

**Santa Cruz for Bernie questionnaire for Gary Patton
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 >> **Gary A. Patton**
2. Your city and county of residence >> **Santa Cruz / Santa Cruz County**
3. Length of residence in CD20 >> **59 years**
4. Your occupation or avocation >> **Environmental Attorney Adjunct Faculty, UCSC**
5. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.) >> **Former Santa Cruz County Supervisor (20 years), with many affiliated governmental positions (see materials available at www.gapatton.net)**
6. Which of Bernie's policy proposals are you most passionate about? >> **Income Inequality, Green New Deal, Medicare For All**
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 >> **0** hours
 - phonebanking >> **0** hours
 - tabling >> **0** hours
 - other >> **10-15** hours Describe campaign activity >> **Social Media advocacy based on my personal blog and Facebook Page (3,500+ Friends).**
9. Were you active in Bernie's 2016 campaign? *Yes or No* >> **Yes.**
If so, how? >> **Alternate Delegate to Convention. Social Media and personal outreach/speaking.**
10. In what other campaigns, organizations, or movements have you been active, and what role did you play? >> **Too many to list here. Local and state campaigns since 1974.**
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? >> **Hillary Clinton**
If not in California, in what state? >> **California**
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? >> **(1) Make contacts with "Our Revolution" activists from all over the country; (2) Be ready to work with other Bernie Delegates to get the Convention to take advantage of any unexpected openings to move the Democratic Party in a progressive direction.**
13. If there is a second ballot at the DNC, who would you support for President? >> **Bernie, Elizabeth Warren; maybe someone else. One reason to be a delegate is to be there IF something unexpected happens, and there is an opportunity for a progressive initiative.**
Who would you never support? >> **Hillary Clinton**
14. Who do you fancy for Vice President? >> **I am nervous about the choices. I tend to like Elizabeth Warren as the best option, but I don't have my mind totally made up.**
Who would you never support? >> **Hillary Clinton**
15. Do you do your political work primarily inside the Democratic Party or outside of it? >> **Outside. I have never been active in the Democratic Party, though I did run for the Assembly and lost.**
16. Do you think the U.S. needs a viable progressive third party? *Yes or No* >> **No. I think the progressives need to replace the Democratic take it over. I don't think that our politics will work with three parties (unfortunately).**
If Yes, what are you doing to build it? >> **Social Media advocacy and support for progressive initiatives like Our Revolution, Indivisible, Extinction Rebellion, etc.**

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? >> **Not scary; experienced in the politics of our past (another way of saying the same thing)**

What do you think are Biden's liabilities? >> **Mental acuity (possible dementia); past involvement with all the reasons that members of the public hate politics (big money corruption, to use the Elizabeth Warren term); the whole Ukrainian thing with his son is a real liability.**

19. What differences if any do you think would result from a Biden administration compared to a second Trump administration? >> **MUCH better chance for progressive policy. Not even close to Trump, who is dedicated to corporate dominance and policies for the ultra-rich. Biden is just an accommodator, not a zealous advocate for authoritarian control by corporate and financial interests, as Trump is.**

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 refused induction in 1968; stakes were five years in prison.**

21. Why should Bernie supporters vote for you to be their DNC Delegate? (max 50 words) >> **I think someone with a long history of personal experience in political life at the local level, and with experience in both writing and speaking, could come in handy if something unusual happens that gives us an opportunity for something unexpected at the Convention.**