

## QUESTIONNAIRE

### GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

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

**-As a teacher I have seen the same issues in Alameda face my District, West Contra Costa. I think parents, students & workers need an effective advocate on the board with current experience in education. I can be that advocate.**

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 School Board?

**-Education our children to be prepared for the ever changing world needs to be our top priority. If elected I will make sure that stakeholders are respected and acknowledged in developing a plan for the future of the district. Priorities should be developed through collaboration with parents, educators and administrators and not mandated by the superintendent.**

3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of School Board. If you are an incumbent, what issues can you point to in your time as an incumbent that have had a positive impact? As an incumbent what can you tell us about your service on the school board, and share with us the decisions you have made in this capacity that you believe made a difference in the functioning of the school district?

**-I have over a decade of classroom experience in special education and inclusion. I completed my Masters of Special Education from San Francisco State. I have published two articles in peer review journals and**

**presented at state, national and international conferences. Most importantly I have three young kids in Alameda Schools. I have a vested interest to ensure that Alameda schools foster innovative programs. As the only candidate with children in the schools and as a teacher I believe I bring a unique perspective to foster positive collaboration between all stakeholders.**

4. The AUSD is now searching for a new superintendent -- what qualifications will you consider important?

**-The new superintendent must be a strong leader who listens to all constituencies within the district and is able to carry out effective innovative programs.**

5. Due to the tight budget constraints how do you propose to handle the district's need for a new office?

**-The office needs to be in a more visible part of the community. The district should actively seek out a smaller cost effective location. The district should look within its own buildings or work with community groups to locate in a reduced rental or donated space.**

6. How did you perceive the district's refusal to obtain appraisals for the tidelands swap with the city?

**-It's done and the district gets a good deal.**

7. How do you stand on the agreed-upon \$175 million bond to be placed before the voters this fall? If you have disagreements with this bond what would you have suggested?

**-I support the bond. Our schools are in need of desperate repairs to keep our children and those who work to educate them safe. Additionally, this gives us the opportunity to build or renovate using more energy effective building solutions.**

8. Budget -- In the coming period school budgets will be facing continuing shortfalls -- how would you propose dealing with this crisis?

**-AUSD needs to start supporting collaboration with other state & local bodies to get more dedicated funding. Additionally, the district needs to seek out grants to help supplement our budget shortfall.**

9. Accountability -- Concretely and specifically, how will you make yourself accountable to the voters who elect you? How can the voters participate in holding you accountable if you are elected?

**-Open dialogue with the community is vital to me and I will be available whenever anyone wants to talk with me.**

10. 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).

**-Currently I have one thousand dollars available and would like to raise five thousand to cover my costs. I plan to raise money from individuals in a grassroots effort.**

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

**-As an educator and parent with children in Alameda Schools I am ready to start a new day for the district.**