

QUESTIONNAIRE

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY 2014 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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1. Why do you want to serve (or continue to serve) on the A C Transit Board?

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE! ! ! ! Our Community deserves better. I've watched A C Transit's actions; from Increased Fares, to Union Negotiation Breakdowns, to Bus Operator Attacks. I believe our Community is unaware of the Leadership behind the decisions being made for us. I see our system as being dis-jointed pockets of Works In Progress. At some points we see major accomplishments, on the other end of the spectrum I see the Pitfalls and/or Gaps.

I BELIEVE I CAN "CONNECT" THE PIECES

2. (For non-incumbents) Which of your past experiences are valuable for serving on the board? Have you been following A C Transit's actions the last 5 years? If so, what changes have you noted?

I've sat on a local Health Center Board of Directors for the past 6 years. I've experienced dealing with many issues that included a "Particular" segment of our society. Particularly the "Less Fortunate". I have addressed issues of compliance, Scope of Services. Planning Services that meet the needs of our "Whole Community". Our changing government impacts services we are able to provide. Our changing "Environment" is another "Major" concern. Our environment is letting us know the urgency of our situation. As a Paralegal, I'm able to understand and even translate various legal codes procedures, and regulations pertaining to funding.

3. Do you ride A C Transit and, if so, how frequently? I am a, 'Choice Rider', and recently I did my own experiment. My roommate does not own a car and is a, 'Dependent Rider'. Whenever I went to the local grocery store, I asked him did he need a ride. He always answered, "no". One day we left at the same time. Actually, I passed him while he stood at the Bus Stop. I went to the store and the pharmacy next door. When I returned home, he was already there.

He caught the Bus, did his shopping, and beat me back home !!!

I spent more time driving to the store and around the parking lot. I'm fastly coming the, 'Choose the Other Choice Driver'. The 'Other Choice' being the "BUS" !!

4. People without access to cars are A C Transit's captive audience. What are your ideas for increasing ridership of those with cars, sometimes referred to as 'choice riders' ?

Currently, cities are doing 'Feasibility Studies' attempting developing "Green Corridors". Which include housing projects developed around transportation hubs. I will Invite Ideas from Our Local Pool of Urban Planning Students. These People are on The Cutting Edge of Progress. Many Students are Looking to Work with Agencies. I am Currently Working with a San Francisco State University, Urban Planning Student, who now is Perusing a Graduate Degree.

5. What are your thoughts on A C Transit's current TransBay service?

I asked people this question; both riders and bus operators and was told they are pretty much satisfied with the current service. Particularly, the wi-fi services available.

6. A C Transit made the decision to use the diesel. Are you satisfied with that?

No, I am NOT Satisfied with this decision. I am concerned about emissions associated with diesel fuel. I understand A C Transit attempted to use Bio-diesel fuel and abandoned the idea in exchange for the Hy-Road Program/Demonstration Project:

Which is Funded by Grants from; California Energy Commission, California Air Resources Board, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Federal Transit Administration. Although this choice outweighs the old, and shows an act of good faith. I'm very disappointed, I believe Leadership/Board Directors should re-visit this idea.

I would like a chance to work a Project that would Include Production and Distribution of Bio-Diesel Fuel.

7. Would a pre-paid or free bus system be financially feasible? (Seattle has this in downtown areas, Portland for seniors.

A C Transit is currently re-vamping its Fare/Cost System. I'm concerned it is 'Pricing out' the local communities. It also needs to be re-visited.

8. Are you concerned about buses for youth, seniors, disabled, and low income riders?

Yes, I am concerned. There are passes for College Students, we should incorporate passes for Our School-Aged Students, Our Local Unified School District Students. Bus Operators are on schedules that penalize them for running behind. Sometimes the reason may be picking up wheel chairs and/or the elderly. Alternatives should be implemented.

Are you aware of the disproportionate cuts in services impacting communities of color? Yes, Redistricting Must be Used In FAVOR of Serving Our Communities of Color.

9. What endorsements have received thus far? I am seeking the endorsement of Barbara Lee, I am most importantly seeking the endorsement of Our Community. I am Running for the First Time, and Organizations are more likely to Support Candidates that have either Won or who have Run Before. As I mentioned in My First Statement; It Is Time For A Change. Let's Put Some New Blood and Energy Into Our Community. We Need A FRESH Start, With A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. Same Ole Same Ole Just IS NOT WORKING !!!!! SERIOUSLY !!!

10. Please add anything more you wish to tell us so we can make a good decision.

Our Transit System is on the Verge of Becoming a Great System. We Are In Desperate Need of A 'Well Rounded' Director. Someone who can Manage the Legal Aspects of Our Endeavors; Particularly, Compliance, Revenue Generating, and Budget Management Issues.