



**COVER SHEET - NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION**

I, Ric Lohman \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply for the Coastside Democrats Club endorsement for the office of Director, Montara Water and Sanitary District \_\_\_\_\_.

My email address is: riclohman@sbcglobal.net \_\_\_\_\_.

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The contact person's email address is: Above \_\_\_\_\_.

The contact person's phone number is: Above \_\_\_\_\_.

I am a registered Democrat and have been since: Forever \_\_\_\_\_.

I certify that the information provided on this application and in any subsequent interview or written submission is true and correct.

Signature: Ric Lohman \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/18/18 \_\_\_\_\_

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 2018

### Questions:

#### **1) Why are you running for this office?**

I have been serving in various offices here on the Coast for over 25 years. I have served as President of the MCC, GCSD, the SMC Chapter of the California Special Districies Association, and SAM. I have also served as an Alternate on the SMC LAFCo. When we moved from Miramar to Montara, I moved into a new district. I would like to continue serving the Coastside, so I am applying for the MWSD.

#### **2) What will your top priorities be if you are elected?**

- (a) Maintain MWSD's independence as a water district. MWSD has a unique situation in that the customer's bought and now own the District. Protecting this valuable asset is critical.
- (b) Working with SAM to improve its processes and communication. The situation there has gradually disintegrated into bickering and now lawsuits by HMB.
- (c) Improve SAM's infrastructure to eliminate sanitary spills.

#### **3) What do you see as the major issues on the Coastside?**

- (a) Continual pressure for over-development. Projects continue to be proposed that significantly increase population with insufficient solutions for the worsening traffic.
- (b) Political short-sightedness and the resulting battles between groups in SAM. This has led to actual sanitary spills and money wasted.
- (c) Our infrastructure needs to be improved, and that will take a united effort by our community.

#### **4) How will you support the Democratic Party, Democratic Clubs and other Democrats if elected?**

Democrats are doing pretty well here in NoCal. I would like our chapter to reach out to chapters inside and outside of CA to return our country to sanity at the Federal level.

#### **5) What have been your most significant contributions to your organization, city or district?**

- (a) At GCSD I worked to bring parks to the District.
- (b) as president of the SMC Chapter of CSDA, I rebuilt the Chapter into a more participatory group with many guest speakers.

(c) At SAM I worked to decrease political in-fighting and move projects forward. Many years ago I co-authored a project to demonstrate the viability of Recycled Water here on the Coast. I was SAM's representative to the second Recycled Water committee and moved the project to the point of going out for bids, when the project was halted by HMB's lawsuit.

**6) How will you work with, lead, motivate and support your city or district's officers and employees?**

At GCSD and SAM I supported all projects to improve transparency for all Board actions. I also voted to improve and balance employee compensation and health benefits. I work to ensure employee's have clear career paths.

**7) Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee or been identified publicly with a political organization, candidate, ballot measure or issue? If so, please provide the details of your involvement.**

MCC President  
GCSD President  
SAM President  
SMC CSDA President  
LAFCo Alternate  
Part of Tunnelistas  
Fought Mirada Surf  
Fought Big Wave  
Fighting to block pedestrian crossing on Gray Whale Cove

**8) Is there anything in your background which, if you receive the Club's endorsement, could cause embarrassment to the club? If so, please provide the details.**

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**9) How can we resolve the following two major conflicting elements on the Coastsides:**

- a. The need to preserve the natural coastal environment for all, including future generations, as spelled out in the CA Coastal Act passed by the voters; and
- b. The need on the Coastsides for additional housing (both market rate and low-income) and the currently proposed numerous developments on the Coastsides (hotels, RV parks, etc.), taking into consideration the Coastsides' limited infrastructure (water, sewer, etc.) and the current traffic congestion? It all starts with the Local Coastal Program (LCP), a document agreed upon by the Coastal Commission, County Supervisors, and locals. Problems occur when a company or developer wants more housing or businesses than authorized by the LCP. Affordable Housing, as defined by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) should be placed near jobs, public

transportation, and shopping, none of which exist on the Coast to any degree. Counties are given affordable housing numbers. In San Mateo County, much of the available areas for big housing projects are on the Coast. Our local CA representatives have both stated that “You can’t build your way out of the housing problem.” Because our Coast is unique in its beauty and location, many folks want to live here. There simply isn’t enough water, room on the highways, and space for everyone to live here. We have to live within the numbers published in the LCP.

**10) What are your ideas for Highway 1 safety and traffic improvements?**

(a) Listen to the people. In Moss Beach and Montara the citizens spoke up on what they wanted. CALTRANS and the County stated that all the options that locals wanted were “off the table”.

(b) Local citizens didn’t want the “down town LA” options offered by Caltrans. Whether it’s Moss Beach or Gray Whale Cove, Caltrans needs to accomplish solutions WE want, not the massive overkill projects they want.

**11) If you would like to comment on anything concerning the office for which you are running or any other issues that you care about, concerning the Coastside, please do so here.**

I am excited about the possibility of working for my community in a new office. I thanks the Coastside Democrats for this opportunity to seek their endorsement.