

**Santa Cruz for Bernie questionnaire for Chris Krohn  
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 >> **Chris Krohn**

2. Your city and county of residence >> **Santa Cruz, Ca.**

3. Length of residence in CD20 >> **Since 1983, 38 years total.**

4. Your occupation or avocation >>

**Educator. I work for the Dept. of Environmental Studies at UC Santa Cruz. I direct the internship program. It's very rewarding to see students get acquainted with theory in the classroom and then they come to my office and I work with them to find a place off-campus where they can use their theory in pursuing their interests. Our internships are in the areas of alternative energy, agriculture (agroecology), local politics, public policy, and marine sciences.**

5. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.) >>

**I'm a member of the People's Democratic Club, SC4Bernie, Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), ACLU, Sierra Club, and I am affiliated with SC Climate Action Network, and Friends of the Jessie Street Marsh. I am also a member of the UCSC campus union, UPTE, United Professional and Technical Employees.**

6. Which of Bernie's policy proposals are you most passionate about? >>

**The Sanders campaign stands for Medicare for all, tuition-free state college education for all, criminal justice reform, raising the minimum wage in the US to \$15 an hour, Rx drug reform, affordable housing, a commitment to ending homelessness in America, and a living and just wage for all public-school teachers. I support all of these issues and that is why I am running to be a delegate. Delegates help shape the platform of the Democratic Party and my intention is to raise these issues early and often. I also want to figure out how to make these issues local ones, because they are. What is the national-local connection within the Sanders Platform? I believe there is much in the Sanders platform to replicate in our city too.**

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, it is essential that we pass it and cover everyone.**

8. During 2019-2020, approximately how many hours were you engaged in campaigning for Bernie in these activities? **The campaign, No Recall, partnered with the Bernie Sanders campaign and worked to bring voters out in the primary. I support Bernie Sanders and I carried that throughout the campaign of No on the Recall of Councilmembers Drew Glover and Chris Krohn.**

- door-to-door canvassing >> hours **15-20 for Bernie and No on the Recalls**

- phone banking >> hours

- tabling >> hours **I tabled 4-6 hours per day at the base of the UCSC campus during the last month of the campaign and in support of the striking graduate students, Adam Scow for Congress, and no on the SC recalls of Glover and Krohn.**

- other >> hours Describe campaign activity >>**I spoke at various public forums in favor of Bernie Sanders for President.**

9. Were you active in Bernie's 2016 campaign? *Yes or No* >> **YES**

If so, how? >>**Canvass, tabling on the UCSC campus, precinct walking**

10. In what other campaigns, organizations, or movements have you been active, and what role did you play? >>**Brand New Council with Sandy Brown, Steve Schnaar, and Drew Glover in 2016, and then in 2018 I supported Drew Glover and Justin Cummings, both Sanders supporters, for city council.**

11. If you were eligible to vote in the 2016 Primary, who did you vote for for President? >> **Bernie Sanders**  
Who did you vote for in the 2016 General Election? >>**I was aware that Hillary Clinton would take California, and she did by over 2 million votes. I cast my ballot for an alternative candidate, 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? >> **Make certain that Bernie's issues are represented, that is the most important part of being a Sanders delegate. (see #6 response).**

13. If there is a second ballot at the DNC, who would you support for President? >> **Probably the only national political candidate I would, could support right now is Elizabeth Warren.**  
Who would you never support? >> **Michael Bloomberg. And, I want to see Donald Trump defeated.**

14. Who do you fancy for Vice President? >> **Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren.**  
Who would you never support? > **Michael Bloomberg**

15. Do you do your political work primarily inside the Democratic Party or outside of it? >> **Some inside, but mostly outside, on the streets and at the doors (in the past, this election will be different) of voters.**

16. Do you think the U.S. needs a viable progressive third party? *Yes or No* >> **We need a parliamentary system if that is what you are asking. Right now, there is likely 28% of voters for Sanders, 26% for Biden, 7 or 8% for a conservative party like Kasich, 28% Trump fascist voters and the remaining number sprinkled through left, right and libertarian factions.**

If Yes, what are you doing to build it? >> **We should be building toward a parliamentary system, or at least RCV, Ranked Choice Voting, system.**

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*) >> **2-4. Trump appears to be doing himself in and Biden may win if he just stays in his bunker in Delaware long enough.**

18. What do you think are Biden's assets? >> **Down to earth. Comes from working class roots.**  
What do you think are Biden's liabilities? >> **Plagiarizing the Neil Kinnock speech in 1988. Consistent forgetfulness. Recently, he told Charlemagne the God on the radio show The Breakfast Club, that if you don't vote for him you basically "ain't Black." But what was obscured is that he also said in the same interview that he was "endorsed" in every election by the NAACP. Charles Blow of the NY Times reported this week that the NAACP is a 501C nonprofit and therefore does not endorse. What was Joe talking about? Is the truth fungible? We already have one president who thinks so.**

19. What differences if any do you think would result from a Biden administration compared to a second Trump administration? >> **A lot. Raise the minimum wage. Wider healthcare coverages. Student loan forgiveness. Increased funding for EBT. Holding the line, or reducing, the military budget. Increased funding in the federal CDBG funding. Recognition that the environment and global warming need extreme and constant attention, NOW. The unleashing of major federal dollars going towards research into Covid-19 and climate change. And perhaps most importantly, after acknowledging climate change and Covid-19 are real he will attend to protecting the homeless/houseless all across the US. Despite the fact that Joe Biden is NOT my candidate, he would do things differently than Trump and likely protect human life in a more caring and aggressive way.**

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 said to the city manager of Santa Cruz that we need to come up with \$600k for bus passes for all downtown workers. We did it. I made a big deal out of the fact we need to remodel the Del Mar Theatre and we got the money for it. I asked the police dept. to stand down from deploying personnel to enforce UCSC administrative union busting tactics at the base of campus. They went along and stayed several blocks away from last fall's protests. Finally, in 1999 during the World Trade Organization's meeting in Seattle, I was part of a contingent that said NO. This trade deal will not stand. As councilmember, I worked with the SC city council to draft a resolution opposed to the WTO trade agreement. I attended the "battle in Seattle" and distributed the city council's resolution. It was a great moment in the history in the Santa Cruz city "foreign and domestic policy" resolutions.**

21. Why should Bernie supporters vote for you to be their DNC Delegate? (*max 50 words*) >> **The Sanders campaign is for Medicare for all, tuition-free state college education for all, criminal justice reform, raising the minimum wage in the US to \$15 an hour, Rx drug reform, affordable housing, a commitment to ending homelessness in America, and a living and just wage for all public-school teachers. I am too.**