



2018 Candidate Questionnaire - House

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Date of Election: June 5th, 2018

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Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites - with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests. As a grassroots PAC, PDA operates inside the Democratic Party, and outside in movements for peace and justice.

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The Congressional Progressive Caucus

Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to immediately join the Congressional Progressive Caucus?

Yes No If not, why not?

Absolutely, yes. Unfortunately, since the 2016 election, the word "progressive" seems to have been co-opted by many in the establishment as somewhat of a neoliberal "get out of jail free" card. If elected, I intend to stand firmly for progressivism WITHIN the CPC, and without.

Lobbyist

Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to NOT become a paid lobbyist for at least 5 years after you leave Congress?

Yes No If not, why not?

Arguably the single biggest problem with US politics is the corrupting influence of money on those who are meant to represent US. I have never been, nor will I ever BE a lobbyist.

PDA Issues

PDA focuses on fundamental issues of concern to voters. The questions are grouped, but all issues are equally important. Your answers to the questions below will be used to help determine whether to endorse you in the race for this office.

Notice to Candidate:

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The questions below refer to legislation introduced by bill number in the 115th Congress. By checking YES as your answer, you pledge that, if elected, you will immediately co-sponsor the reintroduced version of these bills in the 116th Congress.

Presidential Fitness

H.R. 1987 To establish the Oversight Commission on Presidential Capacity, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Jamie Raskin

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Now, as I would not assume office until January, 2019 if elected, it would be necessary for me to assess the constitutional and political landscape at that time, along with how applying the 25th amendment in such a manner could affect any future administrations. But I wholeheartedly see the need that SOME sort of oversight needs to be established over our current president.

Healthcare:

Millions of Americans have no reliable access to health care and millions more have inadequate or overly expensive coverage. Despite spending twice as much as other developed nations on health care, our system performs poorly. Private U.S. insurance gatekeepers soak up one-third of expenditures. Pharmaceutical interests overcharge Americans by avoiding price competition.

H.R. 676 Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act

Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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H.R. 771 Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 242 Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Peter Welch

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1776 Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs
Sponsor: Rep. Jan Schakowsky

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 947 Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (The Family Act) of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

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Yes

No

If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 934

Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2017

Sponsor:

Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes

No

If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

War and Peace

Terrorism should be treated as a crime, not as a pretext for war and global military expansion. Nuclear weapons are too dangerous to serve the strategic interests of any country and must be abolished. Initiatives to promote peace, disarmament, and the rule of international law will allow the US military budget to return to the 1998 peacetime level. We must bring our troops home to their families and redirect wasteful military spending to reinvest in America.

H.R. 1111

Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2017

Sponsor:

Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes

No

If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values, and without creating a cabinet level department. I would amend to address and mandate firearm annual training and combat range qualification. Proof of those annual qualifications along with picture ID must be presented to purchase ammunition/reloading materials; thus, eliminating the gun lobby's objection to a national gun registry.

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H.R. 1229 Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values and force all members of Congress to vote on the War on Global Terrorism, after the Joint Chiefs testify before Congress in open hearings re the "long war" duration and full costs.

H.R. 608 Stop Arming Terrorists Act
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 4140 No Unconstitutional "First" Strike against North Korea Act
Sponsor: Rep. Ro Khana

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 669 Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Ted Lieu

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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Global Warming/The Environment

Environmental degradation and global warming threaten human civilization. Science conclusively demonstrates that global warming results from human activity. Greed and corporate power dominate US policy imposing a nearsighted focus on short term profits instead of serving the welfare of future generations of Americans

H.R. 3671 Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (OFF Act)
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 3314 100 by '50 Act
Sponsor: Rep. Jared Polis

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Consistent with my attached Core Values and change '50 to '28

H.R. 2242 Keep it in the Ground Act
Sponsor: Rep. Jared Huffman

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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Election Integrity:

Big-money domination threatens our election system. Incumbents are unfairly insulated by district gerrymandering. Voters face political and racial obstacles to voting and getting their votes counted. Digital voting systems and internet voting are vulnerable to error and manipulation and defy verification. Only an auditable paper ballot can protect our right to vote.

HR 2840 Automatic Voter Registration Act
Sponsor: Rep. David Cicilline

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

HJ Res. 74 Constitutional Right to Vote
Sponsor: Rep. Mark Pocan

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

HR 1044 Same Day Registration Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

HR 607 The Voter Access Protection Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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H.R. 12 Voter Empowerment Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 787 Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Steve Cohen

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Economic and Social Justice:

The enormous wealth disparity between the top 1% and the rest of America is an unsustainable economic and social injustice. Will you work for an economic recovery that employs all those willing and able, that houses all those needing shelter, and that imposes the cost based on the ability to pay.

H.R. 1144 Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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H.R. 15 Raise The Wage Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1000 Jobs For All Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1902 Social Security Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Larson

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1114 Social Security Expansion Act
Sponsor: **Rep. Peter DeFazio**

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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H.R. 40 Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values. Such a Commission would better serve African Americans by addressing & correcting the systemic racism in our Nation's educational and criminal justice system

H.R. 4396 ME TOO Congress Act
Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 4152 Fair Employment Protection Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Do you support, and would you pledge to author and introduce legislation in the House of Representatives identical to current Senate bill as shown below:

S.2165 The Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

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Do you support, and would you pledge to author and introduce legislation in the House of Representatives identical to current Senate bill as shown below:

S.2095 Assault Weapons Ban of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Dianne Feinstein

Yes

If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

EMERGENCY AID FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

The climate change-intensified natural disasters of 2017 have laid bare the federal government's current response as both politicized and racist. How would you identify and legislatively fix underlying structural flaws in federal disaster relief and preparedness funding to ensure more timely, equitable, an effective federal responses to future events? (No more than 250 words)

Federal disaster funding and preparedness shall qualify for supplemental appropriations as a matter of a threat to our national security with a priority equal to military funding.

Corporate Rule

Big corporations and banks dominant our political process, spending billions to lobby for programs against the public interest, and to privatize public services for profit. This erodes the middle class, destroys vital services, increases poverty, and undermines our nation. Congress must work to return our government to the people, improve services, stand up to corporate lobbyists, and stop the privatization of public services. We need a constitutional amendment to establish that corporations are not people and that money does not equal speech.

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H.R. 2585 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Michael Capuano

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

HJ Res 88 Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporations
Sponsor: Rep. Jim McGovern

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

HJ Res 31 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections
Sponsor: Ted Deutch

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Mass Criminalization

The United States houses 25% of the world's inmates despite having only 5% of the world's population. The prison industrial complex has a vested interest in keeping people locked up. The growth of private, for-profit prisons has placed incarceration beyond public view. The administration of justice system is prejudiced against the poor and minorities.

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H.R. 3227 Justice Is Not For Sale Act
Sponsor: Rep. Raul Grijalva

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1498 End Racial Profiling Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 65 Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention,
Support and Education (RAISE Act)
Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Equality Issues

The belief in equality, including religious equality, is a part of the founding documents of our nation and an important part of our national identity.

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Equality still has not been achieved by most groups in this country. We hope and expect that our endorsed Candidates will sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or support legislation that furthers the reach of equality to any and all groups seeking equal status.

HJ Res 53 Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1869 Paycheck Fairness
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 489 No Religious Registry Act pf 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Suzan DelBene

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Immigration

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We strongly support Comprehensive Immigration Reform that promotes fairness, equality, labor rights, family unification, integration, a program for legal residency and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

H.R. 3440 Dream Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1036 American Families United Act
Sponsor: Rep. Beto O'Rourke

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

H.R. 1006 To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
Sponsor: **Rep.** Pramila Jayapal

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

Education

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Education in the USA is unaffordable for the majority of Americans. The securitization of student debt has placed our students at the mercy of corporate predators. Minorities are denied equal access to education. We work to make our education system accessible and affordable to all.

H.R. 1880 College For All Act
Sponsor: Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

In principle, and consistent with my attached Core Values and regardless of parents' income.

H.R. 3630 Student Loan Borrowers' Bill of Rights Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Frederica Wilson

Yes No **If not, why not??** (50 word limit)

General

Please provide us with information in the sections provided below, some information about your campaign:

- Your campaign plan with some *detail*

The 49th Congressional district is unique for California. There are over 50,000 veteran households surrounding Camp Pendleton, multiple colleges including UC San Diego, Mira Costa College, Palomar College, and Saddleback College, and a populist bent to both their conservatism and their progressivism. As the "Marine Colonel Who Went Bernie," I came within 1621 votes of unseating Darrell Issa in the 2016 General Election, with only 68 days of party support/funding and campaign structure. Because our concrete resources were limited to such a short period of time, our outreach to the youngest, most disenfranchised and disillusioned voters in

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the district suffered at a time when faith in voting for an unknown candidate, simply for being a democrat, was in short supply.

That has all changed, now that we have been actively campaigning in the district for close to three years. Our ties within the veteran and student communities have been solidified, and previously skeptical voters now know, I am NOT your typical Democrat. We are engaged in a massive voter contact effort to bring young, long neglected, and newly engaged voters into the political process via micro-targeted outreach phone banking, face to face, door to door conversations, issues based meet and greets and forums, and speaking truth to power about the failings of BOTH parties. Every constituent of this district has been let down by the establishment one way or another. Our campaign is, and has always been, about THEM. Not about me.

- Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign,

Since 2015, we have had a solid donor base within the district, and our fundraising has been consistent with our values to refuse all PAC money with the exception of labor unions, and to keep funding district-focused. In addition, we have raised \$1 million to date, more money than any other challengers for any other contested congressional race in the nation, outside of the 49th.

- grassroots support

Our campaign IS our grassroots support. We have a team of over 50 super-volunteers, many of whom have been working tirelessly since 2015 within their communities to bring people together and empower them at the ballot box. Until late summer of 2016, our campaign consisted ENTIRELY of grassroots activists within the district.

Several non-campaign, volunteer organized groups have popped up and really galvanized their neighbors and community leaders to participate in, and even plan, their own forums, canvasses, meet and greets, and social media outreach. I am truly honored to be supported by Familias for Doug, Veterans for Applegate, Students for Doug Applegate, Ladera for Applegate, Women 4 Applegate, and Labor for Applegate. We firmly believe that true representation is not won by shiny mail-pieces, flashy television

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ads, or six figure consultants. It is won by knocking on every door, talking to every neighbor, asking each community what their needs are, and then showing up to advocate for those needs.

- your campaign staff in place

Campaign Manager: Enrique Armento

Campaign Finance Director: Katherine Meyer

Campaign Finance Asst: Xochitl Medrano

Treasurer & Committee name: Judith Lederman

Intern & Volunteer Coordinator: Larry Kornit

Media & Communications: Scott Kosar, New Media

Direct Mail Consultant: Ed Peavy, Mission Control

Polling: Drew Lieberman, Strategies360.com

Colonel Doug's Core Values - "No One Left Behind"

1. **Single Payer Health Care & Biotech Research & Cures**
2. **Better jobs and more of 'Em:**
 - **End the worst income disparity in history**
 - **No cost Public Preschool thru 16 years vocational-community college-university regardless of parent income**
 - **New Labor movement with immediate \$15 Minimum wage, PLA's and ending the anticipated Anti-Union Janus Decision**
 - **Stop institutional racism starting with the school to prison industrial complex**
 - **Re-enact the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (Reagan struck labor acts including equal pay for equal work)**
3. **End oil subsidies to free market forces for 100% Renewable Energy by 2027 - No Time for half measures - PLA's**

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for infrastructure for future technologies, like micro energy grids, high speed transit

4. Women decide Reproductive Health Choices without government interference.
5. Net Neutrality with Cyber Security
6. San Onofre nuclear waste dump off the beach
7. "War is a racket." Like most Veterans, I Prefer Peace through containment, and I'll demand roll call votes for Authorization for Use of Military Force.
8. No Marine carries a weapon unless they are trained and qualified, repeatedly. Civilian gun owners MUST train and qualify once a year, through mandatory live weapons safety courses and tactical range qualifications. The purchase and sale of ammunition and reload materials must require proof of that annual classroom training and range qualification. As a member of the Marine Corps "gun club," I continue to own firearms.
9. End Citizens United dark money starting with immediate, full disclosure every source
10. Citizenship for Dreamers and comprehensive immigration reform



Douglas L. Applegate
Signature of Candidate

April 3, 2018

Date

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
We believe that an informed electorate is
the greatest assurance of a strong democracy.**

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