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Q1 Candidate Information

Candidate Name: Philip J Crawford
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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.

Occupation: Community College Professor/Labor Attorney AGE: 73 I will work to create affordable housing opportunities, expand public and alternative transportation, achieve a sustainable budget, protect our environment and provide responsive city government, but especially to preserve the quality of life that we all enjoy as Santa Cruz residents. Specifically, I will work to identify home ownership opportunities for veterans, teachers and city workers, make the city more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, improve transportation connections between people and jobs, ensure that any new development enhances our quality of life, protect residential zoning and our treasured coastline, and promote "green" buildings, renewable energy and open space. Meaningful progress toward these goals will require consensus among Councilmembers. As an effective labor negotiator, I believe that I have the ability to find avenues for agreement. As a retired Deputy Court Executive Officer, I also have experience in balancing multi-million-dollar budgets, identifying waste in services, and improving service to the public. As a land use attorney, I have protected neighborhoods from public nuisance and other unlawful activities that diminished their quality of life. I strongly support neighborhood integrity and neighborhood compatibility. Four generations of my family live in Santa Cruz. We love this city. I want to preserve what we have.

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

Your constituency is a vital component of a successful and effective government

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.

I was the first candidate in Santa Clara County for Countywide office in 1981 to publicly seek, advertise, and garner LGBT support. My candidacy for Sheriff of Santa Clara County was endorsed by BAYMEC. I advocated successfully for police training on alternative lifestyles and LGBT issues with police services. I included components in the Domestic Violence Training for special problems in handling domestic violence in LGBT communities. As an attorney I have enforced through civil complaints anti-discriminatory provisions of FEHA successfully redressing discriminatory action by employers and landlords. I participated in initiatives on SJCC campus to provide safe spaces, counseling, support, and advice for LGBTQ students at SJCC.

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

Police brutality in New York, the 1971 (approx) decriminalization of same sex intimacy; the struggle for marriage equality; the struggle for child custody and adoption; the struggle for provisions of FEHA that prohibit discrimination based upon sexual preferences and perceived sexual preferences. International law and human rights on a global stage which incorporates human rights protections for choices about intimate affiliations and identities.

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?

Sexual orientation, identity, and affiliations (including matrimony & adoption child custody) must be vigorously protected as basic human rights

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.

Police training, and other City employee training on lifestyles, domestic violence, and compliance with statutory mandates. I am not as familiar as I would like to be with other initiatives but I will support every reasonable initiative to improve City service and support to the LGBTIQ community.

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

I will openly embrace the LGBTIQ as I do now in my private capacity. Appear in parades, attend meetings and keep an open door to communicate and advocate for the LBBTIQ 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!
