

Green Party Questionnaire for State Assembly

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
2016 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

Please email your responses to: GPAC-VoterGuide@yahoogroups.com. In the subject line, please include "State Assembly, 18th District". We prefer that you simply reply in the body of the email.

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If it is not possible for you to email, please mail your responses so we receive them by 3/25, to:

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- 1) Why are you running for State Assembly? What are your qualifications? What have you accomplished in any offices that you now hold or have recently held? I am running for the Assembly because I am proud to be the granddaughter of immigrants who came to America with no skills but the desire to work hard to provide a better life for their children and grandchildren. My parents had to quit high school to work during the depression. I was the first in my family to graduate from college and I am living my grandparents and parents American Dream! Many families today feel their children will not do better than they did, especially in California! We have to turn California back to the Golden State!
- 2) Where are you getting the money to run your campaign? Are there any sources of financial contributions for your campaign that you refuse to accept? Do you feel it is important to get corporate money out of politics? I am getting small donations from constituents .

3) Are you interested in the contributions and the opinions of individual constituents in your district? What must a constituent do in order to meet with you? Yes!

4) Please give us your position on the following issues. Indicate your sponsorship and/or votes on any previous relevant legislation, and plans for future legislation:

-- Budget deficits: We need to live within our means. We have too many unnecessary entitlement programs.

-- Controlling the corrupting influence of profit-driven prescription drug and vaccine manufacturers: I don't accept the premise that profits are bad. It costs a lot to do the research to find new drugs to combat disease.

-- Fracking, and other environmental regulations : Increasing the supply of energy benefits everyone , especially people with low to moderate income.

-- Income, wealth, and tax inequality: We are fortunate to live in a country where everyone has the ability to provide a good income for their family if they are willing to learn and work hard. I believe if you need a handout grab your wrist!

-- Minority rights: Everyone in America has the right to follow their dreams if they are willing to work hard to achieve them!

-- Police and prison reform: I believe our police and first responders are the only thing we have protecting us from chaos! They put their lives on the line every day for our safety !

-- Proportional representation/ Ranked choice voting: I believe in voting for the candidate you feel is best qualified. Ranked choice voting is an unfair way of conducting an election!

-- Rent control : Counter productive, protects long term tenants at the expense of young people who are new to the market. They then pay disproportionately higher rent.

-- Single payer healthcare: I oppose single payer health care. The free market system allows patients to work together with their own doctors to have the best health care.

-- Tuition-free higher education: I believe there is no such thing as a free ride. If you don't put some of you own money into your education it has no value! Nothing is free!

5) An unanticipated consequence of the passage of 2010's Prop. 14 is that candidates from small political parties now need to gather vastly more signatures-in-lieu of the filing fee -- for example, 10,000 valid signatures for

statewide candidates instead of the previous 150. Will you help us lower this number? No!

6) Will you introduce and sponsor, or co-sponsor if already introduced, legislation creating a public Bank of California, similar to the state-owned Bank of North Dakota? Such an entity would hold the State's money instead of depositing it in Wall Street banks, and make infrastructure loans, loans in partnership with community banks, and other loans based on the best interests of the people of California, not banker profits. A bill which would have accomplished this, AB 2500, was introduced to the California legislature in 2012. How did you/ would you vote on it? Here is the text: I was not an elected official in 2012 !

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_2451-2500/ab_2500_bill_20120224_introduced.html

Bank of North Dakota website and article: <https://bnd.nd.gov/>,
<http://www.motherjones.com/mojo/2009/03/how-nation%E2%80%99s-only-state-owned-bank-became-envy-wall-street>

7) Are there any other important challenges facing California? What will you do to address them? Anything else you would like us to know about the goals of your candidacy?: We must bring more water back to the CA Central Valley. We need create more water storage and allow water to flow to this area so it can provide more jobs and food for California and the world. Too many Californians are leaving our state because the jobs are leaving our state! We need less regulation for businesses and instead make it easier for more businesses to come back to California. Raising the minimum wage is not a way to create more jobs, it is just the opposite, we lose more jobs! It also hurts the young and less educate workers , it becomes even more difficult for them to find jobs.

8) What endorsements have you received? I am working on endorsements!

Thank you! Greg Jan Please respond by Friday, March 25, 2016