

**Santa Cruz for Bernie questionnaire for Andrew Hsia-Coron  
2020 Bernie Delegate to the Democratic National Convention (DNC)  
Candidate Questionnaire - CA Congressional District 20**

*(Just start typing after the >> cue)*

1. Your full name >> **Andrew Hsia-Coron**
2. Your city and county of residence >> **Aromas, San Benito County**
3. Length of residence in CD20 >> **45 years**
4. Your occupation or avocation >> **Retired Teacher/Union Steward and Negotiator**
5. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.) >> **Democrat/  
SEIU Local 1000/ Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers**
6. Which of Bernie's policy proposals are you most passionate about? >> **Medicare for All, Green New Deal, Guaranteed Income during Covid Crisis, Rethinking Criminal Justice System, New Foreign Policy deemphasizing war**
7. Do you consider support for Medicare for All single-payer healthcare to be an essential conviction of a true progressive? *Yes or No* >> **Yes**
8. During 2019-2020, approximately how many hours were you engaged in campaigning for Bernie in these activities?
  - door-to-door canvassing >>    hours
  - phonebanking >>    hours
  - tabling >>    hours
  - other >>    hours Describe campaign activity >>
9. Were you active in Bernie's 2016 campaign? *Yes or No* >> **Yes**  
If so, how? >> **Did a lot of tabling and reaching out to the many activists that we had engaged in the successful anti-fracking battles in both San Benito and Monterey Counties (Measure J and Measure Z).**
10. In what other campaigns, organizations, or movements have you been active, and what role did you play? >> **Many campaigns over the years: John Laird's campaign (on steering committee) for City Council, the first rent control campaign in Santa Cruz, Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition Campaign, Barry Commoners' presidential campaign (helped win UCSC for Commoner), Art Pearl's campaign for Santa Cruz City School Board, Assembled the Coalition of Church, labor and civil rights groups that passed Proposition 36 that send tens of thousands of people to drug treatment rather than prison, convened the committee that wrote the declaration of principles for the Caucus for a Democratic Union that took over SEIU Local 1000, Created the CEPS, the Coalition for Effective Public Safety, with Rose Braz of Critical Resistance that lobbied for major prison reforms, was elected Aromas San Juan Unified School District Trustee, helped launch and organize the two successful anti-fracking initiatives in our district (San Benito's Measure J and Monterey County's Measure Z), successfully referended against out of control development on Highway 101 (San Benito's Measure K in 2018).**
11. If you were eligible to vote in the 2016 Primary, who did you vote for for President? >> **Bernie**  
Who did you vote for in the 2016 General Election? >> **Jill Stein**  
If not in California, in what state? >>
12. At the DNC, in addition to supporting Bernie's platform and voting for Bernie on the first ballot, what do you realistically hope to accomplish as a part of the delegation at the convention? >> **Joe Biden cannot get elected without mobilizing the youth vote and infrequent voters. To do this he needs a running mate who is far more progressive than himself and a very ambitious platform that people believe that the Democratic Party will actually fight for rather than write and forget.**
13. If there is a second ballot at the DNC, who would you support for President? >> **Bernie, maybe Elizabeth Warren; would be insane to run Hillary again.**  
Who would you never support? >>

14. Who do you fancy for Vice President? >>

Who would you never support? >> **Kamala Harris, Hillary Clinton, Mayor Pete and the list goes on.**

15. Do you do your political work primarily inside the Democratic Party or outside of it? >> **Outside of it, though I have been a delegate for quite some time to California Democratic Convention.**

16. Do you think the U.S. needs a viable progressive third party? *Yes or No* >> **We desperately need it but we may never succeed in creating one. I have supported several efforts over the years. Unfortunately until one or more of the two major parties melts down I think we are stuck with trying to capture the Democratic Party.**

If Yes, what are you doing to build it? >>

17. In your opinion, how electable is Joe Biden in November 2020?

*(enter a number from 1 to 5, with 1=No Chance to 5=Slam Dunk)* >> **3**

18. What do you think are Biden's assets? >> **He's not Donald Trump**

What do you think are Biden's liabilities? >> **He is Joe Biden**

19. What differences if any do you think would result from a Biden administration compared to a second Trump administration? >> **I think we fend off the trend toward more brutal and blatant fascism.**

20. Give an example of when you spoke truth to power. Who were the players, what were the stakes, and what did you do? >> **I have spent a lifetime doing this. I was one of the strongest voices for prison reform while I was employed for 20 years as a teacher at the Correctional Training Facility at Soledad. This was very high risk and required me first to become a union steward and then ultimately to become state chair of Bargaining SEIU LOCAL 1000 Unit 3, Professional Teachers and Librarians where I moved SEIU LOCAL 1000 (STATE WORKERS) to become one of the strongest voices for criminal justice reform in California.**

21. Why should Bernie supporters vote for you to be their DNC Delegate? *(max 50 words)* >> **I believe that I have had more experience challenging intransigent bureaucracies than anyone in the region. I have helped win what others considered unwinnable battles for many years and lost quite a few too but never stopped. The DNC is an intransigent and unresponsive bureaucracy it will take tremendous endurance and the willingness to try to persuade people very different from yourself in order to make enough ground to unseat the greatest threat to our future that we have ever faced- Donald Trump.**