

2022 Primary Election Candidate Questionnaire: San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors District 4

SCANPH shared the following questions with the campaigns of all candidates running for San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors District 4 in the June 7, 2022 primary election. We received the following responses from the campaign of Connie Leyva. We did not receive a response from the campaign of Curt Haggman. More information about voting in California is available at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>.

Question #1: *Resistance to development in cities across California has provoked greater scrutiny of local land use planning. What future changes – if any – should be considered to improve affordable housing opportunities and change the status quo by evolving local control and state authority?*

Connie Leyva: As a State Senator, I was proud to support SB 9 and SB 10 to make it easier for communities to more quickly build housing that's affordable and appropriate for individual neighborhoods. As County Supervisor, I will continue to work with our neighborhoods to remove costly obstacles to building housing that working people can afford.

Question #2: *Demand has long exceeded supply of affordable homes in California. That has never been more true than now. What is the #1 policy intervention you would advance to change this reality?*

CL: The housing affordability crisis didn't happen overnight, but it was accelerated during the pandemic. We need to lower the cost of home building. We need to build more housing. People need good-paying jobs to afford the cost of home ownership or rental units. As a State Senator, I united local elected officials and an Inland Empire nonprofit affordable housing developer to earn grant money that helped build new affordable housing in Ontario. I also authored and passed SB 329 to help increase access to affordable housing by ensuring that all state and local programs that facilitate home ownership include manufactured housing and communities, and

mobile home parks. As County Supervisor, I will work to continue forming those partnerships and bring more funding that can go directly to building affordable housing and creating good-paying local jobs.

Question #3: *Policy solutions require division of finite financial resources. How would you prioritize division of limited resources among prevention, shelter and permanent housing to address homelessness? What are the tradeoffs of short-term vs. long-term solutions and your preferred approach?*

CL: I believe our priority needs to be getting people who are unhoused into housing with mental health, drug treatment, and job skill services. As a State Senator, I've worked to bring millions of dollars in funding to San Bernardino County to address homelessness, prevention, and the creation of good-paying jobs. As County Supervisor, I'll work to ensure the County acts more quickly and more boldly to get people housed and bring in the funding necessary to support prevention, short-term, and permanent housing solutions.

The mission of the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH) is to facilitate affordable housing development across Southern California by advancing effective public policies, sustainable financial resources, strong member organizations, and beneficial partnerships.

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