

Santa Cruz for Bernie questionnaire for **Wes White
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 >> **Wes White**
2. Your city and county of residence >> **Salinas, Monterey County**
3. Length of residence in CD20 >> **Off and on: 1986; 1991; 1993-1996; 2000-2006; 2011-NOW**
4. Your occupation or avocation >> **Community Enthusiast / Videographer / Retired Substitute Teacher**
5. Significant memberships and affiliations (political, labor union, public service, etc.) >>

POLITICAL:

Seaside LULAC 2018-NOW

League of Women Voters, Monterey County 2017-NOW

Democratic Women of Monterey County 2017-NOW

Salinas LULAC 2017-NOW

Monterey County Rapid Response (for Undocumented) 2017-NOW

Santa Cruz 4 Bernie 2016-NOW

Santa Cruz Food Not Bombs 2016-NOW

Baktun 12 (Theatrical Cultural Expressions) 2016-NOW

Santa Cruz Freedom Sleepers (Homeless Protesters at City Hall) 2016-2017

Monterey Peninsula Pride 2016-NOW

Safe Agriculture / Safe Schools Salinas 2015-NOW

Poor People's Campaign, A National Call for Moral Revival 2015-NOW

Watsonville Brown Berets 2015-NOW

Direct Action Monterey Network 2015-NOW

People's Oral History Project 2015-NOW

Black Lives Matter Seaside 2015-NOW

Monterey County Democratic Central Committee 2015-NOW

Progressive Democrats of America, Monterey Area Chapter 2015-NOW

Building a Better Board (Parent-Teacher School District Watchdog) in Salinas 2014-NOW

LABOR UNION:

SEIUs, CTAs, SETC, Unite Here, UFW, CLC, MPCTA, PVTA, NUHW, NNU within CD20: Support and Video Document/Publish many Demonstrations and Press Conferences 2015-NOW

Co-Founder & Member, Seaside Homeless Union April 2020-NOW

Co-Founder & Member, California Homeless Union (Over 20 Chapters) 2019-NOW

Co-Founder & Member, Ventura Homeless Union 2019-NOW

Co-Founder & Member, Sacramento Homeless Union 2019-NOW

Co-Founder & Member, Santa Cruz Homeless Union 2019-NOW

Co-Founder & Member, Marysville Homeless Union 2016-NOW

UFW Cesar Chavez March in Salinas 2016-NOW

Co-Founder & President, Salinas/Monterey County Homeless Union 2015-NOW

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Monterey County Democratic Central Committee Elected District 4 Member April 2020-NOW

United Way Monterey County Live United Housing Solutions Champion 2019

Monterey County Housing Advisory Committee 2017-NOW

Salinas Airport Commission 2016-2019

6. Which of Bernie's policy proposals are you most passionate about? >> **#Medicare4ALL #GreenNewDeal #LivingWage4ALL #BreakUpTheBanks #BreakUpBigOil #BreakUpBigPharma #Education4ALL**

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. No one should have their medical needs tied to employment.**

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 >> **NonStop** hours Describe campaign activity >> **Facebook posts/ reshares/ education/ flipping voters, even past Super Tuesday to Bernie during Primary even though many of my groups have almost gone silent, which is still happening for another 17 states. #BernieDelegatesNeeded #BerniePrimary2020**

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

If so, how? >> **Doorknocked, Phonebanked, Videoed Reno, NV appearances Dec 2015**

Doorknocked/Phonebanked, Fundraised Sept 2015-Convention

Co-Founder Salinas for Bernie Sanders Facebook Page 2015-NOW

Ran for Bernie Delegate 2016

10. In what other campaigns, organizations, or movements have you been active, and what role did you play?

>> **Support and Video Document/ Publish:**

Wes White for Salinas Mayor 2020

Sunrise Movement 2020-NOW

Adam Scow for U.S. Congress CD20 2019-2020

Pure Water Monterey Expansion 2019-NOW

Wendy Root Askew for Monterey County Supervisor 2019-NOW

Salinas/Monterey County Homeless Union Camping Ordinance Legal Counsel Program 2019-NOW

Protect Juristac (No Quarry on Sacred Lands) in San Benito/Santa Clara County 2019-NOW

No on Measure K (Sustainable Growth/Preserve Our Rural Communities) in San Benito County 2019-NOW

Justin Cummings for Santa Cruz City Council 2018-2019

Drew Glover for Santa Cruz City Council 2018-2020

Measure M (Rent Control) in Santa Cruz 2018-NOW

Jon Wizard for Seaside City Council 2018-NOW

Jennifer Holm for Pajaro Valley Unified School District 2018-NOW

Tyller Williamson for Monterey City Council 2018-NOW

Natalia Molina for Monterey Peninsula College Board 2018-2019

Yuri Anderson for Monterey Peninsula College Board 2018-NOW

Bruce Delgado for Marina Mayor 2018-NOW

Wes White for Salinas Mayor 2018

NO Cal-Am Desal 2017-NOW

Public Water Now & Citizens 4 Just Water / Measure J (Cal-Am Buyout Feasibility Study) in Monterey Peninsula 2017-NOW

Close CEMEX Sand Mine in Marina 2017

Robert Rivas for State Assembly 2017-NOW

Friends Inside Cooling Shelter (in response to TAMC Homeless Warming Shelter closing) in Salinas May 2017, red-tagged in one week. Everyone was placed as part of the deal to shut down.

Protect Monterey County/Measure Z (Ban Fracking) 2016-NOW

Wes White for Salinas City Council District 4 2016

Wes White for Bernie Delegate 2016

The Flagpole Community (Operated a 6 month Nightly Houseless Survival Camp Protest that grew to 70 people including pets, couples and families) at Salinas City Hall March-October 2016

Frank Garden for Salinas City Elementary School District 2015

Recall Janet Barnes from Salinas City Elementary School District 2014-2015

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? >> **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? >> **If I was there in person,**

I'd video document the caucuses I attended in its entirety. To have as much of Bernie's platform included on the DNC platform so I have something to convince people to vote for a Democrat in the General, Especially #Medicare4ALL and #GreenNewDeal

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

14. Who do you fancy for Vice President? >> **Nina Turner**
Who would you never support? >> **Michael Bloomberg**

15. Do you do your political work primarily inside the Democratic Party or outside of it? >> **In the public domain, which is primarily outside of the Democratic Party.**

16. Do you think the U.S. needs a viable progressive third party? *Yes or No* >> **No. I think we need to be holding the most senior of Democrats (and Republicans!) accountable: elected, their respective admins/LEOs, and Superdelegates; to "Do the Right Thing," ALWAYS, which may (likely) include prison for many; as well as their counterparts, the corporate lobbyists/donors. But who to replace them with who won't be so devious? And why would the Establishment allow a #EcoHumanist righteous reason perspective to coalesce as policy? This culture has a LOT of purposeful stop-short errors to correct before it can ring true as a Democracy. Hopefully we start with Bernie's Platform as DNC's by the end of Convention.**

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

17. In your opinion, how electable is Joe Biden in November 2020? **Not very AS-IS. "Nothing will fundamentally change" is not an inspiring or "electable" campaign. DNC will need to make their "fighting for the common person" sales pitch a reality by including the Sanders platform as the Party platform. #Medicare4ALL at the least!**

(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? >> **He knows Obama, so he's Party Royalty.**
What do you think are Biden's liabilities? >> **He can't hardly speak an inspiring sentence while being controlled by the Party Royalty.**

19. What differences if any do you think would result from a Biden administration compared to a second Trump administration? >> **Many are hoping for a MOUNTAIN of POSITIVITY, but will settle for the pre-2017 era, which isn't possible either. I think it would be an improvement to have a Biden in the White House because although the #Corporatist shenanigans will continue on either side, the DNC (Biden) will not openly veer to KKK racism, just stay at subtle segregationism for a hefty premium, but not likely encourage much Democracy since "nothing will fundamentally change."**

20. Give an example of when you spoke truth to power. Who were the players, what were the stakes, and what did you do? >> **Just before the Shelter In Place order, I made video contact with two police officers who were pulling people out of their tent on the street and demanding ID. The lead officer said they were there to "educate" people about the camping ordinance, that they couldn't have their tent up from 7am-7pm as he stepped away. I asked the other officer why they needed ID and concluded they were there to find someone, anyone to arrest for a warrant- like a fishing/hunting expedition. I embarrassed him into quietness. The lead officer came back and asked one woman, "Why does this picture look like you?" As they talked it over, the subordinate officer recommended to not take her into custody!, for an obviously minor offense.**

I continued to follow them as they tried to make their visit not solely about picking someone up, but about Community Policing. The lead officer explained what they do and that they're just there to help but also do their job. I gave suggestions/solutions. He liked them. Recommended I go to city council to present ideas. I told him I already have. That the city has also been told by their partners, the Coalition of Homeless Service Providers, the same thing. I told him to talk to his supervisor about the Coalition's ideas and find out why he didn't know a sweep was scheduled to be conducted at the same location three days later after his "educational" visit/hunting expedition, but I did. I also suggested that "education" typically involves giving written flyers, not demanding ID. You can watch what happened at

<https://youtu.be/oQzxJYcBxoU>

21. Why should Bernie supporters vote for you to be their DNC Delegate? *(max 50 words)* >>
At no charge for 5 years, I've supported/ video documented over 1,000 civic/ social/ environmental justice issues/ demonstrations/ meetings within CD20 on my YouTube channel, John Doe13k.

It is likely that YOU are in at least one of these videos.

I'm willing to fight for someone I don't know. #NotMeUs