

Green Party Questionnaire for Hayward City Council Candidates

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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 retired after working for the City of Hayward for 30 years. I was a member of the City's Executive team and the Director of Maintenance service, responsible for the Fleet, Facilities, Streets and Landscape divisions. I have either lived in or worked for Hayward for 50 years. I have a unique understanding of the Hayward community and the City's origination

2 --- Local groups: Are you affiliated with any of the active Hayward or other local citizen or environmental advocacy groups? NO

3 --- What are some of the largest issues in Hayward that need to be addressed now? Budget, labor relations, sustainability What creative ideas do you have to address these issues? I am driven to solve these issues. I am task oriented

4 --- Who has endorsed you so far (groups and individuals of note)? Hayward Firefighters. Hayward police, State assemblyman Bill Quirk

5 --- Why did you choose to run for this office? I want to be part of making Hayward an example for the rest of the Bay Area to follow, through innovation, technology, and partnerships with the community. What strength/skills would you bring to the Council? My desire to serve this community is my strength, it has been a life long passion.

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? \$10,000 Are all your donors publicly listed on your website? No, not yet, it's been friends and family mostly. How much money do you plan to raise? As much as possible but I need about 45,000. Where will the money come from? endorsements, fund raisers.

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? Absolutely, I was an advocate of this and sat on the executive team pushing for this in the downtown.

8 --- Do you consider environmental stewardship and sustainable development as core parts of your vision for Hayward's future? Yes, I believe that this is a core ingredient to any development. I am a major advocate of our sustainability as a planet.

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 was part of the solar project at the City's animal control building. Prior to retiring I was looking into carports and solar panel roofs for our facilities..

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? I, not sure but I would think a partnership with the City and the utility companies

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? Yes, I was in charge of the Cities Fleet, and under my leadership we installed the 13 EV chargers in the City, 11 at the parking structure and 1 each at the corp yard and WPCF. I purchased the first electric vehicles in the City Fleet, and was looking into more.

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? Yes, this must be part of any future development

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 am an advocate of modifying the loop to make it friendlier to local vehicular, pedestrian traffic and to local businesses. (on my website)

15 --- The City thoughtlessly decided to destroy a multimillion 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? I was not supportive of demolishing the old library, but I didn't have a vote. I thought that deal was done, however if the subject arises I would be interested in the possibilities.

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? Philosophically yes

17 --- Taxis and ehail, 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? At this point I can only say that I would partner with you to discuss options and possibilities in developments. I am looking to partner with everyone to be inclusive in the process to do what's best for the community now and for our future.

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?YES

19 --- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? I would bring a different perspective to City Council. As a Director I was pushing in any way I could for sustainability, from EV, to water conservation, to solar, to lighting retrofitting projects. I an running for office for Hayward's future.