

QUESTIONNAIRE

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

2014 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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In the subject line, please include "Oakland City Council D4"

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Note: You may respond to any question with a link to your website or other posted positions. For the yes/no questions, please answer yes or no and if you wish to add to your answer, feel free to do so.

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

Community leader for over 12 years, I want to represent the silent majority & ensure basic services are delivered. Our city is too great to miss any more opportunities.

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?

Public Safety, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Improving Schools

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?

Please see web site "About"

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.

MGO - 5 yrs

Oakland Chambers - 4 yrs.

Oakland Rotary - 3 yrs

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.

Keep Oakland Beautiful (past)

Library Commissioner (past)

Friends of Oakland Park & Rec (current)

Oakland Parks Coalition (current)

QUSD - Neighborhood PTA member

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 advocate for one budget that represents us all. Long-term debt, low revenues, and a policy of spending more than we have — these have all caused the budget crisis

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 lot of duplication of efforts, wasted dollars. There is a lot of support for youth here in Oakland but a lot of programs don't meet the success they should. I would look to make sure they are running more effectively

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.

With a police force that is struggling with low numbers and the NSA, we try to do the best we can. I think consistent leadership is needed to run the dept, hiring more crime investigators is needed. Oakland already supports Restorative Justice & it is one tool of many.

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 growing our city's revenues through projects that will bring us growth and demand. Allowing for public vetting & local input is always a consideration

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?

Misconduct should be dealt with appropriately, policies should be enforced and those policies should be made clear through training & education. There are only 1-3 items left on the decree, I don't think maybe meet.

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?

Tenants are already protected w/ a strict Rent Control Policy & Measure EE. The best thing the city can do, is build more workforce and market rate housing to absorb some of the resident spillover from SF. I would also make sure the Rent Board is run fair, ethnically and is servicing & educating tenants as well as owners.

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

We have the ECAP and have been working through that diligently.

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

Most residents are dissatisfied with the city & have learned to manage without them.

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

Advocate for a more user friendly web site
Have quality staff, hold public hours and remain engaged at the local level.

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

Not aware of this

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?

Since half the council will be changing, I am not sure at this time. However, I have working relationships with all of current members.

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.

Please see my endorsement list.
I am not endorsing anyone.

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

list

max allowed will raise
money comes from community & businesses

contributions for your campaign that you would refuse to accept (if any).

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?

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Yes possible changes but would prefer to experience first hand before throwing out ideas

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

We already have provisions in place

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

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

-- Do you support the renewal of Measure Y?

No, not in its current form

-- Do you support the minimum wage proposal?

Lift Up? No. Other increases in wages that were gradual: yes

-- Are you in favor of a police commission?

Depends on how was staffed & who appointed

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

This year is not a good year to bring this forward - too many competing dollars. But the theory behind it - yes.

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

I think these would need to be vetted.

oversight
this Board?
I have questions

-- Would you vote for using eminent domain to abate foreclosure crisis?

No

-- Do you support Ranked Choice Voting?

Unsure at this time - I have heard from both sides

-- Would you support Proportional Representation?

Unaware

-- Do you support diverting people from prosecution if they participate in a restorative justice program?

Doesn't this happen already?

-- Do you support Community Choice Aggregation?

Yes

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

I support recycling water - unsure why a vote would be needed

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire.