



WEST LA DEMOCRATIC CLUB
APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF
ENDORSEMENT AND CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

JOHN ERICKSON

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am a registered Democrat and that the statements in this document and those in any attachments are true and correct. If any part of this application or any information provided during the endorsement process is found to be false, it may be cause for an immediate revocation of any endorsement. I understand that my application is available to any WLADC member upon request.

	John Erickson	12/24/25_____
Signature of Candidate	Print Full Name	Date
<u><i>John Erickson</i></u>		

Please provide written answers to the questions below:

1. Why are you running for this office?

I am running to stick it to Donald Trump et al and fight back with everything we can as a state. But seriously, protecting our democracy and our values are critical reasons why I am running now. It will take the kind of bold, courageous leadership that I will bring to Sacramento to protect the policies he has tried to destroy. Regardless, our state faces serious affordability, equity, and sustainability issues that require bold new policies. I am running to be the kind of bold, courageous leader in Sacramento that I have been in West Hollywood, because I believe new leadership is the only way working families will have a chance to live here safely, healthily, and with dignity.

2. What are your top 3 issues? Include the role that a State Senator can take in addressing those issues and the specific steps/plans you have.

a. Housing and Homelessness

A State Senator has the power to introduce and pass legislation, shape the state budget, and provide oversight of state agencies. I will introduce and support more aggressive housing and homelessness legislation that prioritizes deeply affordable housing, tenant protections, and accountability for state funds. This includes

streamlining approvals for 100% affordable housing, expanding funding for supportive housing and mental health services, strengthening renter protections, and ensuring cities meet their housing obligations. I will also push for stronger oversight to ensure that homelessness dollars are spent effectively and transparently, with measurable outcomes.

b. Fair Revenue and Education Funding

As a State Senator, I can author and vote on tax policy and budget priorities. I will work to pass a wealth tax so the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share, and we can fully fund public education from TK through college. This means stabilizing school funding, expanding access to early childhood education, making higher education more affordable, reducing student debt, and ensuring educators and school staff are paid fairly. Investing in education is one of the most powerful tools we have to reduce inequality and strengthen our economy.

c. Healthcare Affordability and Universal Coverage

State Senators play a critical role in shaping healthcare policy, funding Medi-Cal, and advancing statewide healthcare reforms. I will fight to improve affordability and access to quality healthcare by lowering prescription drug costs, expanding Medi-Cal coverage, protecting reproductive and mental healthcare, and strengthening our healthcare workforce. Building on these reforms, I will work to pass a universal healthcare program that guarantees healthcare as a right—not a privilege—so no one has to choose between seeing a doctor and paying rent.

3. What do you envision for your first bill package?

My first bill package will reflect the priorities and values I've outlined throughout this questionnaire: tackling the affordability crisis, advancing climate resilience, and protecting working families—especially during a time of real budget constraints.

First, I will introduce housing legislation focused on building significantly more affordable housing, particularly near transit, jobs, and schools. This includes streamlining approvals for 100% affordable and supportive housing, strengthening accountability for jurisdictions that fail to meet housing goals, and pairing housing production with anti-displacement protections. Housing is at the center of our affordability, climate, and equity challenges, and the state must lead with policies that make it easier and faster to build homes that working people can afford.

Second, recognizing the budget crisis we are facing, my bill package will prioritize protecting and stabilizing funding for public transit and public education, two areas that working families rely on most and that are

essential to long-term economic stability. I will advance legislation that safeguards transit funding so service cuts don't fall on low-income riders and workers, while also pushing for innovative, sustainable revenue sources to keep buses, trains, and active transportation projects moving forward. At the same time, I will fight to protect classroom funding, expand access from early education through higher education, and ensure that budget shortfalls are not balanced on the backs of students, educators, or staff.

Finally, my first bills will reflect an integrated approach, recognizing that housing, transit, education, climate, and affordability are deeply connected. Investing in affordable housing near transit reduces emissions and household costs. Funding education strengthens our workforce and economic resilience. Even in a difficult budget year, we must make choices that invest in people, not retreat from our values.

My goal for my first bill package is simple: deliver tangible progress on affordability and opportunity, while demonstrating that California can meet this moment with bold, responsible leadership, even in challenging fiscal times.

4. Do you have any mentors in the State Senate? Who?

Senators Sasha Rene Perez, Scott Wiener, Mike McGuire

5. How much do you expect your campaign to cost? How much money have you raised? How do you plan to fund the rest of your budget?

We anticipate the primary campaign will cost a minimum of \$600,000. To date, we have raised over \$300,000, with additional contributions expected before the December 31 filing deadline. We plan to fund the remainder of the campaign through a strong call-time program, multiple large-scale fundraising events, and continued momentum from key endorsements that bring financial support.

6. Who do you see as your main opponents in this election? **Brian Goldsmith**

7. Please list your top five (5) individual and organizational endorsements. **Please see attached list.**

8. How long have you been a registered Democrat? Have you been registered as a member of another political party? If so, which party and why? **I have been a registered Democrat my whole life.**

Please list any Democratic clubs and/or organizations with which you are a member, including the length of your membership and any leadership position you have held in each Democratic club and/or organization.

Stonewall Democratic Club, Miracle Mile Democratic Club, West

Hollywood/Beverly Hills Democratic Club, Santa Monica Democratic Club, Malibu Democratic Club, Westside Democratic Club, PALAD, Asian Democrats of Los Angeles County, Beach Cities Democratic Club, Palos Verdes Democratic Club, Torrance Democratic Club. I served as the Legislative Chair for Stonewall Democratic Club for 4 years.

9. Please list any organizations you are a member of, including the length of your membership and any leadership positions you have held in each organization.
ACLU SoCal (Past President and Board Member), CA Environmental Voters, Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Stonewall Democratic Club, VP California Contract Cities, Member of: National League of Cities, Clean Power Alliance (Board Member), Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Board Member), Hollywood National Organization for Women (NOW) (Former President), Frm. National Board, National Organization for Women and National Organization for Women PAC Member.
10. Please feel free to include any other information you would like us to know about you.

Candidate's Signature _____  _____