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Q1 Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Steve Trujillo
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Q2 What office do you seek to be elected to?

City council, district 7, Watsonville

Q3 Please choose the option best describing your candidacy: Open Seat

Q4 Do you identify as LGBTIQ? Yes, I am gay

Q5 Are you a member of the GLBT Alliance? Yes, I am currently a 2018 member!

Q6 Please describe your qualifications for the elected position you seek. Include your main issues, priorities if elected, key endorsements, plus anything else that you'd like our members to know about you and your candidacy.

I am proud to be a close friend of Jimmy Dutra. As I go door to door, I ask voters to support him as well.

Q7 Why are you seeking the endorsement of Santa Cruz County's grassroots LGBTIQ political organization, the GLBT Alliance?

I want the people of Watsonville to know how proud I am of my relationship to the LGBTIQ community of Santa Cruz county.

Q8 Please tell us about any past or current experiences or involvement you've had addressing LGBTIQ issues or work you've done to support the LGBTIQ community.

My work on behalf of the Diversity Center as board member from 2003-2006 was born out of love. It was there that I met wonderful people who changed my life, including Sharon Papo. The many times I spoke out for LGBTIQ issues as member of the SC school board were again, born out of love.

Q9 What historic political or civil rights struggles are you familiar with that impact LGBTIQ equality?

Harvey Milk's assassination left a profound impact on me. I vowed I would run for office someday if I could muster a campaign. I did, in 2010, run for school board in Santa Cruz at the urging of Ceci Pinheiro and John Laird. The proposition 6 amendment campaign was essential to my ability to stay in my profession, public education. I was determined to stop John Schmitz. I am proud of my work to stop prop 8. I have an active participant in many demonstrations to educate the public about LGBTIQ issues.

Q10 What is your philosophy about working with minority communities of which you are not a member, and how will this manifest in your future work with the LGBTIQ community?

As a Latino, I know all too well how it feels to be outside looking in. I worked with students, parents and colleagues from every minority community living in CA during my 36 year career in public education. I live in an integrated neighborhood. My former partner and lifelong friend is African-American.

Q11 Please describe any programs you know of that impact the LGBTIQ community and that are governed by or funded through the elected office you are running for? Include any suggestions you may have for improving these programs.

I am a member of the steering committee of 60 plus, a proactive arm of the Diversity Center. I was a member of the board of Directors of the DC from 2003-2006. I have already approached Jimmy Dutra about formation of an LGBTIQ commission in Santa Cruz County. We need to do this.

Q12 If elected, how would you use your position to help further issues of importance to the LGBTIQ community?

I will be available to all in our community. My cell phone and email will be public information. I will speak on behalf of LGBTIQ issues. I am hopeful a county LGBTIQ commission will address the needs of our community.

Q13 If you receive the GLBT Alliance's endorsement, will you display it in your campaign literature?

Yes, please send me the GLBT Alliance's logo (jpg file) so I can proudly announce the endorsement on my campaign literature, social media and website!
