

QUESTIONNAIRE

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

2014 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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1. Motivation -- Why did you choose to run for City office?

I am excited to bring new energy and bold solutions to Oakland's issues, and to seize opportunities to build the neighborhoods we deserve. As a public servant in Oakland for over 12 years, I have a proven track record of getting things done in Oakland government - creating balanced budgets, supporting local businesses and artists, and delivering neighborhood projects. I have forged real partnerships between the school district, nonprofits and city agencies to create jobs for young Oaklanders.

As the current District 4, Oakland School Board member, I have fought to ensure more funds are going directly to our public schools. I listen to parents and teachers and work diligently to address their concerns.

I have served our community on volunteer Boards, especially critical youth programs - the East Bay Agency for Children, Oakland Children's Fairyland and now, most recently Girls Inc.

As the cofounder of Oakland Unwrapped! - the organization that created the Oakland Indie Awards - I have supported and celebrated Oakland's independent businesses and artists.

I look forward to bringing this energy and focus to District 4 and all of Oakland as Councilmember.

2. Program and Priorities -- Elected office provides the opportunity to proactively lead by placing new ideas on the agenda for consideration and development. What are some specific ideas you intend to pursue if elected? What do you believe are the main priorities for the City?

For too long, we have accepted less in Oakland. This is our moment in time. The world is taking notice of Oakland and we need leaders in City Hall who can work together to listen, create a clear path forward, and seize opportunities to move the City on that path.

I seek this seat because I believe that with energy and effort:

-- All our neighborhoods can be safe;

-- All our schools can be excellent;

-- We can welcome businesses and artists and grow vibrant, diverse neighborhoods; and

-- We can deliver high quality city services to everyone living, playing and doing business in Oakland.

Top Priorities:

1) Ensuring Oakland becomes a Safe City by:

*** Ensuring that every neighborhood is safe, beautiful and clean with excellent schools through the work, services and programs provided by Public Works, Human Services, Parks and Recreation and OUSD**

*** Ensuring police officers have the support and training necessary for their roles.**

*** Increasing efforts to make community policing simply the way we police the city**

*** Funding and maintaining focus on the implementation of Ceasefire**

*** Protecting our Fire Department's assets and working to restore the Wildfire Protection Assessment District**

2) Ensuring Oakland provides Excellent Education for all youth through:

*** Working with OUSD to ensure ALL students have the wrap-around services necessary for their academic and social success**

*** Provide support to Head Start and early intervention programs**

*** Ensure the issue of chronic absenteeism becomes a top City priority**

- * Increase partnerships with the business community to provide summer and year-round jobs for Oakland youth**
- * Be a strong advocate for the Oakland Reads 2020 Campaign to ensure all students are reading at grade level by 3rd grade**

3) Ensuring Oakland is Building a Strong Local Economy by:

- * Maintaining and improving the City's strong financial picture through sound budgeting practices and financial policies**
- * Supporting Oakland's local independent businesses and artists and ensuring that they can thrive in District 4 business districts and in the City as a whole**
- * Building consensus on the Council to speak with a unified voice to the business and developer community to build trust in investing here**
- * Developing the regulatory infrastructure to ensure that smart growth does not mean resident displacement**
- * Ensuring that necessary infrastructure projects are included with the City's growth plan**

4) Creating excitement and enthusiasm for innovation in City Hall by:

- * Building consensus and collaboration on the Council to change the public's perception of Oakland City Hall and to build strong relationships between Council and city employees**
- * Recognizing and encouraging city employees who are innovating in their departments**
- * Creating events and opportunities encouraging Oakland's Maker, Creative and Technology communities to engage with City Hall**

Oakland is a beautiful city with great neighborhoods. I am a proponent of continuing to grow and support those great neighborhoods by fostering the following in all neighborhoods in Oakland:

- 1) Building and maintaining beautiful public spaces**
- 2) Building housing for all income levels.**

- 3) **Building the necessary infrastructure to ensure that most people can walk, bike or take transit for most of their trips.**
- 4) **Supporting excellent neighborhood public schools.**
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- 6) **Strengthening our local food system and reducing waste**

Additionally, in the industrial neighborhoods in East and West Oakland I support maintaining industrial land to attract well paying jobs to Oakland.

Downtown, I support growing our private sector and increasing jobs for Oakland residents, as well as encouraging more infill development and a strong retail sector that will serve the majority of the shopping needs of Oakland residents.

3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of City. If you are a current City Government elected official, what issues can you point to in your time as an elected official that have had a positive impact?

I am the District 4 School Board Member for the Oakland Unified School District. As a School Board member I have worked with my colleagues to reduce central administration costs in favor of more funding for individual schools, recruited and hired a new Superintendent with concrete experience in turning around failing middle and high schools, and supported the District's efforts to increase graduation rates by sustaining high school academies. I have proven myself to be a leader that builds coalitions and brings people together to create solutions.

I am a long-time public servant in the City of Oakland. During my 12 year career in Oakland, I have held a variety of leadership roles, including Chief of Staff to Mayor Jerry Brown, Chief of Staff to Mayor Jean Quan, Assistant to three City Administrators, Chief of Staff to the Fire Chief, and Budget and Policy Analyst. I served as the Director of Operations & Special Projects at the Stuart Foundation in San Francisco and as Executive Director of the *I Have A Dream* Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For more information please link to:

http://www.annieforoakland.com/about_anne_campbell_washington

4. Local groups -- Are you affiliated with any of the active Oakland groups? Such as TOLA, Make Oakland Better Now, Block by Block, Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, GO Public Schools, OCO, or any other. Describe your involvement and why you feel this group is worthy of your support.

I am a member of the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club. I am impressed with Wellstone's track record of working on a progressive agenda and specifically am aligned with their goals of: a clean, sustainable environment; publicly financed, fair elections; respect for diversity; universal, affordable health care; rights for working people and quality public education.

I have worked in partnership with OCO and GO Public Schools to move forward on policy and program initiatives to improve Oakland's public schools.

5. Local activities -- Other than local politics, are you involved in any other Oakland based community activities that you would like to share with us? This can range from volunteering in your school to being in your church baseball league.

I am currently the District 4 School Board Member for Oakland Unified. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of Girls, Inc., Oakland Children's Fairyland, and Safe Passages. I previously served on the Board of Directors of the East Bay Agency for Children. Finally, I am an active parent in the PTA at Montclair Elementary, where my two children attend school.

6. Budget -- If you were on council for the next budget in 2015 how would you act differently from the council members dealing with the budget in 2013? What do you think is the cause of the current budget crisis?

I would proactively work to curtail waste and mismanagement of resources. I would ensure that we maintain programs and services that are so critical to Oakland's youth and seniors - Head Start, libraries, parks, recreation and senior centers. I would stay focused on putting resources towards our unfunded liabilities and build a Rainy Day Fund.

7. Youth -- Describe the condition of youth in Oakland? What would your priorities for youth be for Oakland government and how would they get implemented and paid for?

A large number of Oakland's youth are struggling due to unemployment, poverty, and exposure to violence. I believe neighborhood schools can have an integral role in improving the condition of Oakland youth. My goals are to:

- **Work with OUSD to ensure students have the wrap-around services necessary for their academic and social success**
- **Provide support to Head Start and early intervention programs**
- **Ensure the issue of chronic absenteeism becomes a top City priority**

- **Increase partnerships with the business community, encouraging them to adopt their local schools through tutoring, mentoring and employing Oakland youth.**
- **Build career pipelines in partnership with OUSD's Linked Learning efforts so that youth have clear plans after high school.**
- **Increase opportunities for youth jobs through summer and school year partnerships with the business community and apprenticeship programs with the building trades.**
- **Advocate for the Oakland Reads 2020 Campaign to ensure all students are reading at grade level by 3rd grade.**

8. **Police -- How do you think our community policing is going and what are the next steps? Describe the current relationship between the residents and the Oakland Police. Do you suggest any changes? Do you support Restorative Justice programs and how should the city be involved, if at all.**

I believe that the City of Oakland has never implemented community policing fully. Community policing should simply be the way we police in Oakland. The challenge has been that staffing has been so low that the position of Problem Solving Officer was created to ensure that some number of officers would have the time and space to do true community policing work. This has set up a structure where only those few officers are engaging in community policing. There are many officers that have excellent relationships in the community. This can be replicated and expanded by allowing more officers to engage in community policing work - solving neighborhood problems, attending neighborhood meetings, spending time in neighborhood programs and agencies serving residents and providing additional training to officers.

I do support Restorative Justice programs. Restorative justice programs are an important way that the City can partner with the School District to eliminate destructive cycles of youth violence and incarceration.

To ensure all of Oakland's neighborhoods are safe I plan to:

- **Ensure that every neighborhood is safe, beautiful and clean with excellent schools through the work, services and programs provided by Public Works, Human Services, Parks and Recreation and OUSD**
- **Fund academies and additional efforts to curb officer attrition so that through hiring and retention we build a department of 900 officers**
- **Ensure police officers have the equipment and training necessary for their roles.**
- **Increase efforts to make community policing simply the way we police the city**

- **Fund and maintain focus on the implementation of Ceasefire**

9. Development Projects -- What are your thoughts and views about the West Oakland Army Base, The upper Broadway-Valdez Triangle, Oak to 9th and other projects?

I support the enhancement of retail opportunities and mixed-use development for Oakland. This involves maintaining a balance of environmental, economic preservation, and quality of life interests.

Additionally, in the industrial neighborhoods in East and West Oakland I support maintaining industrial land to attract well paying jobs to Oakland.

Downtown, I support growing our private sector and increasing jobs for Oakland residents, as well as encouraging more infill development and a strong retail sector that will serve the majority of the shopping needs of Oakland residents.

10. Police Misconduct. What are your thoughts and how do you feel Oakland should deal with it? How would they get the Oakland Police past the current oversight under Judge Henderson?

The Oakland Police Department has been working under a Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) for over a decade due to cases of police misconduct. All elected leaders in City Hall and the police chief must work in concert to ensure that Oakland carries out the remaining tasks of the NSA and moves into a mode of maintaining compliance.

11. Housing & Gentrification -- Increasing rents, dislocation, and gentrification have been in the news. What policies do you advocate to assure that Oakland tenants are protected and that Oakland remains an economically and racially diverse city?

Affordable housing and preserving Oakland's unique diversity is paramount among my priorities.

Redevelopment-generated tax increment was the most important local source of funding for affordable housing. With the dissolution of Redevelopment, we have lost this source of funding and there is a substantial reduction in funds available each year for affordable housing. Because of this, I support a set-aside of ongoing redevelopment boomerang funds for affordable housing.

I also support the City Council's direction to fund a nexus study, which would set the stage for a citywide developer impact fee for affordable housing. I also support adopting a citywide affordable housing policy.

With a tremendous influx of new investment dollars in Oakland, we have a once in a generation opportunity to encourage the type of family friendly, sustainable projects that our communities desire.

12. Environment -- What do you think the Oakland City government should be doing about the environment?

I believe that in order to truly have a sustainable city, sustainability values and principles need to be integrated throughout the city on all levels. Fortunately, we have many wonderful city staff in the Public Works, Planning and other departments that understand environmental and sustainability principles and have shown leadership in this arena. I would continue to encourage adherence to environmentally sustainable goals in every area, and review all legislation through that lens. As I raise my children in Oakland I want to make sure our city is an even healthier, cleaner community for them in the future. I believe that by working together throughout the city to balance economic growth with protection of the environment we can make this great city an even better place to live for residents now and in the future.

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The effects of Prop 13 and the competing priorities for diminished city resources have been devastating on our park maintenance. Oakland has a wonderful, hardworking maintenance staff but just not enough people to maintain the parks and urban forestry to the level that the people of Oakland deserve. I will support local residents in their efforts to help maintain their local parks and continue to advocate for increased funding for maintenance staff, while carefully balancing that with other important needs in the city.

During my 14 years of public service in the City of Oakland, I have spent a considerable amount of time actively working on environmental issues. As Chief of Staff to the Mayor, I

actively advocated and worked with elected leaders to: 1) protect the set-aside for affordable housing in the last two-year budget; 2) protect and increase funding for the Broadway green shuttle; 3) advocated for and testified on behalf of Measure BB.

As COS to the Mayor, I lead the inaugural team to establish Love Our Lake Day - a new, annual Sunday Streets event in Oakland to celebrate walking, biking and dancing around the lake. As Assistant City Manager in Emeryville, I participated on the team to bring the first Love Our Neighborhood day to the Golden Gate neighborhood of Oakland and to Emeryville.

As Assistant to the City Administrator, I supervised a Pedestrian Safety Task Force and worked closely with Public Works engineers to ensure that we were creating a walkable downtown.

As Chief of Staff to the Fire Chief and later as COS to the Mayor, I worked closely with the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District members and Fire Department staff to implement the Wildfire Assessment District programs funded by the tax.

The Energy Climate and Action Plan is a comprehensive and aggressive guide to reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and addressing energy consumption associated with Oakland. I greatly appreciate the time and resources invested by staff and community members to create this plan and providing a framework for City policymakers to provide leadership in this area. The adopted plan shows \$9 million of unfunded priority actions and 21 additional unfunded staff. The costs, staffing needs, progress to date and additional prioritization must be presented to Council on an annual basis as planned in order to continue to make progress.

I would prioritize the following in the Plan:

1) Priority Actions that can be implemented with existing resources. There are 29 priority actions to be implemented in the first three years after adoption of the plan. These 29 priority actions are identified as ones that can be accomplished with existing resources. This work should be continued and should stay on track. The plan calls for an annual update to Council to provide a status on the implementation. These annual updates are critical to keep the Council and the community informed about the state of the work, any new prioritization that has taken place and the ongoing funding and staffing needs.

2) Shore up funding for at least part-time grant staffing. There are over 30 priority actions identified in the adopted plan with no funding yet identified. As of November 2012, many of these were underway. There are state, federal and private foundation grant dollars available for many of these priority areas. To access these funds, the City must invest in an at least part-time staffing to write grant proposals and complete the necessary follow-up to access the grant dollars.

3) Annual updates to Council as called for in the plan. There is continuous progress being made on the plan, so it is important to advise City Council on this progress and the prioritization and costs associated with outstanding work.

4) Other high priority areas without funding. There are over 30 other high priority areas listed as not having identified funding in the plan. There must be an ongoing mechanism to prioritize, update funding/staffing availability and update the status of implementation.

I believe that impacting our transportation behavior is critical. For that reason, I would focus on efforts to: 1) Develop a Comprehensive Transportation Policy Plan. 2) Accelerate Completion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans (meaning finishing the projects identified in those plans). 3) Plan for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. 4) Create a Renter-Occupied Residential Energy Retrofit Program. 5) Require Transit-Oriented Development Performance for New Development. 6) Promote Vibrant, Safe, and Attractive Transit-Oriented Dense Development. 7) Optimize Street Design for Transit, Bicycling and Walking. 8) Partner with the Port to Advance GHG Reduction. 9) Launch a Community Solar Program. 10) Promote Local Green Businesses and Expand Green Business Program. 11) Advance Economic Development Strategies Supporting Local Food Production.

As Councilmember, I would turn my attention to the annual reports to inform my thinking on the staffing and funding needs for the following two years. Continuous progress must be made on the prioritization and available funding so that the highest priority and highest impact areas can be contemplated for the City budgeting process. Seeking grant and other funds must also be a continuous process.

13. Satisfaction of Residents -- How do you think the average resident feels about city government? How would you rate the satisfaction level?

As the vast majority of Americans are dissatisfied and disappointed with the dysfunctionality of our US Congress, so are many Oakland residents disappointed with the lack of productivity displayed by city government.

As Councilmember, I will have the opportunity to work closely with residents, neighborhood and volunteer groups, and advocacy organizations to improve this situation - by working on policy ideas together, by advancing issues at the state and federal levels, and by working in partnership with the Mayor.

My history has been that of a leader that can work with a diverse range of interests to build consensus and move projects forward. I am proud to say that I already enjoy a working relationship with all the major candidates for Mayor, and every single member of City Council.

14. Accountability -- How do you propose making yourself accountable and accessible to the citizens of Oakland?

I will meet regularly with leaders from a broad and diverse group of constituents: neighborhood leaders, residents, educators, business leaders, labor unions, developers, investors, small business owners, artists, City employees, and parents.

The purpose of these meetings will be to listen and understand the issues faced by individuals affected by any particular policy under consideration. When contentious issues arise, I will work with all sides to find common agreement and build consensus.

I will communicate regularly by email and newsletter to my constituency to ensure that active, engaged residents throughout the City have access to information about what is happening in City Hall.

15. Do we need an Oakland Progressive Alliance akin to the one in Richmond, and if so, who should be members?

Any program that seeks to create a united community effort to take on the problems of crime, violence, economic inequality and decaying infrastructure would surely be of benefit to the people of Oakland. Any community member with an interest in social justice and inclusivity could participate in this type of alliance.

16. Governance -- What kind of relationship could you have with other office holders? Who do you see as a working majority on council and who can you work with?

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17. Endorsements -- Who has endorsed you so far? Who do you expect to endorse you? Who do you endorse in the other City races? Include your #2 and 3 choices for your own race and note that this year the City races are Mayor, Council seats, School Board seats and City Auditor.

My endorsement list:

Elected Officials

Hon. Rob Bonta, California State Assemblymember

Hon. Nancy Skinner, California State Assemblymember

Hon. Don Perata, Former President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate

Hon. Sandre Swanson, Former California State Assemblymember

Hon. Dion Aroner, Former California State Assemblymember

Hon. Wilma Chan, Alameda County Supervisor

Hon. Jean Quan, Oakland Mayor, Former District 4 Oakland City Councilmember and Oakland Unified School Board Member

Hon. Dick Spees, Former Oakland City Councilmember, District 4

Hon. Henry Chang, Former Oakland City Councilmember, At-Large

Hon. Pat Kernighan, President of the Oakland City Council, District 2

Hon. Dan Kalb, Oakland City Councilmember, District 1

Hon. Nancy Nadel, Former Oakland City Councilmember, District 3

Hon. Rebecca Saltzman, BART Director, District 3

Hon. Sheila Jordan, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools

Hon. Ken Berrick, Alameda County Board of Education Trustee

Hon. Joaquin Rivera, Alameda County Board of Education Trustee

Hon. Gary Yee, Former Oakland Unified School Board Member, District 4 and former Interim Superintendent, OUSD

Hon. David Kakishiba, President of the Oakland Unified School Board, District 2

Hon. James Harris, Oakland Unified School Board Member, District 7

Hon. Jody London, Oakland Unified School Board Member, District 1

Hon. Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Oakland Unified School Board Member, District 3

Hon. Roseann Torres, Oakland Unified School Board Member, District 5

Hon. Christopher Dobbins, Oakland Unified School Board Member, District 6

Hon. Julie Sinai, Berkeley Unified School Board Member and Director of the North/East Bay Area College and Career Pathways Consortium

Hon. Joel Cohen, Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee & East Bay Stonewall Club

Hon. Pamela Drake, Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee & Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club

Organizations

Oakland Firefighters, International Association of Firefighters, Local 55
Oakland Police Officers Association

Teamsters, Joint Council 7

Sierra Club

League of Conservation Voters of the East Bay

SEIU, Local 1021

Local 21, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers

Alameda County Central Labor Council

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 16

Oakland and District 4 Neighborhood Leaders

Claudia Albano, Policy Director for Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

Robert Apodaca, ZeZen Advisors

Vanessa Bergmark, General Manager/Partner, Red Oak Realty, Montclair Village

Jazy Bonilla, Oakland Planning Commissioner

Julina Bonilla, Workforce Investment Board member

Meg Bowerman, Former Co-chair of Beat 22X NCPC

Teresa Bozikis, Owner, TOUCH Salon, Montclair

Kathleen Caldwell, Owner, A Great Good Place for Books, Montclair Village

Carl Chan, Oakland Chinatown Chamber Foundation

Ada Chan, Laurel District Business Association

Roberto Costa, Volunteer Mosaic Muralist, Allendale Park Resident

Anagha Dandekar Clifford, Attorney, Wendel Rosen Black & Dean

Dan Cohen, Principal, Full Court Press Communications

Michael Colbruno, Port of Oakland Commissioner

Richard Cowan, Former Redwood Heights Neighborhood Association Chair

Joe DeCredico, Former Crestmont Homeowners Association President

Cisco Devries, President & CEO, Renewable Funding

Jeff Diamond, Owner, Farmstead Cheeses and Wines, Montclair Village

Jose Dorado, President, Maxwell Park Neighborhood Council

Sue Duckles, Board Member, Butters Canyon Conservancy; Board Member, Friends of Joaquin Miller Park

Solomon Ets-Hokin, Senior Vice President, Colliers International

Jim Falaschi, President, Jack London Square Partners & Transbay Holding Company

Ed Gerber, Board Member, Make Oakland Better Now

Michael Ghielmetti, President, Signature Development Group

John Gooding, Consultant, Quadric Group Inc.

Earl Hamlin, Port of Oakland Commissioner

Robert Heywood, Attorney and Mediator, Piedmont Pines resident

Genice Jacobs, Community Anti-Trafficking Activist, Oakmore resident

Erin Kilmer Neel, Executive Director of Oakland Grown and Sustainable Business Alliance

June Ko-Dial, Former PTA President of Montclair Elementary, Montera Middle and Skyline High; Redwood Heights resident

Yui Hay Lee, Coliseum JPA Commissioner, Former Planning Commissioner, Organization of Chinese Americans

Lynette Lee, Former Executive Director of East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation

Peg Lum, Minna Avenue Neighborhood Watch Block Captain

Greg McConnell, President & CEO, Oakland Jobs and Housing Coalition

Katie McLane, OUSD Principal (retired), Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Association

Jim Moore, Oakland Planning Commissioner

Arnold Perkins, Former Director of the Alameda County Public Health Department

Mike Petouhoff, Former Budget Advisory Committee Member, Shepherd Canyon Homeowner's Association, Former Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Board Member

Christine Quan, Former PTA President, Skyline High School

Melissa Raymond, PTA President, Montclair Elementary School

Brian Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, Rogers Family Foundation

Melanie Shelby, Violence Prevention & Public Safety Oversight Committee

Sandeep Sood, CEO, Monsoon Company

Laurel Strand, Broker-Realtor, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Tony Thurmond, Lincoln Child Center, Candidate for California State Assembly, and former Richmond School Board Member

Daniel Swafford, Executive Director of the Montclair Village Association and Board member of the Dimond Improvement Association

Natalie Van Tassel, Co-Chair of Volunteering for Oakland

Nick Vigilante, Founder and Former Chair of the Montclair Safety Improvement Council and Former Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee

Ruth Villasenor, Owner, Paws & Claws; Dimond Merchants Association

Glenn Voyles, Oakland Children's Fairyland and Girls Inc. Board Member

Allene Warren, Founding Member, Wildfire Prevention Assessment District; South Hills Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council

Zack Wasserman, Attorney, Wendel Rosen Black & Dean

Stan Weisner, Piedmot Pines Neighborhood Association

Larry Westland, Senior Vice President, TRI Commercial Real Estate/CORFAC International

Doug Wong, Wildfire Prevention Assessment District Advisory Board member, retired firefighter

Ron Zeno, Oakland Children's Fairyland Board Member

Myles and Ida Abbott, Montclair residents

Ingrid Aguirre Happoldt

Mike and Renee Asport, Oakmore residents

Amanda Brown-Stevens and Adam Vandewater

Josie Camacho, Laurel resident

Kim and Augusto Cardoso, Montclair residents

Barbara Ciu

Jody Colley

Ginger Cook, Montclair resident

Darolyn Davis & David Wilkins

Kay DeMartini

Sara Davison Devries

Gil Duran

Sal Fahey, Oakmore resident

Michelle Francois

Barbara Ginsberg, Laurel Resident

Esther and Chris Gulli, Montclair residents

Shauna Handrahan and Colin Tong

Alice Hansen and Dave Duran

Rhonda Hirata

Beau Kilmer

Diane and Fred Leavitt, Montclair residents

Juliette Linzer

Charlie and Jane Long, Montclair residents

Elizabeth Love

Jessie Leavitt and Ian Moll

Larry Magid and Amy Toro, Montclair residents

Polly Morris

Nicole Neditch

Lynn Petouhoff, Shepherd Canyon resident

Sue Piper, North Oakland leader

Lori Robbins

Dan and Cheri Robertson, Oakmore residents

Lisa Salomon & Scott Forrest, Montclair residents

Nina & Bill Senn, Montclair resident

Dr. Gail Simpson & David Roberts

Ann & Dave Sinclair, Montclair residents

Sam Singer

Pippa & Skip Smyth, Montclair residents

Shawn Stark and Heather Collaco Stark

Michael Sullivan

Cynthia Warren, Laurel resident

Paul & Kali Williams

Cecelia Wogan-Silva, Montclair resident

Linda Wong, Redwood Heights resident, CORE volunteer

Michelle Wong and Michael Alexander

Sally Walker-Zeno

Sue Yascolt, Redwood Heights Resident

18. Campaign Funding -- How much money do you currently have for this race? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from? Describe sources of financial contributions for your campaign that you would refuse to accept (if any).

The overall budget for the campaign is the maximum for this race -\$121,000 - and I expect to raise that amount. Currently I have raised over \$70,000. My campaign contributions are largely comprised of donations from small businesses and individuals.

19. Checks and balances -- How do you view current the relationship between the Council and Mayor? Any comments on the same question for the Auditor and City Attorney? Are there any changes they would propose to the city charter?

At times, the relationship between the Mayor and particular Councilmembers has been contentious. I look forward to having a respectful, productive working relationship with all elected officials in City Hall. We will not always agree, but I will always treat my colleagues with respect.

20. Money in elections. -- Does Oakland need campaign finance reform? If so, what kind?

I support Council President Kernighan's proposal to prohibit candidates for city office from using funds raised for their independent committees to either support their candidacy or to oppose other candidates.

21. Anything Else? -- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

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Yes or No questions (follow with an explanation if you want to add one)

-- Do you support the renewal of Measure Y? Yes.

-- Do you support the minimum wage proposal? Yes.

-- Are you in favor of a police commission? No.

-- Do you support Dan Kalb's proposal on oversight and transparency? Yes.

-- Are you in favor of receiving public complaints against police officers at the Civilian Police Review Board? Yes.

-- Would you vote for using eminent domain to abate foreclosure crisis? I am willing to explore this option.

-- Do you support Ranked Choice Voting? Yes.

-- Would you support Proportional Representation? No.

-- Do you support diverting people from prosecution if they participate in a restorative justice program? In certain circumstances, yes - depending on the crime.

-- Do you support Community Choice Aggregation? Yes.

-- Would you vote to allow more grey water systems? Yes.