Supervisor

Proposed Ballot Designation:  
(Or Occupation Listing)

Councilmember / Businessperson / Father

Campaign Mailing Address:

Candidate/Body Person Cell Phone:

650-776-8995

Candidate Email Address:  
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### 2. Campaign Team

Provide the names, email, and cell phone numbers for your campaign team:

#### **Contact 1**

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#### **Contact 2 (optional)**

Name:  
Email:  
Phone:

#### **Contact 3 (optional)**

Name:

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Email:  
Phone:

**3. Elected Office**

Do you currently, or have you ever held public office?

Yes

If yes, which public office(s) have you held and when did you do so?  
Menlo Park City Councilmember since 1992.

**4. Personal and Political Background**

Current Occupation: Counsel, IEM

Are you a registered Democrat? Yes

Have you ever been registered with another political party or selected "Decline to State" or "No Party Preference" for your voter registration party affiliation, and if so, for what period?

In less than 250 words, briefly summarize your personal background (work experience, education, community involvement, etc.).

In law school I worked for the Public Law Research Institute in San Francisco, and interned for the Legislative Counsel's Office in Sacramento, providing legal advice to members of the California State Legislature.

After law school, I worked as a trial attorney/litigator, primarily representing individuals and families in product liability personal injury and wrongful death cases, for 12 years. I have represented hundreds of union members in the Building and Trades professions in individual lung cancer personal injury and wrongful death cases. I also have litigated against tobacco companies and car manufacturers for defective products that catastrophically injured people.

In 2012, after getting elected to city council, I went to work for former State Senator and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, and served as his Chief of Staff on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Thereafter, I have worked as an attorney in different capacities for companies focused on serving and helping people, first in education, then in the emergency response and recovery sector.

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Today, I work as an attorney and technology director for a national homeland security / emergency response and recovery services provider. We work with FEMA and other state and local agencies, in response to crises like Covid-19, Hurricanes and Wildfires. As a result of my work in this area, Richard Serino, Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, National Preparedness Initiative; formerly the Deputy Director of FEMA (Obama Administration, 2009-2014) has endorsed me in this race.

Education

Bachelors of Science, College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley

Juris Doctor, UC Hastings College of the Law

Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, eCornell, Cornell University

What endorsements have you received from organizations and prominent individuals?  
(You may either use the space below or attach a separate list.)

ORGANIZATIONS

The Sierra Club – Loma Prieta Chapter

San Mateo County Firefighters Local 2400

The California Nurses Association / National Nurses Organizing Political Action  
Committee

SEIU – United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW)

San Mateo County Farm Bureau

San Mateo County Coastside Democrats

San Mateo County Democratic Party

San Mateo County Labor Council COPE

San Mateo County API Caucus

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 829

International Brotherhood of Teamsters 350

International Brotherhood of Teamsters 856

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council 7

Plumbers & Pipefitters LOCAL 467

Service Employees International Union Local 521

Menlo Park Police Officers Association

San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff's Association

San Mateo County Association of Realtors (SAMCAR)

Silicon Valley Association of Realtors (SILVAR)

Federal Elected Officials

Anna Eshoo, Congresswoman, 18th District, former San Mateo County Supervisor

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Eric Swalwell, Congressman, 15th District

State Elected Officials

Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor, State of California

Betty Yee, Controller, State of California

Steve Westly, former Controller, State of California

Josh Becker, Senator, California State Senate

Jerry Hill, former Senator, California State Senate, former San Mateo County Supervisor

S. Joseph Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor; former Senator, California State Senate

Kevin Mullin, Speaker Pro Tem, California State Assembly

Marc Berman, Assemblymember, California State Assembly

Jim Cunneen, former Assemblymember, California State Assembly

Current and Former County Supervisors and County Elected Officials

Anna Eshoo, Congresswoman; former San Mateo County Supervisor

Dave Pine, Vice President, San Mateo County Supervisor

Warren Slocum, San Mateo County Supervisor

Adrienne Tissier, former San Mateo County Supervisor

Jerry Hill, former Senator, California State Senate; former San Mateo County Supervisor

Tom Huening, former San Mateo County Supervisor

Mike Wasserman, President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

S. Joseph Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor; former Senator, California State Senate

Nancy Magee, Superintendent of San Mateo County Schools

Anne Campbell, former Superintendent of San Mateo County Schools

Sandie Arnott, San Mateo County Treasurer Tax Collector

Juan Raigoza, San Mateo County Controller

Jeff Rosen, Santa Clara County District Attorney

Current and Former City Councilmember Endorsements from Supervisorial District 3

Rick Degolia, Mayor, Atherton

Bill Widmer, Vice Mayor, Atherton

Diana Hawkins Maneulian, City Councilmember, Atherton

Elizabeth Lewis, City Councilmember, Atherton

Bob Polito, City Councilmember, Atherton

Mike Lempres, former Vice Mayor, Atherton

Jim Janz, former Mayor, Atherton

Julia Mates, Mayor, Belmont

Warren Lieberman, City Councilmember, Belmont

Tom McCune, City Councilmember, Belmont

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Debbie Ruddock, Mayor, Half Moon Bay  
Deborah Penrose, Vice Mayor, Half Moon Bay  
Robert Brownstone, City Councilmember, Half Moon Bay  
Harvey Rarback, City Councilmember, Half Moon Bay  
Joaquin Jimenez, City Councilmember, Half Moon Bay  
Al Adreveno, former Mayor, Half Moon Bay  
Mike Ferreira, former Mayor, Half Moon Bay  
Rick Kowalczyk, former Mayor, Half Moon Bay  
"Farmer John" Muller, former Mayor, Half Moon Bay  
Drew Combs, City Councilmember, Menlo Park  
Gerry Andeen, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
John Boyle, former Vice Mayor, Menlo Park  
Catherine Carlton, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Rich Cline, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Bob Burmeister, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Nicholas Jellins, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Chuck Kinney, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Bob McNamara, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Gail Slocum, former Mayor, Menlo Park  
Mickie Winkler, former Mayor Menlo Park  
Mary Bier, Mayor, Pacifica  
Tygerjas TwyrIs Bigstyck, Mayor Pro Tem, Pacifica  
Sue Beckmeyer, City Councilmember, Pacifica  
Mike O'Neill, City Councilmember, Pacifica  
Sue Vaterlaus, City Councilmember, Pacifica  
Karen Ervin, former Mayor, Pacifica  
Ginny Jaquith, former Mayor, Pacifica  
John Keener, former Mayor, Pacifica  
Deirdre Martin, former Mayor, Pacifica  
Mary Ann Nihart, former Mayor, Pacifica  
Craig Hughes, Mayor, Portola Valley  
Sarah Wernikoff, Vice Mayor, Portola Valley  
Jeff Aalfs, City Councilmember, Portola Valley  
John Richards, City Councilmember, Portola Valley  
Ann Wengert, former Mayor, Portola Valley  
Ron Collins, City Councilmember, San Carlos  
John Dugan, City Councilmember, San Carlos  
Don Eaton, former Mayor, San Carlos  
Bob Grassilli, former Mayor, San Carlos  
Andy Klein, former Mayor, San Carlos  
Sally Mitchell, former Mayor, San Carlos  
Sylvia Nelson, former Mayor, San Carlos  
Mark Olbert, former Mayor, San Carlos  
Dick Brown, Mayor, Woodside

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Chris Shaw, Vice Mayor, Woodside  
John Carvell, City Councilmember, Woodside  
Brian Dombkowski, City Councilmember, Woodside  
Ned Fluet, City Councilmember, Woodside  
Sean Scott, City Councilmember, Woodside  
Jenn Wall, City Councilmember, Woodside  
Deborah Gordon, former Mayor, Woodside  
Daniel Yost, former Mayor, Woodside

Regional Current and Former City Councilmember Endorsements

Sepi Richardson, former Councilmember, Brisbane  
Michael Brownrigg, City Councilmember, Burlingame  
Pamela Digiovanni, City Councilmember, Daly City  
Lisa Gauthier, City Councilmember, East Palo Alto  
Regina Wallace-Jones, City Councilmember, East Palo Alto  
Larry Moody, former Mayor, East Palo Alto  
Donna Rutherford, former Mayor, East Palo Alto  
Pat Burt, Mayor, Palo Alto  
Tom Dubois, City Councilmember, Palo Alto  
Eric Filseth City Councilmember, Palo Alto  
Greer Stone, City Councilmember, Palo Alto  
Karen Holman, Former Mayor, Palo Alto  
Yoriko Kishimoto, Former Mayor, Palo Alto  
Richa Awasthi, Mayor, Foster City  
Sam Hindi, City Councilmember, Foster City  
Sanjay Gehani, Cirt Councilmember, Foster City  
Christine Krolik, City Councilmember, Hillsborough  
Annie Oliva, City Councilmember, Millbrae  
Ellen Kamei, Mayor, Mountain View  
Margaret Abe Koga, former Mayor, Mountain View  
Alicia Aguirre, City Councilmember, Redwood City  
Ian Bain, former Mayor, Redwood City  
Janet Borgens, former City Councilmember, Redwood City  
Rico Medina, Mayor, San Bruno  
Joe Goethels, City Councilmember, San Mateo  
Amourence Lee, City Councilmember, San Mateo  
Eric Rodriguez, City Councilmember, San Mateo  
Maureen Freschett, former Mayor, San Mateo  
Sabina Zafar, City Councilmember, San Ramon  
Mark Nagales, Mayor, South San Francisco

District Elected Officials

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Dr. Ginny McShane, former Director, Coastside Fire District (5 terms)  
Steve Stockman, Coastside Fire Protection District  
Jim McLaughlin, Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District; retired Division Chief,  
California Highway Patrol  
Rob Silano, Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, retired Special Agent, Drug  
Enforcement Agency  
Peter Carpenter, former Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District  
Rex Ianson, former Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District  
Stephen Nachtsheim, former Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District  
Jack Nelson, former Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District  
Karen Holman, Director, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District  
Yoriko Kishimoto, Director, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District  
Jed Cyr, Director, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District  
Curt Riffle, Director, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District  
Pete Siemens, Director, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District  
Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, Director, Mid-Pen Regional Open Space District  
Larry Hassett, Director, Mid-Pen Regional Open Space District  
Cecily Harris, former Director Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District  
Claire Toutant, President, Midcoast Community Council  
Jill Grant, Councilmember, Midcoast Community Council  
Dave Olson, Councilmember, Midcoast Community Council  
Jim Harvey, Montara Water Board  
Chris Mickelsen, Coastside Water Board  
Barbara Dye, President, Granada Community Services District  
Nancy Marsh, Vice President, Granada Community Services District  
David Seaton, Director, Granada Community Services District  
Jen Coleman, Director, Ladera Recreation District  
Ed Larenas, San Mateo County Harbor District  
Gary Kremen, Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Edward Moritz, Director, West Bay Sanitary District  
Roy Thiele-Sardina, Director, West Bay Sanitary District  
David Walker, Director, West Bay Sanitary District  
Julia Miller, Director, El Camino Healthcare District

Education Elected Officials and Local School District Superintendents

David Ackerman, Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Sherwin Chen, Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Stacey Jones, Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Scott Saywell, Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Mark Box, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Karen Canty, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Jeff Child, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Deborah Fitz, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District

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Maria Hilton, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Scott Hinshaw, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Joan Lambert, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Gordon Lewin, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District; former Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District  
Laura Linkletter-Rich, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Carol Orton, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Nancy Serrurier, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Terry Thygesen, former Trustee, Menlo Park City School District  
Molly Finn, Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Gautam Nadella, Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Dana Nunn, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Maria Doktorczyk, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
John Earnhardt, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Christy Heaton, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Diane Honda, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Ann Jaquith, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Jay Siegel, former Trustee, Las Lomitas School District  
Lisa Cesario, former Superintendent, Las Lomitas School District  
Eric Hartwig, former Superintendent, Las Lomitas School District  
Lizet Cortes, President, Cabrillo Unified School District  
Mary Beth Alexander, Vice President, Cabrillo Unified School District  
Kimberly Hines, Trustee, Cabrillo Unified School District  
Sophia Layne, Trustee, Cabrillo Unified School District  
Dave Myerovich, Board Member, La Honda – Pescadero Unified School District  
Elizabeth Bredall, President, Pacifica Unified School District  
Neil Layton, President, San Carlos School District  
Seth Rosenblatt, former Trustee, San Carlos School District  
Neil Sequeira, Trustee, Woodside School District  
Rich Ginn, Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District, former Trustee Las Lomitas School District  
Alan Sarver, Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District  
Shawneece Stevenson, Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District  
Chris Thomsen, Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District  
Allen Weiner, former Trustee, Sequoia Union High School District  
Lisa Petrides, Trustee, San Mateo County Community College District  
John Pimentel, Trustee, San Mateo County Community College District  
Joe Ross, Trustee, San Mateo County Board of Education  
Rod Hsaio, former Trustee, San Mateo County Board of Education  
Dennis McBride, former Redwood City School District Director  
County Commissioners  
Lisa Ketcham, Commissioner, San Mateo County Planning Commission

Nonprofit & Community Leaders



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Endorsements are from individuals, not organizations. Organizations are provided for individual identification purposes only

Belinda Arriaga, Founder, Farmworker Advocate

Rachel Bickerstaff, President, Belle Haven Neighborhood Association

Rose Bickerstaff, former President, Belle Haven Neighborhood Association

Carolyn Bowsher, Menlo Park Community Leader

Drew Dunlevie, The Guild Theater, Menlo Park

Rod Ferguson, Director, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Former Chair of Board of Directors, LifeMoves

Nicole Fernandez, former Chair, San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee (2019 – 2020)

Katie Ferrick, Menlo Park Community Leader

Carl Guardino, former CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Cecily Harris, former Chair of the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee (2017 – 2018)

Lorri Holzberg, Chair, Peninsula Democratic Coalition

Kari Mueller, Chair, San Mateo County Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

Renu Nanda, Former Executive Director, Ravenswood Education Foundation

Alex Ontiveros, Silicon Valley Latino

Asit Panwala, Former President of the Northern California Chapter of the South Asian Bar Association

Lilli Rey – Democratic Activist

Lennie Roberts, Conservationist and Environmental Advocate

Victoria Sanchez De Alba, Farmworker Advocate

Michele Sharkey, Founder, San Francisco 49ers Academy; Non-Profit Leader

Terry Sprague, Community Leader

Emy Thurber, Board Member, Peninsula Democratic Coalition

April Vargas, San Mateo County Democratic Organizer and Activist

Toi Cook, Stanford Hall of Fame, retired San Francisco 49er, Super Bowl Champion, 1994

Ronnie Lott, NFL Hall of Fame, retired San Francisco 49er, Super Bowl Champion, 1981, 1984, 1988, 1989

John Paye, Stanford Hall of Fame, retired San Francisco 49er, Super Bowl Champion, 1988

John Taylor, retired San Francisco 49er, Super Bowl Champion 1988, 1989, 1994

Small Business Owners

Anna and Dexter Chow, Cheeky Monkey, Menlo Park

Jesse Cool, Flea Street Cafe, Unincorporated West Menlo Park

Joe Cotchett, Cotchett, Pitre and McCarthy LLP

Ali Elsafy, Owner, Bistro Vida, Menlo Park

Tim Harrison, Canyon Inn, Emerald Hills

Greg Kuzia-Carmel, Camper, Downtown Menlo Park

Bob Lutticken, Lutticken's, Unincorporated West Menlo Park

Lenny Mendonca, Owner of the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, Princeton by the Sea

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Keet Neerhan, Oceana Hotel, Half Moon Bay  
 Vasily Oros, Ace Hardware, Downtown Menlo Park  
 Bruce Russell, KenMark, Half Moon Bay  
 Cherith Spicer, Namesake Cheesecake, Menlo Park  
 Greg Stern, Owner of the Dutch Goose, Unincorporated West Menlo Park  
 Sema Tosun, Owner, Stamp Bar and Grill San Carlos  
 Rob Trice, Founding Partner Better Food Ventures & The Mixing Bowl

Subject Matter Experts

Chief Dan Ghorso, Retired Fire Chief, Woodside Fire Protection District  
 Chief Bob Jonsen, former Menlo Park Police Chief  
 Chief Dan DeSmidt, retired Belmont Police Chief  
 Richard Serino, Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, National Preparedness Initiative; formerly the Deputy Director of FEMA (Obama Administration, 2009-2014)  
 Glen Rojas, Chair, Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, former Menlo Park City Manager  
 Bill McClure, former Menlo Park City Attorney  
 Cara Silver, former Menlo Park City Attorney

5. Check boxes:

Previously held positions in the 2022 election cycle:  
 In the 2022 cycle have you:

<input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you affirmed to any other organization to boycott or not take trips to Israel from any particular sponsor to learn about Israel or Palestine?
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you endorsed, supported or opposed any bills as a result of your position, would reduce, withhold or condition aid to Israel?

In the past five years, have you:

<input type="checkbox"/> No	Participated in an organized activity, including a forum, on Israel or related issues?
<input type="checkbox"/> No	While holding office, introduced or co-sponsored legislation (other than purely ceremonial, supportive measures) on Israel or related issues or the Jewish community? If yes, please specify which kinds in this box below:

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**6. Policy Questions**

Please describe your positions on the following issues. Please limit your responses to 250 words for each response. If you wish, one response may include up to 500 words.

1. Please describe your relationship, if any, with the Jewish community in the area you serve as an elected official: I have many friends in my community on a personal and professional level who are members of the Jewish community. I served as co-Chair of Josh Becker's transition committee and worked on his campaign for state senate. I have worked Assemblymember Marc Berman for years. Both have endorsed my campaign, as well as Lorie Holzberg, Chair of the Peninsula Democratic Club.
2. Hate Crimes: Do you see Anti-Semitism as a Hate Crime? How do you propose working on Hate Crimes if you are elected? Yes. I believe it's time to end freedom of speech protections for Hate Speech. I believe the time has come to recognize hate speech on the basis of race and religion as obscenity, remove it's freedom of speech protections, and allow it to be prosecuted appropriately.
3. Do you support or oppose efforts to boycott Israel (BDS)? Have you had any discussions with your community about BDS? No I don't support efforts to boycott Israel. I have not had discussion with my community on this topic.
4. Ethnic Studies Program: Would you support state policies that ensure that Jewish-American lesson plans are included in the Ethnic Studies curriculum? Would you work to change lesson plans that denigrate Jews, Judaism and Israel? Yes and absolutely yes.

5. As a Democrat, what steps can we take to help fight anti-Semitism on both the left and the right? We must call out and denounce anti-semitism, both on the right and the left. We need to work to promote candidates who will not tolerate antisemitism in any form.
6. What other issues do you think are unique or important to the Jewish and pro-Israel community, and how do you propose to make a difference with these issues and keep in touch with the community?

As found on the Club website.

- **To foster democratic ideas by stimulating active interest in the Democratic Party**, to support the party platform, contribute to party leadership and responsibility, to provide a constructive role for volunteers in Democratic politics, and to promote an activist base
- **To advocate for the values of the Jewish community** including Tikkun Olam, social equality, justice, and the defense of a democratic, inclusive, secure Israel within the Democratic Party and its constituent parts
- **To advocate for the election and support of the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates** to the Jewish and Pro-Israel community. JDCSV supports a two-state solution that allows Palestinian citizens to exercise self-determination within their borders and Israeli citizens to exercise self-determination within their borders.

I support all of these goals and will advocate for them in my role as an elected official.

Thank you for your time and effort to complete this Questionnaire

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