

Hello, my name is

Wade Kelley,

(Christopher Wade Kelley) I am running for Santa Monica city Council to stand up HUMAN RIGHTS!

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Peaceful promenade, protester, and advocate for the homeless and human rights!

Wade Kelley

1. I bring 66 years of life experience. I have worked many different jobs throughout my life mainly in performance and entertainment. I have been a member of AEA(actors equity Association)SAG (I went to some meetings to stand up for the rights of underrepresented actors)and AFTRA now SAG/AFTRA. I have worked all around the country in a variety of venues of entertainment... and service jobs. I have attended quite a few different educational institutions around the country. I have volunteered as a poll inspector, and clerk, here in Los Angeles County during a few elections. I was a member of the Grover Township, Arkansas volunteer fire department, for six months... I have marched in rallies and spoken out for human rights in NYC and LA... I have spoken in court, standing up for first amendment rights, against the city of Santa Monica citation for performing without a permit on the promenade....

2. To stand up for HUMAN RIGHTS!

3. I want to stand up for human rights! I want to stand up for the right of human beings to be poor and homeless without being criminalized! I want to stand up for the rights of human beings to have a decent place to live! Housing is a human right!

4. Maybe some homeless human beings.

5. I was born in Culver City 66 years ago. I have lived all around the country. I returned in 1988 and studied at the. SECOND CITY training center in Santa Monica, performed in clubs and movies, TV in Santa Monica. For the last 10 years I have been performing... Then peacefully protesting on the third street promenade. In 2021 I ended up living in my car and took a residence in Santa Monica. My address is at the People Concern 503 Olympic Blvd.

6. Yes.

7. I have spoken and attended quite a few city council meetings, and watched many on YouTube. Especially when I ran for office in 2024.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

1. Zero.

2. Zero. Any donations I am given I will share among the homeless in Santa Monica as I have been doing for much of the last four or five years.

3. I won't be raising any campaign funds... From anyone. I am against a lot of money in political campaigns... Though I understand with CITIZENS UNITED, the problem of having to fight money with money.My campaign will be from volunteers who want to stand up for human rights. But I will accept endorsements from groups such as yours.

PARTY/ACTIVISM

1. I have been registered as a democrat most of my adult life. I may have registered as an independent at some point in my 20s, but I think throughout the rest of my life I have been registered Democrat.

2. I have marched in rallies against wars, I made phone calls and went to some rallies for president Obama's campaign. I spoke out for Hillary Clinton on the promenade. I went to rallies for Elizabeth Warren(and got my picture taken with her!) I wrote a song for her"... Let's put a

woman in the White House. Elizabeth Warren is her name! Let's put a woman in the White House! We don't need more of the same..." I guess not enough people heard it.

I have written songs and spoken out about local elections..." don't vote for Armen Melkonian's!" was one of my favorites. I wrote songs against Trump... And for Joe Biden... And Kamala Harris, and have spoken out against our governor Newsom, who stood with Trump's ultra conservative Supreme Court and filed a friend of the court brief in GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON. I am currently speaking out in support of TOM STYER and THE BILLIONAIRE TAX ACT OF 2026!...

4. Not that I recall of the recall. Although I would be happy to recall many.

5. I am currently on the. MEASURE GS RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE in Santa Monica. I have been a member of this committee for over a year. I've learned some things about different programs in Santa Monica and Santa Monica's failure to use the GS fund to build any affordable housing, over the three years that the fund has been in place.

6. I have read the California party platform, and agree with most all of it.

CITY GOVERNANCE

1. This city council has done a terrible job... A worse job than the last city council in standing up for human rights! Which should be the first job of any government.

2. I would like to see more people take part and Santa Monica's democracy, which would mean more people who work in Santa Monica being able to live in Santa Monica to participate and have a voice and Santa Monica's government. I would like to see more of the unhoused human beings being registered to vote... Right now, Santa Monica is still trying to figure out a formula on whether or not any of its unhoused population are citizens, or residents of Santa Monica. I would like to see young people get more involved and engaged, and find a way for Santa Monica College students, and city, employees, and employees within the city of Santa Monica to have a bigger voice in our government. And of course, I would like to see more transparency throughout Santa Monica city government. Especially in its policing and programs that affect the poor and those without a big voice in our democracy.

We live in the digital era. There should be more transparent, easily discernible dashboards online for actions that are taken by the city and processes.

3. Santa Monica should work harder to work with LA county, and help Los Angeles County to build more housing, and shelters, and other programs that Santa Monica could be responsible for to help shift some of the responsibility from areas within LA County that are inundated by poor and homeless. Santa Monica should have more community centers, some 24 hour secure public restrooms. Santa Monica needs to work towards integrating so that LA county doesn't have so many pockets of poverty, and areas of great wealth. This adds to segregation... And we need to stand up for EQUAL RIGHTS, EQUAL JUSTICE, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL! We haven't gotten there yet, and Santa Monica needs to be part of the process.

4. Santa Monica needs more transparency in all of its actions. There are too many decisions being made by the business owners in Santa Monica.

5. There are many failed implementations of the Santa Monica government... One for example, is the Pickleball courts on fourth Street near Arizona where the parking structure three has been torn down for years, and they have been talking about building 122 unit affordable housing complex there since 2018. Supposedly this will break ground at the end of 2026... I will believe it when I see it. Right now there are Pickleball courts. I wonder how many homeless people and poor people are taking advantage of those Pickleball courts?

But, the city doesn't have a problem being able to lock up the public chairs on the third street promenade around eight or 9 o'clock... Lock them up so that no one can sit on them, not just to keep people from stealing them, but to make sure that human beings can't sit on them in the

middle of the night. Because they don't want to see poor people sitting on the promenade... And they enforce a NO SITTING NO LYING LAW in Santa Monica, after they lock the chairs up. just last night , while I was protesting, the security guards started harassing poor people who were listening to me, for sitting on the curb!They're pretty good about enforcing the NO SITTING NO LYING LAW

Lana Negrete at a recent Wilmont neighborhood forum for Santa Monica city Council candidates cheered the fact that Santa Monica is prosecuting more homeless human beings under the NO SETTING NO LYING LAW. So, Santa Monica is good at removing permanent seating and prosecuting people for trying to sit!

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

1. Well, I'm glad you asked. Santa Monica could do a great job, a much-needed job of showing that progressive government can work, and can make a difference in people's lives. While the rest of the country is moving toward unfettered capitalism, authoritarian government. We could be standing up HUMAN RIGHTS!

Instead of going along with Trump's conservative Supreme Court(with a friend of the Court brief by our own governor Newsom... Asking the Supreme Court to help him criminalize homelessness so he could clean up the streets)... Instead of going along with the GRANTS PASS VERSUS JOHNSON ruling, handed down by Trump's Supreme Court, we could follow the state of Oregon as it limited and restricted the prosecution of homeless human beings for public camping... In Grants Pass, Oregon! This was followed by other states and cities. But, instead, Santa Monica would rather criminalize its way out of this homelessness crisis, this housing crisis.

2. Well, it comes back to housing doesn't it. I guess as far as past inequities, where reparations can be determined, they should be. Moving forward we need to make sure that the Santa Monica stands up for the rights of all of its citizens, and keeps working to integrate through different programs and especially its school system. Rich communities like Santa Monica need to find a way to help the state and county spend more money on the underfunded schools, as we work towards integration. We need to keep spending money on those low income area schools... Until the rich people want to send their kids to those schools!

More affordable housing... black Americans make up less than 5% of the population of Santa Monica and more than 30% of the homeless population.

3. Peacefully protest, document, report, follow up. Demand that everyone has due process.

Then tell every congressman to pass a comprehensive immigration bill, and find a pathway to citizenship for all those who have been used for their labor for generations and not been given their rights!

4. Make sure that the Pico Neighborhood has all the needed services that the city provides for other communities within the city, and start building more affordable, housing, and other parts of the city.

5. The city must stand up for the rights of every human being, and celebrate their right to love, and their right to be who they want to be.

6. I am for working for inclusion and integration, and whatever programs that are in place to help move the city forward in that direction.... And of course, making it easier for city, staff and city employees to live within the city, would help move that forward.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I would use whatever leverage the city has to raise taxes on vacant buildings, and those used for speculation. I would do what is within the cities's power to limit the amount of housing used for tourism... during a housing crisis.

The promenade is a unique public space and needs to be celebrated as PUBLIC PROMENADE! We need to focus on making it more accessible to the poor and the middle class... Because it is theirs, just as our public beaches and parks are theirs.

HOUSING/DEVELOPMENT

There is no question that GREED is the primary cause for the housing affordability crisis!

2. In 1970 the population of Santa Monica was 88,000 today. The population of Santa Monica is just over 90,000. So, while the rest of California has grown by 20 million people in that 56 years Santa Monica has grown by just over 2000.... Right next to our public beaches that belong to everyone!

3. I would use all of the available policies or approaches... Social housing model, affordable housing, trading tax credit for hotel or motel room rooms.

4. Of course...Santa Monica should build more affordable housing. As should most of the coast of California. If people really want to listen to the Climate scientists, they say that things will be getting hotter, and the more temperate climate will be next to our Pacific Ocean with better air quality. So, if we want life to be better for more human beings, and if we want to continue to integrate, we need to build more affordable housing along the coast... And Santa Monica should lead the way, and show that progressive government can make a good difference in human beings lives.

5. I didn't know about SB 79 before it included any protections for existing rent control housing and it's tenants, but I would've been for it then and I do believe that Santa Monica should implement greater protections for existing rent controlled units and their tenants than SB 79 provides.

6. I see rent control as a way to lower rents, so that human beings don't have to spend over 50% of their income on rent.

7. Of course, helping people stay in housing will lessen the housing crisis, and human suffering. Hopefully, help can be given to these people in need before they have to find a lawyer who will help them from being evicted. But, the more people we help stay in housing, the less people we have to find housing for.

8. Well, as a member of the Santa Monica measure GS resident oversight committee, for the first year of the committees existence, I would like to see a narrowing of the definition of what the measure GS fund can be used for. Some of the first money from this fund was used by the Santa Monica city Council for the salary of the manager of the HOMELESS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION department of Santa Monica housing... Which covers a lot of things, many of which I have been told are outside of the scope of the measure GS fund statute. We're still trying to figure out whether the fund covers temporary/interim housing... And, I was told by a current council member that they could use the fund for whatever they thought pertinent. I am still learning things, of course. But, I think simplifying, and narrowing the definitions of what the GS fund could be used for, might help get the money out to be used more expeditiously. At our last meeting, we voted unanimously to put some money in a housing trust fund, so it might be used more quickly for needed building of affordable housing.... Hopefully?

9. Yes. I am for exploring all viable resources to build affordable housing... Especially while Santa Monica is arresting people for being homeless!

10. Yes, I support financial assistance programs for rent burden households. I would prefer to see it focused on those most in need no more than up to 80% of the median income of Santa Monica. I would finance the expansion through whatever funds available, and whatever funds, or programs that can be found to help keep people in housing who are in need of help.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. I would say that Santa Monica is a pretty safe city with a pretty good quality of life... Unless you are poor and homeless. 75% of all of the arrest in Santa Monica this past year were of homeless human beings... Less than 1% of the population, being arrested 75% of the time. That is cruel and inhumane, and not justice. Studies show that Unhoused human beings are much more likely to be victims of crime than perpetrators of crime.
2. Stop having the police department prosecute; human beings sleeping with a blanket and a pillow, the no sitting no lying law, people digging in public trash cans for food, smoking on the sidewalk, sleeping while being poor... If you free up the police department from trying to criminalize poverty, they could focus on violent crime, and other criminal activity. Stop having the police try to fix the local and State healthcare, housing, and education, failures.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

1. Well, if you believe the climate scientists, you will want to build more housing in Santa Monica so that more human beings can live in a more temperate climate, with better air quality. You would also make it easier for those people that work in Santa Monica but have to drive to Santa Monica to work... If we built more affordable housing.
2. I like the GREAT PARK AND COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE proposal to use 25% of the airport property to build 3000 units of affordable housing. That would be a great step in the right direction. And, and if you could work in making sure that some of that housing would be used for first responders, city employees, park employees, teachers, nurses, seniors, students, people with mental disabilities, homeless, human beings... And even peaceful protesters! That would be lovely.... And you would still have lots of room for a GREAT park.
3. I never liked turf.
4. Well, I guess you know my answer... BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING! HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT! I guess that's what it says in that platform you had me read. I sure wish governor Newsom had read that, before he criminalized, poverty and homelessness!... And for that matter the Santa Monica city Council members that you endorsed.... They should probably read that in the California Democratic platform!

MOBILITY

1. Well, I used to live in my car full-time.... Then it blew up. Fortunately for me, I inherited my Mom's car. So, until I have a permanent residence in Santa Monica, I will be holding onto my car. Even though, it is illegal to sleep in your car overnight in the city of Santa Monica.
2. That would be fine if you were making them accessible for all human beings, and not expanding the no sitting no lying law.
3. I would try to educate bike riders about electric bikes, and the dangers of racing down the promenade, or the sidewalks. There's a danger that could use a little more policing.
4. I'm fine with more Metro rail.... But how about the housing first because everybody complains about the homeless people on the rail lines. Maybe somehow...housing in the rail lines... Or on the rail lines mobile homes. Housing right next to the beach with rail lines connecting the low income housing on the beach.
5. I'm fine with people using mobility devices, but don't you think it's crazy... Besides inhumane, to keep poor people from sleeping on the sidewalks while Santa Monica sidewalks are littered with privately owned rich people's toys! Rich peoples toys, making rich people money... While the poor girls and boys live in the streets, it ain't funny...!
6. First things first.

BALLOT MEASURES

1. Yes, I wholeheartedly endorse. THE BILLIONAIRE TAX ACT OF 2026 THE BILLIONAIRE TAX ACT OF 2026! so many people tell me Wade can't raise taxes on the rich while Trump's in office. Well, we can RIGHT HERE IN CALIFORNIA! We are the fourth largest economy in the whole wide world! We don't have to wait on anyone. We can raise taxes on the rich and help lift people out of poverty make sure that everybody has the basics in this fourth largest economy of the whole wide world and the richest, most powerful government in the whole wide world!

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a great Democrat! He said

“ THE TEST OF OUR PROGRESS IS NOT WHETHER WE ADD TO THE ABUNDANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE MUCH. THE TEST OF OUR PROGRESS IS WHETHER WE PROVIDE ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TOO LITTLE.”

So what is it California? Are we a progressive democratic state? Do we believe in human rights?

We need to tell all of our leaders in the state of California to show the rest of the country that progressive government can work and help lift people out of poverty! If the Democratic Party

wants to be taken seriously, it has to show there is a difference between conservative

government that doesn't care about the poor, but only the bottom line... And a progressive

government who wants to stand up for equal rights, equal justice, equal opportunity for all! And

if the billionaires believe that they should have space races while poor people sleep in the

streets... They should probably follow Elon Musk to Texas to take advantage of the poor people

there! We don't need those kind of rich people in California!

THE BILLIONAIRE TAX ACT OF 2026 RIGHT HERE IN CALIFORNIA!

2. NO. As I said, I was a poll inspector. I saw that a lot of people were working hard to make

sure that everybody who voted was supposed to vote. And for poor people, it is hard to keep up

with current ID all of the time. We need our leaders to be making sure that people who aren't

supposed to vote, can't register to vote, but, we should be making it as easy as possible for

every valid voter to participate in our democracy!

3. No, I am for raising taxes until we have reached some balance.

4. Yes. Spending money on education is never a bad penny spent.

5. YES YES YES!

... THE GREAT PARKS AND COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE IS COMING TO SANTA

MONICA THIS YEAR. OOOH THE GREAT PART AND COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE IS

SOMETHING EVERYBODY SHOULD HEAR ABOUT...!

I think you know my reasons.

I hope you are promoting it!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

1. YES.

2. YES.

3. Because I worked those jobs. I know how hard these people work, and the rich business

owners in this country of doing better than ever! I have been a member of unions. as Franklin

Delano Roosevelt said in 1944. “ ... it is time for a second bill of rights. Where everyone has the

right to a job that pays a living wage, everyone has the right to a decent place to live, everyone

deserves the right to healthcare, and everyone has the right to a good education!...”

4. I would come and talk with you and listen to your concerns. I would read your emails... I

would even fill out... Some of your questionnaires! And if your members stopped by while I'm on

the promenade peacefully protesting... I would even speak to them.... We might even shake

hands. 😊 I put a 😊 there. I don't know if you will see that in the answers.

5. The question of why Democrats have let California go so far to the right! Why haven't we had a leader to overturn prop 13?

Why Democrats will be embarrassed by the ideas of HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT!
HEALTHCARE FOR ALL IS A HUMAN RIGHT! A GOOD PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL IS A
HUMAN RIGHT! HAVING A JOB THAT PAYS A LIVING WAGE IS A HUMAN RIGHT!
These things aren't new you should have all of your club members sit and listen to the great
Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and tell them... This is what a Democrat sounds like!

Check out this video, "the full second Bill of Rights by Franklin Delano Roosevelt on YouTube"
<https://share.google/q6dMcTHW4LgwePa8O>

Thank you for the this opportunity. I learned a little more, by researching and answering these
questions.

Peace love, Wade