



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

**KATY YOUNG YAROSLAVSKY**

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katy Young Yaroslavsky'.

Name of Candidate: Katy Young Yaroslavsky Name of Office Sought / District/Seat Number: Los Angeles City Council, District 5

**Candidate Questionnaire**

**In order to focus on specific questions pertaining to the office you are seeking, please provide written answers to the questions below (please use a separate page if necessary):**

1. Statement of Viability – 250 words or less

I have the resources, team, and coalition of supporters to run the most effective campaign in the race for CD 5. I've raised over half a million dollars, I have \$425,000 cash on hand, and I will receive \$161,000 in matching funds from the City of Los Angeles. Voter contact will be run by my general consultant, Steve Barkan. Paid voter contact will be focused on mail, digital, and field.

My experience makes me the most qualified person for the job, and my approach and politics are a good fit for the new district. People are looking for collaborators and problem solvers of substance who can be trusted to do the work, because we've already been doing the work. I know how to make policies and create programs that will make L.A.'s economy vibrant, equitable, and sustainable. And I understand that most of our biggest challenges – homelessness and housing unaffordability, public health, public safety, sustainability, and our economy – are all regional, intersectional challenges that require regional, intersectional solutions. As the only candidate in this race who's actually worked in government, I'll be able to hit the ground running on Day 1.

I'm the progressive Democrat in this race and a woman – and the first and last time a woman held this seat was in the 1960s. This fact is resonating with lots of L.A. voters who are hungry for better representation. With only 3 out of 15 women currently serving on the L.A. City Council, people want to send a fourth woman to City Hall, especially a working mom.

2. What are your top issues?

Homelessness, affordable housing, climate action.

- 1) **HOMELESSNESS**

There are many reasons people fall into homelessness and various challenges people experiencing homelessness face. The

City's response must likewise be nuanced and multifaceted. For instance, people who very recently became homeless require different interventions than people who have been homeless for a decade. To be successful, we're going to have to do several things better at once, including prevention strategies – financial assistance and free legal counsel for tenants facing eviction – investing in preserving, acquiring, and creating more affordable housing, getting people experiencing homelessness into transitional and permanent supportive housing, and providing comprehensive services and more mental health and addiction beds across the City.

2) AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I'm committed to building out affordable housing and creating mixed-use, walkable, bikeable, diverse urban neighborhoods and business districts. I'll work to update our outdated community plans, so that we can decide together where to put much-needed affordable and workforce housing and other new construction in Council District 5, with prioritization for housing near jobs centers and Metro stations. As a former land use attorney, I know how to do this crucial work, and I'm committed to leading a robust community engagement process.

3) CLIMATE ACTION

As a mom with three young children and as a climate and sustainability policy expert, I am deeply concerned about the short- and long-term health impacts associated with air pollution and the livability of the planet we leave for the next generation. I am determined to make Los Angeles a climate leader nationally and around the world. We can transition in a way that 1) ensures often overlooked communities of color are centered in the conversations/solutions to clean up the environmental burdens disproportionately affecting them, 2) creates good-paying jobs, and 3) makes Los Angeles a much more livable, vibrant, equitable place.

3. 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?

Budget \$750,000; Raised \$520,000 + 161,000 (City match) = \$681,000; I will continue fundraising with the expectation that City spending limits will be lifted.

4. Who do you see as your main opponents in this election?

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5. What are the top three (3) items you expect to accomplish at the completion of your first term of office, if elected?

- 1) Reduce homelessness: We must make meaningful progress on reducing homelessness – both by working to quickly and humanely reduce the number of people on the streets and by focusing resources on homelessness prevention.
- 2) Reduce poverty and make L.A. more affordable: I'm deeply committed to alleviating poverty by producing more affordable and workforce housing near jobs centers and transportation, providing elder care and universal childcare and preschool, strengthening worker and tenant protections, and creating job-training programs and apprenticeships that are pipelines to good-paying careers. By the end of my first term, I plan to have made significant progress on each of these fronts.
- 3) Make L.A. more sustainable and a climate leader: I will continue to champion and push for clean air and water; reliable, affordable public transportation; and access to safe green space and parks for all Angelenos, with a focus on making sure we're acting to minimize impacts in communities that have historically borne a disproportionately large share of negative environmental impacts.

6. Please list your top five (5) individual and organizational endorsements.

1. SEIU (Locals 721, 2015, 121RN, UHW); 2. Fund Her; 3. Congresswoman Karen Bass; 4. State Senator Sydney Kamlager; 5. L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. I expect to hear soon from organizations such as Planned Parenthood and Sierra Club.

7. 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've been a registered Democrat since I was 18 years old and have never been registered as a member of another political party.

8. 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.

I am a member of L.A. Forward Council (joined 2021), Miracle Mile Democratic Club (joined 2020), Heart of L.A. Democratic Club (joined 2019), West L.A. Democratic Club (joined 2019), and Stonewall Democratic Club (joined 2019). I also serve as Roz Wyman's alternate on the Los Angeles County Democratic Party.

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

See answer to question 8 above. Also, I'm a member of the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter (joined 2019).

10. Please feel free to include any other information you would like us to know about you.

I would use your endorsement as a partnership to further our shared values and turn to you as a trusted advisor in crafting progressive policy that moves the City of Los Angeles forward.