

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 AC Transit Board?

I want to serve on the AC Transit Board of Directors because I feel that my 21 years as a bus operator can bring some insight and perspectives that the board needs and, having the knowledge/ skill levels, I'm prepared to make policy changes necessary to make a difference in public transit so that the agency can run smoother.

2. Which of your past experiences are valuable for serving on the board? Have you been following AC Transit's actions the last 5 years? If so, what changes have you noted?

My past experiences that are most valuable have been surviving the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake (bus was on the bay bridge) and the Oakland firestorm of 1992. AC Transit's communication system had a [BUSY SIGNAL]. I had to get the people on the bus off of the Bay Bridge!

3. Do you ride AC Transit and, if so, how frequently?

I ride AC Transit OFTEN and WHENEVER I can, especially Transbay lines. I LOVE THE VIEW OF THE BAY!!!

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

My ideas about choice ridership is to continue to let the marketing dept. create incentives & promotions to entice car owners to utilize our services.

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

The #1 complaint of AC Transit's current Transbay Service is that the "NEW GILLIG BUSES" for Transbay are way to small. The seating capacity has gotten smaller and people have to stand in the aisles for over an hour during the evening commute times.

6. AC Transit made the decision to use the diesel. Are you satisfied with that? Why or why not?

NO, I am not satisfied with diesel engines because there are other options like Hydrogen-Electric Hybrid buses (New Flyers). However, since cost & technology are always the first questions does it make sense for AC Transit to consider this option if there is no money for maintenance.

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

Downtown Walnut Creek also has a free shuttle just like AC Transit. These services can remain financially feasible if we continue to find funding streams. The Seattle FREE RIDES program was discontinued on Sept 29th 2012.

8. Are you concerned about buses for youth, seniors, disabled, and low-income riders? Are you aware of the disproportionate cuts in services impacting communities of color?

Yes, my main concern for these passengers are to make SURE they always can afford to ride the bus. That's why I'm helping out with the Measure BB campaign. This funding source would really help keep fares affordable. Yes, services have been cut way back in the people of color neighborhoods! This is one of the reasons people say they are supporting me!!!!

9. What endorsements have you received thus far?

My endorsements are: The Honorable Vice-Mayor Jovanka Beckeles, City Of Richmond, Mister Phillips ESQ., Rev. Dr. Tom Sanders , Honorable City Of Berkeley Councilman Kriss Worthington, The John George Democratic Club, and the 156,000 voters of the 2012 election race.

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

I Have Nothing Further To Add, I Just Want To Say THANK YOU For Your SUPPORT in 2012 AS WELL!! LET'S WIN!!!!!!

Warm Regards,
Candidate Dollene C. Jones