

**Progressive Democrats of Genesee Valley
2009 Endorsement Questionnaire
Town and City Candidates**

Return To:

Progressive Democrats of Genesee Valley
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Please fill out this form if you are interested in pursuing an endorsement by Progressive Democrats of Genesee Valley.

Progressive Democrats of Genesee Valley is a local chapter of Progressive Democrats of America (PDA). A grassroots activist organization of over 100,000 members nationwide, PDA was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. “[PDA] seeks to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites -- with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests.” In 2008, PDA was honored as *The Nation* magazine’s “Most Valuable Political Group of 2008.”

“PDA strives to rebuild the Democratic Party from the bottom up – from every Congressional District, to statewide party structures, to the corridors of power in Washington – where we work arm in arm with the Congressional Progressive Caucus. [Its] inside/outside strategy is guided by the belief that a lasting majority will require a revitalized Democratic Party built on firm progressive principles.”

Progressive Democrats of Genesee Valley is working to expand the Democratic Party by promoting progressive ideals and creating a voice for progressive solutions within the Party. As an activist network in the Greater Rochester, New York area for progressive causes, we are dedicated to reaching out to progressives within and without the Party to promote:

- Government that works for people
- Sustainable policies
- Campaign reform
- Peaceful solutions

We want a Democratic Party that stands for peace, fair trade, universal health care, clean elections, a clean environment and economic justice.

Please return this questionnaire as soon as possible, but no later than the deadline: July 1, 2009.

Altering or deleting the questions on this form may lead to disqualification.

Please note that your answers on this questionnaire may be made public. If you need additional space to answer questions, please attach supplemental pages to the questionnaire. If you have any questions regarding this questionnaire, please contact Robin Wilt.

You may access, download, and complete an electronic version of this form at: www.pdagv.org

Candidate and Campaign Information

Candidate Name:				
Candidate Address:	Street	City	State	Zip
Candidate Contact Info:	Phone	Fax	E-mail	
Office you are pursuing:				
Date of Election:	Primary	General		
Registered Political Party:				
Campaign Manager:	Name	Phone	E-mail	
Campaign Address:	Street	City	State	Zip

What is your primary occupation?

List endorsements from organizations and/or individuals:

List elective or political party offices that you have held, including committee appointments:

How would you describe yourself politically (i.e., progressive, moderate democrat, etc.), and what policy positions do you support that would explain that description?

What other political endorsements are you seeking?

Why are you running for public office? (100 word limit)

What experiences have prepared you to run for public office?

If you receive the endorsement of Progressive Democrats of Genesee Valley, how do you intend to use it?

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the jurisdiction in which you are running for office (i.e., what is the platform upon which your candidacy is based)?

Clean, Fair, Transparent Elections

What is your position on “Clean Money,” or “Voter-Owned” Elections, wherein the government finances political campaigns for public office?

What is your position on same-day voter registration?

What is your position on requiring citizens to present official photo identification before affording them access to the polls?

What are your plans to promote government accountability and transparency within the jurisdiction in which you are running for office?

Economic and Social Justice

Where do you stand on consolidation of government agencies and services in the interest of improving cost efficiency and promoting economic fairness?

What policies and programs would you recommend to bridge the divide between Rochester's low-income citizens and its more affluent citizens?

What policies, if any, would you implement to reform the administrative processes, accountability and overall governance of your jurisdiction?

How do you plan to balance the budget in your jurisdiction and ensure that budget constraints are not disproportionately borne by any certain demographic, but rather fairly distributed?

What are your plans to promote accountability and transparency in the budgetary process in your jurisdiction?

What is your position on same-sex marriage?

What is your position on jurisdictional entities providing same-sex couples equal benefits and privileges to those bestowed on married couples?

Health Care

What is your position on single payer (i.e., government-funded, privately-delivered) health care ?

What specific efforts, if any, would you make to pass a jurisdictional resolution calling on the United States Congress to enact single payer health care?

Environmental Sustainability

What, if any, actions would you take in support of the expansion of recycling efforts within your jurisdiction?

What are your plans for implementing a greener economy and infrastructure within your jurisdiction? What role do you envision environmental sustainability occupying in the local economy?

What policies, if any, would you propose as a means to roll back or contain suburban and exurban sprawl?

What impact do you view the limited amount of public transit options currently available to Monroe County residents as having, and what are your plans to address the issue?

What, if any, policies or actions would you advocate to combat climate change within your jurisdiction?

End the War, Re-direct Funding

What, if any, specific actions have you taken to oppose the Iraq war and occupation?

Finance

Please estimate your campaign costs:

Primary Election _____

General Election _____

How much money have you raised to date?