

**Santa Cruz for Bernie questionnaire for Mary 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 >> **Mary Hsia-Coron**
2. Your city and county of residence >> **Aromas, San Benito County**
3. Length of residence in CD20 >> **42 years**
4. Your occupation or avocation >> **Community activist (retired from Hewlett-Packard)**
5. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.) >>
Assembly 30 delegate to DEM CA Convention
Co-founded San Benito Rising that won Measure J (anti-fracking campaign 2014)
Co-founded Protect Monterey Co. that won Measure Z (anti-fracking campaign 2016)
Helped to coordinate grassroots support for Monterey Bay Community Power (2017)
Co-founded Preserve Our Rural Communities (won Referendum March 2020)
Organized a Summer Enrichment Camp for economically disadvantaged youth in San Juan Bautista for 8 summers (gathered donations, hired staff, and developed environmental curriculum).
6. Which of Bernie's policy proposals are you most passionate about? >>

Single Payer Healthcare

Green New Deal (\$16 trillion plan)

Increase minimum wage & taxing the wealthy & corporations (tackling income inequality)

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 >> **80** hours
 - phonebanking >> hours
 - tabling >> hours
 - other >> hours Describe campaign activity >> **Hosted 3 Bernie debate watch party**

Organized 3 Honk and Wave rallies in Hollister & along Hwy 101 in San Benito County

9. Were you active in Bernie's 2016 campaign? *Yes or No* >> **Yes**
If so, how? >> **Canvassed for Bernie in Watsonville, also organized Bernie debate parties & Honk and Wave rally at Hwy 101 overpass in San Benito County**

10. In what other campaigns, organizations, or movements have you been active, and what role did you play?
>> **In addition to more recent activities listed in item #5 above, I also worked in the past on Jesse Jackson's first campaign for president, I worked on a rent control campaign in Santa Cruz in early 1980s, ran Art Pearl's school board campaign in Santa Cruz County.**

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? >>

Help push for selection of a progressive vice presidential candidate (someone Bernie prefers)

13. If there is a second ballot at the DNC, who would you support for President? >> **Bernie**
Who would you never support? >>

14. Who do you fancy for Vice President? >> **Bernie or Elizabeth Warren**

Who would you never support? >> **Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar**

15. Do you do your political work primarily inside the Democratic Party or outside of it? >> **Outside**

16. Do you think the U.S. needs a viable progressive third party? *Yes or No* >> **YES!!**

If Yes, what are you doing to build it? >> **Organizing at grassroots level**

17. In your opinion, how electable is Joe Biden in November 2020? **3**

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

18. What do you think are Biden's assets? >>

What do you think are Biden's liabilities? >> **Does the bidding of corporations, Wall Street, etc.; He's a dinosaur who has no vision for tackling climate change, income inequality**

19. What differences if any do you think would result from a Biden administration compared to a second Trump administration? >> **Slightly better on immigration**

20. Give an example of when you spoke truth to power. Who were the players, what were the stakes, and what did you do? >> **Measure J & Z campaign where we were against the Oil Industry. They spent \$2.1 million in San Benito County and \$5.6 million in Monterey County, but our grassroots campaign educated the public regarding the damage**

21. Why should Bernie supporters vote for you to be their DNC Delegate? *(max 50 words)* >> **I took early retirement 7 years ago to work full time as a grassroots organizer. I'm fortunate that I'm able to do volunteer work without financial compensation. I'm committed to help bring the revolutionary changes that Bernie talks about.**