

QUESTIONNAIRE

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY 2014 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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

See website.

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?

See website.

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?

See website.

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.

No.

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.

I visit with neighbors.

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?

See website.

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?

See website.

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.

See website, except: As regards RJP, in general I know they can sometimes be helpful, but my support will only come after my scrutiny of the particular program.

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?

They have the potential to generate more economic activity, but the benefits to Oakland residents must be included in the plans. I haven't seen any plans by the developers that assure me that will be so.

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?

See website, / and we can get out of oversight by asking and, if further compliance seems too pricey, seek a mandate.

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?

See website/ but as I've said publicly, one policy change will be to stop acting stupidly by ignoring the warnings. I saw this coming in 2007 - why didn't the elected officials? Also:

1. Redo the 1st-time Homebuyers program (which got me in my home 20 yrs ago)
2. City backed home finance assist
3. Coordinating funding & incentives for residents to rehab and build affordable housing

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

Encourage conservation, efficiency, utilization of non-wasteful products.

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

The silent majority thinks it sucks. I'd rate it at -7, but the really bad thing is they're very used to it and probably won't be outraged enough to do anything - like elect better leaders -- even if it hits 10.

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

I live here and have the moral duty.

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

NO I don't want more divisive coalitions.

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?

We'll get along fine.

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.

See website PLEASE.

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

Zero dollars.

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?

Three stooges. No change in paper is needed.

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

Effective reform is over due.

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

See website.

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

-- Do you support the renewal of Measure Y? NO

-- Do you support the minimum wage proposal? I'll be happy for the people who get it.

-- Are you in favor of a police commission? NO

-- Do you support Dan Kalb's proposal on oversight and transparency? A little late and a little limp, if you ask me. You did.

-- Are you in favor of receiving public complaints against police officers at the Civilian Police Review Board? Receiving, if you mean accepting for delivery, like my neighbor getting UPS for me, is OK. Other than that I don't know what those code words mean.

-- Would you vote for using eminent domain to abate foreclosure crisis?
NO

-- Do you support Ranked Choice Voting?
HELL NO

-- Would you support Proportional Representation?
NO

-- Do you support diverting people from prosecution if they participate in a restorative justice program? Some people, some time. I'll only support a particular program after I've scrutinized the details.

-- Do you support Community Choice Aggregation?
YES

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