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Q1 Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Paige Concannon
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Q2 What office do you seek to be elected to?

Santa Cruz City Council

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

Q4 Do you identify as LGBTIQ? **No, but I strive to be a LGBTIQ ally!**

Q5 Are you a member of the GLBT Alliance? **No, but I'd like information on how I can become a 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.

Main issues: Public Safety, Public health, needle exchange, homelessness. I am not a politician, I am a member of my community who cares about what is happening in our town! I would like to help get some things changes so that we all can live in a safe and healthy community.

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

I will say, I am honored to be a part of our LGBTQ community.

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 best friend was gay and I watched him die of AIDS. With that I have always been a believer of safe sex and that we all have a right to love who we love. I have a brother who is also gay and has been with his partner for over 35 years. So I have watched first hand of the years that it took for people to respect other people no matter what. For our community I have attended a couple of gala's over the years and I will say I had so much fun !! We need to respect all and love all !

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

I have watched how my older brother and my best friend were treated over the years. I have also been happy to watch how most of the community has now become supportive of all. My brother and his partner we're one of the first couples to get married when the laws were changed in San Fransisco !! It was truly an exciting day for everyone!

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?

I am all about community! Minority or LGBTIQ it makes no difference no to me. We are a community as a whole.

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 don't know many but I do have several friends who let in on information that is going on as they are part of the LGBTIQ community. I help where help is needed, no matter what. I am hoping that you will help info me on issues and hope you will let me help.

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

I am of the believe that, helping with one will help all.

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!
