

MPOA CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Murrieta Police Officers Association (MPOA) endorsement of your political endeavor. MPOA frequently offers its support to candidates who demonstrate a dedication to public safety and other matters of interest to the law enforcement community. The following is a summary of how MPOA processes requests for its political endorsements.

Candidates must submit a completed copy of the MPOA endorsement application and questionnaire in order to be considered for an endorsement. These documents must be returned to the MPOA office prior to the filing deadline for the office that you are seeking. Endorsement applications and candidate questionnaires may be obtained by downloading them from the MPOA website at www.Murrietapoa.com

Completed copies of the endorsement applications and questionnaires can be turned in to a POA Board of Directors member or mailed to:

**Murrieta Police Officers Association,
25060 Hancock Avenue
Suite 103, Box 152
Murrieta, California, 92562
Attention: Political Action Committee**

- Each candidate is individually evaluated by the MPOA-PAC. This process usually involves the review of your application, questionnaire, personal history, participation in an interview before the committee, and a ride-along with an MPOA member. A MPOA-PAC member will contact you to schedule an interview after your application; questionnaire, and personal history is reviewed.
- The MPOA will usually not issue an endorsement prior to filing deadline, however, early endorsement requests will be considered. Such requests may be made in writing to the Association's Political Action Committee (PAC).
- Once the MPOA-PAC has completed its evaluation and interview, a recommendation is submitted to the MPOA Board of Directors for consideration. Only the MPOA Board of Directors is authorized to issue political endorsements on behalf of the organization. Individual officers, directors and staff members are not authorized to endorse on behalf of the MPOA.
- 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 MPOA letterhead and signed by the Association President. No candidate is authorized to publish or use the MPOA endorsement without receiving the official written notification of the endorsement by the MPOA.
- MPOA reserves the right to withdraw/modify its endorsement at any time for any reason without notice.

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ENDORSEMENT DECISION MAKING

The Murrieta Police Officers Association Board of Directors will make all final decisions on majority vote of the directors for endorsements based on the recommendations provided by the MPOA-PAC.

ENDORSEMENT ACTIONS

An endorsement could consist of any, all or none of the following three “Endorsement Actions”:

1. A written endorsement letter for the candidate.
2. A listing of candidates on the MPOA website at www.Murrietapoa.com who support the MPOA’s targeted issues. Targeted issues are those issues of particular importance to the MPOA and its membership, and subject to final review might include such things as salary, benefits, and other law enforcement issues.
3. Financial support for the candidate.

CRITERIA FOR ENDORSEMENT

The following criteria, in no particular order, will be used by the MPOA-PAC in determining the appropriate Endorsement Action for each candidate.

Completed candidate questionnaire

Leadership positions held

Past active support and assistance in committee or on the floor

Prior experience in community affairs

General and specific interest in commitment

to public safety, officer safety, criminal justice,

and public employee issues.

Opinions of the candidate by other public safety groups

The ability of the candidate to conduct a viable campaign

Voting records if an incumbent

Position on current MPOA issues

Sponsorships

Prior experience in public office

Work experience

Party affiliation of the candidate

Committee assignments

Incumbency

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1. Fill in all information on the application and questionnaire completely. The questionnaire contains questions of significance to the MPOA on both a local, county, and state level. If a question has no significance or applicability to the office you are seeking please mark “No Significance” or “Not Applicable” as appropriate in the space shown for an answer to the question. Please do not leave any question blank.
2. Please complete this form. Once completed, mail this form to us.
3. Include a copy of your resume and any other additional documentation or information you would like the MPOA-PAC to consider during their review of your package.
4. You may be requested to participate in a pre-endorsement interview before MPOA-PAC and a ride-along with an MPOA member. If applicable, an MPOA-PAC member will contact you to schedule an interview and ride along after your application, questionnaire and personal history is reviewed.
5. Return completed documents to:

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PART 1 – CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate for what office _____

Name _____

Committee ID number _____

Filing 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 Democrat _____ Republican _____ Other _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Education

Employment/Career/Background

How long have you lived in Riverside County, California or the United States of America (USA)?

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What city, county and states have you lived in during the last ten (10) years?

Public Service background/memberships/affiliations (include dates)

Have you or a family member ever served in law enforcement yes or no? If so, where?

Have you or a family member ever been convicted of any crime? If yes, briefly explain?

What efforts, if any, have you made at this point in your campaign to determine if you can run a viable campaign, for example polling, financial support, current endorsements? Please be specific

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PART 2 – PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Why should public safety support your candidacy?

2. California is experiencing a significant law enforcement recruitment and retention crisis. What would you do to attract and retain qualified officers?

3. What is your position on current public safety funding levels? Would you support increasing, maintaining, or reducing police budgets, and why?

4. Assembly Bill 1383 would give cities and public safety employees more flexibility to negotiate enhanced PEPRA retirement benefits. Would you support the City of Murrieta pursuing an enhanced retirement benefit?

5. Do you support the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights?

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6. Do you support the implementation and enforcement of Proposition 36, including holding repeat offenders accountable for theft and drug-related offenses, and what role do you believe the city should play in advocating for its full implementation at the county and state levels?

7. What is your position on pretrial release and zero-bail policies and their impact on public safety and recidivism?

8. Do you support or oppose legislation that further restricts an officer's ability to use force to protect themselves and the public (e.g., AB 392, pursuit restrictions)? Please explain.

9. What is your position on police oversight and transparency laws such as SB 2 (officer decertification), SB 16 (personnel record disclosure), and civilian oversight boards?

10. Law enforcement technology — including drones, license plate readers, and AI-assisted tools — is evolving rapidly. What is your position on police use of these technologies and the balance between public safety and privacy?

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PART 3 – MURRIETA COUNCIL CANDIDATES

(Complete this section only if running for Murrieta City Council)

1. Please rank the following five budget items 1-5 in order of priority for you.

- _____ Public Safety
- _____ Infrastructure & Transportation
- _____ Housing & Development
- _____ Community Services & Programs
- _____ Parks & Recreation

2. What programs or policies would you like to see the Murrieta Police Department implement or expand, and would you work to fund them?

3. Will you commit to projecting and funding future staffing needs to ensure public safety keeps pace with the city's growth?

4. How would you address retention and recruitment to keep the Murrieta Police Department a premiere agency?

5. Explain the type of culture you believe the Murrieta Police Department should have.

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PART 4 – LOCAL AUTHORITY & PUBLIC SAFETY

1. What is your philosophy regarding association- city management relations, and what role should employee associations play in helping shape policies that affect their members?

2. How would you ensure that compensation for Murrieta's public safety employees remains competitive with comparable agencies in our region?

3. Do you believe the county should take greater responsibility for vetting applicants, verifying eligibility, and providing ongoing oversight of individuals applying for affordable and low-income housing programs?

4. Would you support the city joining with other municipalities or other local-government organizations to oppose state legislation that you believe unnecessarily interferes with local control?

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PART 5 – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

(Complete this section only if running for a judicial position)

1. What is your judicial philosophy regarding criminal sentencing and public safety?

2. How do you view the role of the judiciary in the context of criminal justice reform efforts in California?

3. If applicable, please cite a specific case or ruling that exemplifies your judicial philosophy.

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

Signed _____ Dated _____

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