

If you have any questions and/or to return your responses, please contact us at cullen4fremont@gmail.com or 540 746 5144.

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

We can make Fremont the model for the country. I'm running so we can turn the council away from developer money and toward community interests. I also have the energy and support of the local Bernie Sanders' movement, because I served as a delegate for Bernie and represented them faithfully at the DNC.

2. Priorities -What do you believe are the major issues facing your district? The City? What are some specific tasks (e.g. specific legislation, policies, et.) you intend to accomplish while in office?

The most important votes I would make on Council are regarding development as our city has seen an overzealous boon in poorly planned developments which has led to overcrowded schools and traffic congestion as well as a lack of affordable housing and rising homelessness.

I would vote against developments that do not benefit the community in a positive way and put the focus on green energy infrastructure and education.

3. Qualifications - Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for being a City Council-member.

As a former Marine Corps sergeant and communications representative for Lockheed Martin's Space Systems Company, I will bring a diverse and unique set of skills to Fremont's City Council. My career in the Marine Corps and my education at the University of Virginia both demonstrate my ability to follow guidelines in demanding environments and solve complex problems. I have battle-tested organizational skills and have a proven experience of successfully counseling and leading Marines, students and corporate executives.

4. Land Use: What do you think are the most important land use issues facing the city today? The City and the University have different missions: what conflicts/challenges do you foresee on land use policy, and how would you address these? What should happen to People's Park?

In Fremont, we are fighting to preserve open spaces and to not sell off California's natural beauty to the highest bidder.

N/A --- N/A

5. Automobiles - What policies should the city take to reduce automobile use and make the city friendlier to pedestrians and other non-automobile transportation? Should the city promote electric car use, and what policy and infrastructure changes would you support, if any?

Fremont and Newark are the only two cities that do not have a property tax to pay AC transit for public transportation services. We would strongly encourage a ballot measure that would inquire to see if Fremont's citizens would be interested in investing in better transport.

Fremont will 100% promote electric car use with more charging stations. Warm Springs' BART station will be a green-energy model for future improvements.

6. Safety - What are the most important public safety issues facing the residents of Berkeley? What kinds of programs are useful for creating a safe environment for all people?

Fremont has major issues with burglary and a lack of police resources to confront this problem. Fremont is 96 square miles with one police station. We need to build a community-based police officer substation in Warm Springs, and eventually other districts in Fremont, so that we can provide better community based support for the people.

7. Affordable housing- What is your position on building market-rate housing versus affordable housing? Does building mostly market-rate help or hinder affordability in Berkeley? What affirmative steps would you take to increase the availability of new or refurbished affordable housing in Berkeley? Are there any particular demographics that you would target for this housing? Are there any particular neighborhoods that you would target for this housing?

In Fremont, affordable housing is a major issue, and there's no defined number on what "affordable" means to the city government. A majority of housing is not affordable for people making less than \$50,000 per year. We were awarded money from the Alameda County Housing Bond that will support housing in the Warm Springs district.

I will support developments that work toward ending veteran homelessness, that support low income single parents and ensure teachers can live in our city. There are opportunities for affordable housing in all of our districts with many plans already in the pipeline that need to be carefully reviewed.

8. Rent Control- How important is it to keep Berkeley's form of strong rent control and eviction protections? How important is keeping an elected rent board? What is your position on the effects of Costa-Hawkins on the affordability of Berkeley units? Is it an overall good or an overall bad law, looking back over the 20 years since it was passed? What can and should be

done to roll back the massive rent increases new tenants face because of vacancy decontrol?

It is very important that we have strong rent control measures in place and real protections for renters. We are running to support just-cause eviction and make real changes in how our city government supports renters' rights.

9. Homelessness: Berkeley Greens agree with, but don't necessarily believe, the Democratic Party Platform where it states, "...we will fight for robust funding to end homelessness in our cities and counties once and for all, through targeted investments to provide the necessary outreach, social services, and housing options for all populations experiencing homelessness." What do you think can and should be done about the "Homeless problem" here in Berkeley?

"Housing First" will be our policy, and we will work tirelessly to end homelessness in Fremont and then the Bay Area. We will employ new ideas too, including a smart use of social media, please check out this website that we hope to utilize <http://www.miraclemessages.org/>

10. Food Policy: What policies would you support to re-localize our food system? Do you support labeling of GMO foods, similar to Vermont's law?

I think Fremont's City Council should get more involved in promoting local food initiatives, especially community gardens and farmers' markets as a part of our greater downtown renaissance efforts. I do support labeling GMO foods and any efforts that increase awareness of how far your food has traveled to get to your plate.

11. Should the City Council take positions on national and international issues?

I think we as a culture need to recognize and speak up about international issues, especially one's that concern the global community we have here in Fremont.

12. The trend in recent years has been for state and local law-enforcement agencies to procure military-grade weapons as well as high-tech surveillance equipment (drones, among others), and to adopt military-style tactics and training. This is generally but not exclusively under the aegis of Urban Shield. What do you think BPD's and CoB's stance should be on this issue, as well as what you think the City's policy and practices should be? What would you do or not do as an elected official?

Yes. As someone who served in the military, I'm very concerned with the militarization of our local police forces throughout the country. Our city council will push for greater language

skills and deescalation training for local police forces to make Fremont the model for the country.

13. Do you support The Movement for Black Lives Platform?

Yes, we need real change and we need greater dialogue in this country and the Black Lives Platform is pushing in that direction.

14. What specifically will do you think Berkeley needs to do locally to fight climate change? To make Berkeley a zero carbon city?

We will plant more trees, put solar panels on all government buildings, and support a strong push for emission free public transportation. I'd also like to host panels and events that raise awareness about the climate crisis that we all face.

15. What are your positions on the any or all of the eleven Berkeley Ballot Measures? Specifically, what is your position on the competing ballot measures on both the minimum wage and on increasing the business license tax on rental properties?

N/A

16. Are there particular statewide initiatives you support? Proposition 59, if passed, would commit California officials to overturning the Citizens United case and getting money out of politics. Will you take the following pledge: "I support amending the U.S. Constitution to make clear that corporations and other artificial entities do not have Constitutional rights and that money is not speech and campaign spending should be limited through regulation?"

We support the current statewide initiatives, except Proposition 65, and I would 100% take that pledge.

17. Endorsements –

a. Who are you endorsing, from President all the way down ballot to local races? Considering Jill Stein for President, but we're focusing on local elections right now, and we plan on endorsing Vinnie Bacon for Fremont City Council, Lily Mei for Mayor and Ro Khanna for Congress in

CD-17.

b. Are you endorsing anyone else in your own race, considering that we have instant run off voting? N/A

c. Who has endorsed you? TBA

d. Who do you expect to endorse you? We plan to get endorsements from Fremont City Council Member Vinnie Bacon, Mountain View City Councilmember Lenny Siegel, Saratoga City Council Member Rishi Kumar and Monterey City Council Member Alan Haffa.

As well as many other Bernie Sanders delegates, veteran organizations, organizations that environmentally friendly, as well as Ro Khanna for Congress.

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

As a veteran, I have traveled all over the world and have been fortunate to work with people of all races and creeds. As a campaign, we are committed to ensuring everyone's voice is heard. We will be champions of a real and sustained inclusion of the people. #FremontFirst