

**Santa Cruz for Bernie questionnaire for Shawn Orgel-Olson  
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 >> **Shawn Orgel-Olson**
2. Your city and county of residence >> **Santa Cruz, CA**
3. Length of residence in CD20 >> **~33 years**
4. Your occupation or avocation >> **Environmental Sustainability Professional**
5. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.) >> **DSA, Our Revolution supporter, SEIU 521 (former)**
6. Which of Bernie's policy proposals are you most passionate about? >> **Medicare for All, getting money out of politics**
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 >> **100+ hours in Watsonville, Santa Cruz, San Jose, San Diego, and a weekend in Iowa**
  - phonebanking >> **50+ hours, co-hosted westside events**
  - tabling >> **20 hours at Brews for Bernie events**
  - other >> **200+ hours Describe campaign activity >> co-led the SC4B Facebook page and helped, moderate the group, creating Facebook events for actual physical events in SC County, co-hosted dinner for Bernie at India Joze that raised over 1500\$ for the campaign, held more than five Brews for Bernie events, found union t-shirt shop and ordered large batch of SC4B shirts that I also designed, designed and ordered banners for tabling, ordered more Bernie stand ups, co-hosted a couple of canvass launches, etc.**
9. Were you active in Bernie's 2016 campaign? *Yes or No* >> **yes**  
If so, how? >> **Ran social media accounts, started Brews for Bernie, ordered Bernie stand ups, ordered banners, organized lease of office for our local group, canvassed 7 weekends in Reno, canvassed in Watsonville and SC at least 15 days, helped organize at UCSC, DNC delegate in Philadelphia, co-hosted BBQ for Bernie fundraiser at Natural Bridges, etc**
10. In what other campaigns, organizations, or movements have you been active, and what role did you play? >> **I came up with Brand New Council name and much of the platform for the 2016 city council slate, I created the Brand New Council website, I was active in movement to regulate vacation rentals in SC, now I'm a reluctant alternate to the local DCC.**
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? >>  
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? >> **I hope to bring up the platform we're fighting for, and to see major concessions and promises made publicly that will get us closer to the Bernie movement's vision.**
13. If there is a second ballot at the DNC, who would you support for President? >> **Bernie**  
Who would you never support? >> **anyone else on the second ballot would not receive my support.**
14. Who do you fancy for Vice President? >> **Bernie, Nina Turner, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal**  
Who would you never support? >> **Anyone that didn't endorse Bernie would have a very hard time gaining my support**
15. Do you do your political work primarily inside the Democratic Party or outside of it? >> **inside**

16. Do you think the U.S. needs a viable progressive third party? *Yes or No* >> **I think the US benefits from a diverse set of parties and candidates and that the key to having politicians that represent us is getting big money out of politics.**

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) >> **2**

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

What do you think are Biden's liabilities? >> **Iraq War, Afghanistan War, making bankruptcy harder for normal people, PATRIOT ACT, sexual assault allegations**

19. What differences if any do you think would result from a Biden administration compared to a second Trump administration? >> **Supreme Court will turnout better, less chance we're dictatorship by 2024**

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 protested the Iraq War in high school, spoke up against selective service when I turned 18, gave public comment to council numerous times around housing justice and other issues, participated as a strong Bernie supporter at the 2016 DNC**

21. Why should Bernie supporters vote for you to be their DNC Delegate? (max 50 words) >> **I'm a co-founder of Santa Cruz for Bernie that was deeply involved in both 2016 and 2020. I'm dedicated to Bernie's platform and will represent you by staying true to the Political Revolution. Thank you for your support!**