

QUESTIONNAIRE

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY 2014 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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1. Motivation -- Why did you choose to run for the Healthcare District Board?

To try to assure quality of care at Alameda Hospital

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 Healthcare District Board?

To try to assure that Alameda Hospital receives adequate resources from Alameda Health System, to provide high quality care to our patients.

3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of Healthcare District Board.

I have been a practicing physician in Alameda and at Alameda Hospital for many years, and am currently, the vice president of the HealthCare District Board.

I currently provide medical care for several thousand Alameda residents.

4. Emergency Care -- It appears that many emergency patients are not actually sent to Alameda Hospital. What therefore is the purpose of the hospital's emergency care facility given that paramedics have been directing emergency patients to other hospitals? Are any plans currently being implemented which would change this situation?

Only certain patients, such as trauma victims and patients with certain types of heart attacks are diverted to other hospitals by paramedic ambulances, and this is true for many other hospitals throughout Alameda County. All other emergency patients are sent to Alameda Hospital.

5. Financial Security -- Alameda Hospital has been struggling on the edge of financial security and many citizens envision the hospital eventually having to close. What proposals would you bring to the hospital board to secure its survival?

The current strategy has been the affiliation with Alameda Health System, (formerly Alameda County Medical Center), which has committed to financially supporting Alameda Hospital to at least 2030.

6. It is known that Alameda Hospital has substandard retrofit issues and that the cost of rehabilitation is well beyond the budget of this city run facility. What solutions will you bring to the board to solve this problem?

Alameda Health System has committed financial resources for seismic retrofitting requirements until 2030.

7. Endorsements -- Who has endorsed you so far? Who do you expect to endorse you?

I have not specifically sought endorsements, but I suspect that most Alameda civic leaders support my nomination.

8. 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).

I do not plan on soliciting campaign contributions, and would not accept any financial contributions from companies or individuals who could conceivably benefit from my election.

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

I am committed to doing whatever I can to maintain the quality of care at a local hospital.