



Elected Official Questionnaire

Please complete to keep our records up to date. Thank you!

Last/First Name: *Miessner, Katy*

Candidate For: *Vallejo City Council - Second Term*

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Exact Campaign Committee Name: *Miessner for City Council 2018*

Fair Political Practices Committee I.D. Number: *#1402675*

Campaign Website: *www.KatyforCouncil.com*

Campaign Manager: *Myself and my Campaign Team*

If you are not an IAFF member, please list any relationship to any IAFF member:

List Member's Name: *none that I'm aware of, although my cousins in VA are EMTs*

Are you currently or have you ever been affiliated with a Union? If Yes, please list:

SEIU (was Distributive Workers of America, District 65) Boston University

Do you currently hold office?: *Yes*

Current elected position held: *Vallejo City Council (current Vice-Mayor)*

Is your elected position a partisan position? *No*

What is your party affiliation? *Democrat*

Length of term for current office held (i.e. how many years in each term?)

4 years (current term 5 years due to election cycle change)

Year Started Current Position: *January 2014*

Year Current Position Ends: *December 2018*

Will you seek re-election? *Yes*

If yes, what year will you seek re-election? *Currently seeking re-election*

Are there term limits for the position that you hold? *Yes - two terms*

What other offices have you previously held? Please list position(s) and year(s)

I have held a variety of appointed and volunteer positions,

- Current Vice Mayor, City of Vallejo (Elected)*
- Councilmember, City of Vallejo, (Elected)*
- Solano County Fair Association Board, (Appointed)*
- Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee, (Appointed)*
- Vallejo Heights Neighborhood Association Board Member, (Elected)*
- Vallejo Free of Graffiti Anti-Graffiti Team, (Volunteer)*
- Mira Theatre Guild Treasurer, (Elected)*
- Better Vallejo Steering Committee Member, (Appointed)*
- Sierra Club/Solano Group Executive Committee, (Elected)*
- Vallejo Downtown Advisory Group Member (Appointed)*
- Vallejo Artists' Guild Treasurer (Elected)*
- Shanti Project AIDS Peer Support (Volunteer)*
- Raised \$15,000 for HIV/AIDS services while finishing two AIDS Marathon Fundraisers (Volunteer).*

Are you interested in running for another office? *Uncertain*

If yes, what office and what year? *Uncertain*

In the last 20 years, how many elections have you voted in? *All of them*

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? *No*

What is your campaign budget goal?

\$40-\$50k (not including the value of my volunteers)

How much money will you personally contribute?

Approx. \$5000 in cash and in-kind, will do more if needed.

How much money have you raised for previous campaigns? *\$44K for my last campaign*

If you have a consultant, please explain his or her role?

I have volunteers who help me with strategy and finance -- no paid consultants.

Who is your largest financial supporter? *myself*

Please give us your 5 key endorsements?

Congressman Mike Thompson, Supervisor Monica Brown, Mayor Bob Sampayan, Councilmember Robert McConnell, Eloise Escano Scott, Director, Pista Sa Nayon 2018 Festival Directors.

I have more than five key endorsements, see <http://www.katyforcouncil.com/endorsements.html> for a larger list that is continually updated.

Please answer the following and limit each question to one paragraph

- Are local fire service and emergency response issues included in your campaign platform?

Yes, public safety is our most serious issue - Public safety is critical for our citizen's health and well-being. When re-elected, I will continue to ensure that we fund police and fire safety at appropriate and increasing levels as city finances become stronger.

- What is your position on public safety regionalization?

I am always interested in looking at ways to increase efficiencies; regionalization may be useful, but this must be balanced against local control. Mutual Aid is incredibly important.

- Are you aware of the multi-jurisdictional complexity of FireFighters Local 1186? Please explain.

I understand the idea of multi-jurisdictional complexity: the problems facing local communities are sometimes better solved as a region and not solely by a single city; or cannot be solved solely by a single city. When there are large fires, often times other jurisdictions are involved – fire doesn't have municipal boundaries, and fires can be so big that one agency can't fight them alone. This year's devastating wildfires required mutual aid from as far as Australia and New Zealand. Locally, Vallejo has had some very large house and grass fires that required more folks than we have locally, and without

this mutual aid, a fire may grow and damage more property and injure [more] people. Vallejo has also assisted other communities.

And so, it's critical to have legal agreements and Memorandums of Understanding in place with other jurisdictions/agencies prior to any fires, to be prepared and clearly understand roles, chains of commands, and shared costs. IAFF 1186 as a part of a larger organization represents other agencies and cities, and I gather this is how multi-jurisdictional applies to IAFF. I'd be interested in finding out more.

- Will you oppose the closing of any fire company or fire station if it can be proven it will increase emergency response times beyond standards set by nationally accepted agencies? Please Explain.

I don't support closing fire stations and especially if it means response times will be above nationally accepted levels. While there are so many pressures on our budget, the council should consider carving out funding to re-open Glen Cove, especially in light of last year's car-fire on I-80, which burned up the hill and threatened many homes.

- Firefighters are exposed to illness and disease from patients and carcinogens during fires. Do you fully support lifetime medical coverage for our members?

I support lifetime health insurance coverage.

- Do you feel public safety should be a top priority in the city's budget?

Yes - the community depends on our Public Safety services and it is the number-one responsibility of local government. Economic Development is also very important. We need to build our tax base and replace what was lost by the Navy's departure, to help the city pay for the services we need. We can't afford to be the bedroom community that we've become.

- Would you oppose an initiative to repeal the right of arbitration for public safety employees?

I would have to know the language of an initiative. Private employers are increasingly requiring workers sign mandatory arbitration agreements. Under such agreements, workers whose rights are violated—for example, through employment discrimination or sexual harassment—can't pursue their claims in court but must submit to arbitration procedures that research shows overwhelmingly favor employers. That said, I understand that Binding Arbitration is preferred as a form of alternative dispute resolution for Public Safety employees when an individual employee has a work-place grievance. I support a fair process in grievances and disciplinary actions, and would ask labor reps for their advice on whether they believe binding arbitration can ensure a fair process that employees can trust. And, I want the City Manager to create policies and processes that can resolve disputes before they turn into grievances. Employee/Employer disputes that lead to grievances and disciplinary actions are a breakdown in these processes and ultimately hurt moral.