

## GLBT Alliance - Santa Cruz County questionnaire

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Santa Cruz County Supervisor - 5th District

Incumbent

No

No, Yes

1 - I was elected the 5th District County Supervisor in Nov. 2012 and am seeking re-election. Over the past 3 1/2 years, after holding numerous meetings and listening to the concerns of my constituents, I have been able to be part of achieving numerous beneficial goals for county residents, from health and human services, to increased public safety and cooperation with special districts, cities and the state.

2 - I would like to receive the endorsement of the GLBT Alliance because it deserves increased recognition and respect in our community, and want to see that it receives as much in the future.

3 - While in the California Legislature, I met regularly with the Log Cabin, was against Prop. 22 and later was with the GLBT community in the Prop. 8 issue. As county supervisor, I have joined other Board members in promoting (TV) acceptance of the gay community, been supportive of HIV/AIDS education and the county's syringe exchange program (and on April 19, 2016, will vote to ban publicly funded travel to North Carolina and Mississippi). I have performed wedding ceremonies for gay couples.

4 - As a former newspaper reporter/editor and California legislator, I have been aware of issues regarding LGBTQ equality for 20-30 years.

5 - It doesn't make a difference. We're all human beings who deserve respect and equal, civil rights.

6 - Generally, counties recognize and implement federal and state laws in this regard. If they don't agree, they should protest it, as we will do (I'm confident) on April 19, 2016, in regard other states such as North Carolina

and Mississippi. When we do implement those laws that do - and should - recognize equal rights to all, we should make it known.

7 - I would continue to address them, and act on them, as I have in the past.

8 - I would be happy to include the GLBT endorsement on my campaign literature. At this point, I haven't concluded what I will emphasize in my literature... accomplishments of the past, goals in the future, endorsements, general policies, etc.