



2018 Candidate Questionnaire - House

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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.

## 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. There are many within the Progressive Caucus whom I would love to work with, and some who may need a little work. :)

## 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?

The revolving door is one of the most contemptible things anyone who has been a public servant can do. Special interests and corporate lobbying has become a blood sport that hurts the most vulnerable in our nation and in foreign states.

## 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.

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## Notice to Candidate:

The questions below refer to legislation introduced by bill number in the 115<sup>th</sup> 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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)

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## 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)

This is one of the bills that I have campaigned on. I believe healthcare is our right as tax paying citizens and as residents of this nation. I wholeheartedly support Medicare for All.

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

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

I support this bill; however, these are patches to the lack of comprehensive reproductive health care for women in the US. Currently, there are 26 states have laws that prohibit insurance plans from offering abortion coverage under the ACA marketplace. The ACA is just NOT enough.

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

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

Absolutely. I fully support using our Medicare muscle to negotiate fair prices.

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

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

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

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

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H.R. 934      Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2017  
Sponsor:      Rep. Keith Ellison

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

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## War and Peace

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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)

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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)

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

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

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H.R. 4867 No Unconstitutional Strike against North Korea Act  
Sponsor: Rep. Ro Khana

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

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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)

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

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

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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)

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

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

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

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

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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)

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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)

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## 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)

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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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

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

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.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            No            If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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## 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 response to future events? (No more than 250 words)

It is an absolute disgrace that the richest nation cannot be there to help its citizens in their time of need, while refusing to play a larger role in climate policy and minimizing the anthropogenic impact on climate change. In the past we have asked directors of FEMA to step down because of inadequate response, but the problem lies in the policies, not direction. I would allocate funding to create a structure of communication that acts swiftly throughout Federal, State, local agencies, and on-call contractors. As a geoscientist and small-business owner of an environmental services company, we work mostly as contractors. I know the lengthy proposal process to work with the Federal Government. I would allocate funding to find, screen, and process, FEMA contractors, so there is oversight on the capacity of the contractors hired for emergency relief and services. As we saw with Whitefish Energy, companies who lack the proper resources are granted projects because of little to no oversight. Whitefish is just one example of contractors that subcontract all the work and charge exorbitant overhead rates for labor. Currently the system in place is only set up for contractors to apply for contracts but there is no funding for the agency to initiate communications and establish relationships. Many contractors who assist in natural disasters are hired post-event. I propose establishing daily rates for on-call contractors, which will be used for temporary aid until a full assessment of the damage is done and project funding is finalized and allocated.

## 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.

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

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

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

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

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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)

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## 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.

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

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

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

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

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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)

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## 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. 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)

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

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

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

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

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## Immigration

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)

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

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

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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)

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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)

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## General

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

Ñ Your campaign plan with some detail

1. Our campaign plan has been simple. As an activist and community organizer, I've taken my skill set and applied them to my campaign. I have made sure that our main focus is on building name recognition. In two polls ran by two of my opponents in December 2017 and early March 2018, we came out in the lead with "name recognition" and "ballot designation".
2. Endorsements:
  - a. [Justice Democrats](#)
  - b. [Brand New Congress](#)
  - c. [California Labor Federation](#)
  - d. [California Latina Democrats of Fresno County](#)
  - e. [San Joaquin Valley Democratic Club](#)
  - f. [Freethought Equality Fund](#)
  - g. [CFAR](#)
  - h. [Dolores Huerta](#)
  - i. [Susan Sarandon](#)
  - j. [Linda Sarsour](#)
  - k. [US Rep. Raúl Grijalva](#)
3. Our main goal is to make the top 2 in the Primary. We are doing this by hosting as meet & greets at Cafés or restaurants, canvassing, phone banking, tabling and visibility, appearing as guests on talk shows and podcasts, and focusing on earned media.
  - a. Documentaries
    - i. "Underdogs" – I am one of three candidates being features in this documentary series that is being produced by [Anonymous Content](#), produced Babel, Winters Bone, The Revenant, and 13 Reasons Why. The production team [Joanna Forscher](#) and [Nick August-Perna](#) have worked on Emmy and Oscar winning projects.

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- ii. "[Generation Revolution](#)" – I am the featured storyline in this documentary that follows the voices of those taking part in the revolution. Interviews in the documentary include, [Sen. Bernie Sanders](#), [Rep. Tulsi Gabbard](#), [Nina Turner](#), [Rosario Dawson](#) and [Shailene Woodley](#). The film is being produced by [Mikki Willis](#) and his company [Elevate Films](#).

b. Shows

i. The Young Turks

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iX50q-uuYP4&t=128s>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-inbiqGB3k&t=26s>

ii. Jimmy Dore Show

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Huthx2ncidk&t=30s>

iii. WE THE PEOPLE

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVS6AJJoONtg>

Ñ Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign.

1. To date we have not focused on actively doing call-time to fundraise. We have received nearly \$70,000 largely through unsolicited donations with help from our national endorsements.
2. I believe that we need to get money out of politics. I am determined to prove that elections can be won by Progressives if we put in the work. Therefore, getting through the Primary is our focus. Once we get through the Primary, I have a Fundraising Director who is ready to jump in and help us raise the money needed to win the General in November.
3. The cost we have estimated to get through the General is at \$300,000 to cover print and TV spots. I am working with 2 people who worked on buying TV spots for Bernie's

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Campaign, who were able to pick spots where revenue was made for the campaign.

4. One of the documentaries is set to be released on a major online network on or around the June Primary, and the other is set for September/October on a major cable network.

Ñ grassroots support

1. Our campaign is running entirely with dedicated volunteers. We have zero paid staff.
2. We have focused on GOTV efforts
  - a. Knock-every-door canvassing
  - b. Latino voter outreach
  - c. Young voter outreach
  - d. Phone banking to Democrats and independents.
  - e. Registering voters
3. We have 33 active volunteers working on data, scheduling, website editing, office personnel, canvassing events, field coordinating, social media personnel, film and production.
4. We have knocked on over 1,500 doors.
5. Made over 10,000 phone-calls
6. Have a list of 250 local on-call volunteers
7. Nationwide, we have phone-bankers who join us remotely daily to make calls.

Ñ your campaign staff in place

1. Zero paid campaign staff or experts. Just a team of hardworking people who want to see change.

Roza Calderon

4/18/18

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Signature of Candidate

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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.