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Line of work: Educator/School Board Member (Former President)

1 --- Qualifications: Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of City Council. 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 currently an elected official. I serve as the Hayward Unified School Districts Board Clerk (Former Board President). As school board president for the past two years, I listened intensely to my constituents. The ability to listen and act allowed me to lead the successful efforts to get two bond measures passed resulting in several new state of the art schools for our children. I also led the effort to enlist the award-winning College Bound Hayward Program, which has served as the catalyst for raising our test scores while sending our students to the finest universities in the country.

2 --- Local groups: Are you affiliated with any of the active Hayward or other local citizen or environmental advocacy groups?

I support many of the community advocacy groups in the City of Hayward and Northern California. I attend meetings and endorse actions taken by many of the supported groups. I am an active supporter of youth and educational groups who are affected by environmental issues.

3 --- What are some of the largest issues in Hayward that need to be addressed now? What creative ideas do you have to address these issues?

As a Council Member, I will work to revise the downtown loop that creates traffic nightmares. I will work to create more affordable housing as I successfully did as Director of Northern California Community Development.

4 --- Who has endorsed you so far (groups and individuals of note)?

1. Carpenters Local 713, Alameda County
2. UA Local 342 P.A.C.
3. Local 3 Operating Engineers
4. District Council of Iron Workers
5. Owens Law Firm
6. 002 Service Auto Repair
7. Alfa Plumbing
8. Cougar Painting
9. Bishop J.W. Macklin
10. Mrs. Freddy M. Davis
11. Eric Swalwell
12. Jason McCartney
13. Olden Henson
14. Supt. Karen Monroe
15. Mr. Aaron Ortiz
16. Supt. Stan Dobbs
17. Deputy Chief Jan Davis
18. Chief Sheryl Boykins
19. Chief Daryl MacAllister
20. Dr. Tri Do
21. Dr. Marshall Mitzman
22. Mr. Douglas Hartzog
23. Mrs. Lolita Jackson
24. Mrs. Lisa Brunner
25. Hanley Chan
26. Dr. Ric Ricard
27. Henry Hutchins
28. Rev. Dr. Jessie Davis
29. Rev. Tommy Smith
30. Mrs. Sandra Smith
31. Mr. Ed Kaufmann
32. Mrs. Judy Kaufmann
33. Ms. Sabrina Aranda
34. Mr. Rick Hart
35. Attorney Marquir Owens
36. Attornay Ronda Owens
37. Deputy DA Elgin Lowe
38. Mr. Daniel Pareja
39. Mrs. Marlene McDowell
40. Ms. Lamisha Sherri
41. Mr. Ed Bullock
42. Mr. Michael Schibler
43. Mrs. Kathy Obrien
44. Dr. Earl Walker
45. Mr. Robert Abron
46. Mrs. Martha Abron
47. Mrs. Mattie Banks
48. Mrs. Iris Brathwaite
49. Mrs. Ruth Figures
50. Mrs. Eneida Goodman
51. Ms. Cynthia Brown
52. Mr. Fred Hines
53. Mr. John Johnson
54. Mrs. Carolyn Jones-Anderson
55. Mr. Ken Hoke
56. Mrs. Patricia James
57. Mrs. Charlotte Hines
58. Ms. Louise Robinson
59. Mr. Leon Sanders
60. Mrs. Geraldine Rogers
61. Mr. Thomas Neal, CPA
62. Ms. Reagan Pruitt
63. Mrs. Ellena Olgesby
64. Mrs. Josephine Strickland
65. Ms. Lori Stoudemire
66. Mrs. Delores Thomas
67. Mr. Carl Vinson
68. Mrs. Cynthia Truesdale
69. Mr. James Tucker
70. Mrs. Michelle Yates
71. Mrs. Claudette Tully
72. Mrs. Cassaudra Reed
73. Mrs. Helen Washington
74. Mr. Thomas Smith
75. Mr. Jonathan Key
76. Mrs. Joyce Butler
77. Mrs. Nancy Washington
78. Mrs. Michelle Yates
79. Mrs. Mira James
80. Ms. Donya Govan
81. Mrs. Idella Edwards
82. Mrs. Patricia Richardson
83. Mr. Charles Lipscomb
84. Mrs. Margaret Nongauza
85. Mr. Ray Fuller

86. Mrs. Shirley Mack
87. Mr. Arlington Harris
88. Ms. Joyce Bishop
89. Mrs. Oslen London
90. Mr. Ronald Owens
91. Mrs. Debbra Patton
92. Mr. Nathell Buford
93. Ms. Iberia Robinson
94. Ms. Martha Stamper
95. Ms. Yvette Mckinney
96. Ms. Teana Leeann Moses
97. Mrs. Bernadette Johnson
98. Mr. Jesse Hayes
99. Ms. Anastasia Ratcliff
100. Mrs. Barbara Pauley
101. Mrs. Dorothy Boston
102. Mrs. Yolanda Catalan
103. Mrs. Yolanda Glosson
104. Mr. Leonard Mills
105. Mrs. Tracy Rivers
106. Mr. Stan Wilkes
107. Mr. Clevester Hines
108. Ms. Michelle Payton
109. Mrs. Gracie Nelson
110. Mrs. Verna Smith
111. Mr. Ronald Robinson
112. Mr. John Owens
113. Ms. Kimberly Rogers
114. Ms. Shirley Hentz
115. Mr. Artie Kelly
116. Ms. Edna Willis
117. Mr. Alton Wheeler
118. Mr. Milton Williams
119. Mrs. Meredith Walker
120. Ms. Toni Jackson
121. Mrs. Sheila Pullum
122. Mrs. Eltora Charles
123. Mrs. Angie Mackey
124. Mr. Lonzo Caves
125. Mrs. Linda Wilson
126. Ms. Carole Walker
127. Ms. Gloria Warren
128. Mrs. Darlene Brown Lee
129. Mr. Damon Horn
130. Mrs. Lazet Howard
131. Mrs. Vernita Porter
132. Mrs. Rhonda Simen
133. Mrs. Carolyn Winter
134. Mrs. Melinda Hughes
135. Mr. Max Dennis
136. Mr. Kevin King
137. Mr. Rodney Turner
138. Mrs. Pamela Dennis
139. Ms. Michelle Small
140. Ms. Deborah Conover
141. Ms. Zahra Ibrahim
142. Mrs. Anzella Jones
143. Ms. Joy Johnson
144. Mrs. Shareshee Williams
145. Mrs. Yolanda Gaines
146. Ms. Rena Wright
147. Ms. Lynn Shanks
148. Mr. Darren Willis
149. Mrs. Zina Britt
150. Mrs. Rebecca Taylor
151. Ms. Latonia Grice
152. Mrs. Olivia Goodwin
153. Mrs. Hurish Perry
154. Mrs. Mary Collier
155. Mrs. Lovey Wilson
156. Mrs. Latanya Bellow
157. Mrs. Jennifer Flowers
158. Mrs. Evelyn Winston
159. Mrs. Juanita Brooks
160. Mr. Anthony Rhodes
161. Mrs. Sabrina Jernigan
162. Ms. Tamila Thomas
163. Mrs. Patrice Booth
164. Mr. David Jones
165. Mrs. Dora McCray
166. Mr. Wayne Jones
167. Mrs. Michelle Melson
168. Mrs. Erma Battle
169. Ms. Deborah Benford
170. Mrs. Jasmine Hunter
171. Mr. Kevin Taylor
172. Mrs. Norma Sanchez
173. Mr. Charles Bob
174. Mrs. Brittney Hughes
175. Mrs. Jamila Alexander
176. Ms. Latasha Lee
177. Mr. Russell Jefferson

178. Ms. Lajohn Watson
179. Mrs. Yasmine Wright
180. Mrs. Joyce Benton
181. Mrs. Jackie Williams
182. Mr. Harold Holmes
183. Mrs. Linda Penelton

184. Mrs. Yvonne O'Neal
185. Mr. Jeffrey Foss
186. Mrs. Paulette Givens

This is a partial list of endorsers!

5 --- Why did you choose to run for this office? What strength/skills would you bring to the Council?

I have been serving the Hayward community for over 30 years and am compelled to make Hayward a better place to live, shop and be educated in. I have grandchildren who live in the Hayward community and attend Hayward schools. I have built new schools, improved academics, recruited the best educators, created jobs, improved economic value for homeowners and provided healthcare access for families. I am not a politician; I am a public servant, which is my greatest asset.

6 --- Given the issues with campaign finances at the national level, we regard transparency in fundraising as highly critical at this time -- how much money do you currently have for this race? Are all your donors publicly listed on your website? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from?

Public records at the City Clerks Office and the State FPPC list all contributions submitted by candidates for public office. I am trying to raise enough revenue to support my campaign not a sent more! I am trying to raise \$30,000 and I have on hand \$5,500.00. I have scheduled several fundraising events and you are invited.

7 --- The Hayward Police Department has been steadily increasing bike patrols in the Downtown area, which has helped with connecting with the community and has shown to be very effective. Do you support expanding these patrols in other neighborhoods around the City?

I fully support the Police Department and their efforts to combat criminal activity. I teach criminal justice and forensic science at the Eden Area ROP. I am a former peace officer and I am familiar with the need for community policing and bike patrols.

8 --- Do you consider environmental stewardship and sustainable development as core parts of your vision for Hayward's future?

Environmental stewardship and sustainability must be a priority in Hayward. We are fortunate to have excellent water, shorelines, hillsides, trails and animal habitats in California. Let's Keep Hayward Beautiful!

9 --- Will you work closely with EBRPD and HARD to expand protected open space and add to the Bay Trail wherever possible?

Yes!

10 --- How do you plan to get the city to expand solar panel coverage of roofs of all city owned buildings, as well as parking lots, as soon as practicable?

I have always been a supporter of solar and the Chabot projects prove that a solar program can work! We are talking about the same program at the ROP and some of our larger churches.

11 --- How do you plan to encourage industries with huge roof areas (especially in South Hayward) to also get solar panel coverage of their roofs?

Through a collaborative campaign which includes industry and city at the same table planning Hayward's future! We have to be inclusive!

12 --- Are you committed to making sure any further parking comes with commensurate levels of EV charging infrastructure, making provisions for future EV ownership growth?

I am committed to what is best for our community and protecting our community!

13 --- Will you make sure that any future development (infill or rehab) is LEED certified or Green Point Rated, and further that provisions are made for significant water conservation and reuse of water on site, given that climate change models show California will be getting steadily drier into the future?

I am a believer in LEED Certification and safeguarding our climate!

14 --- The Downtown Traffic Loop has been a disaster for Hayward with documented slower traffic on routes in and around the downtown, and a degradation in level of service in the reverse directions (such as north on Mission to "F," which is being hidden by the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

Pedestrian crossings are longer and more difficult; people have to drive longer distances to get through downtown and to downtown; there is cut-through traffic in neighborhoods, murderous lane changing challenges, and jack-rabbiting speeds between lights. Downtown is an expressway, not a destination. Will you work with Councilmember Marv Peixoto to end the Loop?

I will work hard to correct the downtown loop and Councilmember Peixoto has my support.

15 --- The City thoughtlessly decided to destroy a multi-million dollar building, the old library, which has potential to serve as a community center. It could be saved by change orders and saving of demolition costs, but first needs to be studied concerning its value, the interest of people in making it work, costs and other planning to see how it compares with other options. Will you support spending \$3,000 for an appraisal so that we will at least know the value of the building before it is too late?

We are on the same page with this issue? Not only should we build a community center on that space, we should make it a multiple use building where we can hold large events and cultural arts events (opera & Ballet).

16 --- The Maple Main project and the Lincoln Landing projects are proposing large scale parking structures, with buildings five and six stories high for the North side of Downtown. They have huge increases in parking and subsidizing parking. There are viable alternatives for lower rise buildings for a comparable population, designed to encourage walking and shuttle bus to downtown and BART rather than driving up Foothill out of town. Will you support parking reduction and alternative transportation? Will you support parking ratios of one half space per unit or lower based on alternative mobility policies?

I will look at this issue and do what is right for our community.

17 --- Taxis and e-hail, and carshare/rental, are increasingly important for mobility with less car-dependency. Will you support big projects like those above only if they can credibly achieve over 50 percent reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled and 50 percent or fewer trips by personal car? How much greenhouse gas reduction by new developments will you support, and how will you do it? Will you support the long-overdue relocation of the taxi stand at Hayward BART, designating a place close to the exit of the station for pickup, and implementation of Flywheel by Hayward cabs?

Greenhouse gas reduction is important and I support a transportation plan which includes goals to reduce this issues.

18 --- Will you support rapid bus -- fast, frequent, free -- in the downtown corridor and to Cal State Eastbay?. Will you support land-based finance and RFP management of operations? Will you support early public involvement in discussion of City application for funds from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program?

I will support a well-organized transportation management plan, which includes some rapid busing, as it is normally affordable for students traveling to Hayward schools and colleges. It is also necessary for some seniors and those who work in Hayward.

19 --- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

I thank you for contacting me and look forward to hearing more from your group. I really appreciate you protecting our community.

Thank you!

Greg Jan

Please respond by Friday, March 25, 2016