

QUESTIONNAIRE  
GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY  
2014 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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

Alameda has a “great reputation” because of the excellent public safety and services we offer our citizens. I am proud to say that we have a low crime rate, a phenomenal public school system, over 20 parks, state of the art public libraries, and a vibrant business sector. We have done well to maintain an overall good quality of life within our small island community.

However, things can still be improved, especially in our current financial climate. I am running because I want to maintain and expand on the level of services provided to our residents as well as future generations ahead. I want my grandchildren, and their grandchildren, to experience the Alameda that I fell in love with.

I am also a firm believer of providing equal access to all.

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 Council?

The top three challenges facing our city today are finance, quality of life, and infrastructure. All three issues are tied together because all three goals require the same resource.

We need to find a new source of revenue to maintain and balance our budget, to increase the number of quality safety employees to maintain the quality of life in Alameda, and be able to repair and maintain our infrastructure, including roads and bridges. We need to increase our sales tax revenue by creating a healthy and more vibrant business sector.

3. Finances -- It's known that the city is heavily in debt and many projects have been put on hold (deferred maintenance like pot-holes). What plan would you propose to ease the city out of red-ink and into black ink? Given the very dire economic straits that Alameda is in (like many cities) how would you handle the pension issue for the police and fire fighters? Data from the city budget shows that 70% is for public safety workers leaving only 30% of the general fund budget for everything else. How would you address this issue?

As a member of the City Council of Alameda, one of my top goals and priorities is to complete the rebuilding and development of Alameda Point. I would like to see a healthy, robust, and self-sustaining economy and community at Alameda Point and I would like to extend its effects to the entire city of Alameda.

This is a huge undertaking with an equally huge potential of driving the city and regional economy into high gear.

4. Alameda Point -- Now that portions of the Point are clean and available for developing how would you proceed? How do you stand on the issue of open space and adaptive re-use for the Point? How would you plan for the increased traffic both on the island and the impact on Oakland Chinatown? Where do you stand on a housing unit cap for the point?

I fully support the housing cap of 1425 units. The City currently has two RFP for two sites at the Point, site A for about 68 acres and site B for about 89 acres. We have just issued two ENAs to Alameda United Commercial to develop the dilapidated Bachelor Enlisted Quarters. BEQ is a prime example that adaptive re-use can work and will work at Alameda Point and I fully support such concept. I also sit on the Alameda County Transportation Commission as an alternate member to our Mayor, and I voted to put Measure B on the ballot. The Measure will generate close to 8 billion dollars to help the transportation issue in our county and city, including the Broadway Jackson project, a project to help study and mitigate traffic in Chinatown.

5. Transportation and Growth -- Since Alameda is an island - 4 draw-bridges and a tube - it is widely believed that any further development must carry with it a concrete, realistic proposal for increasing access to the island. Where do you stand on this issue?

What ideas would you put forth to address the future development in Alameda? Considering Alameda is an island with limited access, do you support a limit to the number of future housing units and what solutions would you suggest to mitigate the increased traffic?

Even though small, Alameda has room for a lot of growth and development. However, I also understand that we need to develop Alameda on an incremental basis, and at a pace that we can handle. Holding future developers accountable and responsible for part of the infrastructure cost will prevent the city from being too overwhelmed. The Development Impact fee is assessed to each developable acreage to help offset infrastructure cost at the Point.

The City is all too aware that with new development comes more traffic. Our solution is the Transportation Demand Management. In order for us to attract transit oriented residents, we are adding a transportation cost into the cost of housing. Residents who take mass transit will be encouraged to purchase homes in Alameda while people who do not utilize public transit will be discouraged from moving into Alameda because of the additional cost.

6. Crab Cove -- Where did you stand on the Crab Cove issue? Did you support the petition campaign to rezone it open space?

I support the petition 100%. I voted to adopt the citizen's initiative and I also voted in favor of deleting the language in the companion measure that can suspend the initiative in case of the lawsuit.

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

The City has an active Open government commission that oversees accountability and transparency in local government. I have and will always continue to work with that commission in finding ways to create a more open and transparent government for our citizens.

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

I am very humbled to be endorsed by the following reputable public figures:

The Honorable Rob Bonta - CA State Assembly Member

- The Honorable Wilma Chan - Alameda County Supervisor
- The Honorable Lil Arnerich, City of Alameda Council Member (ret.)
- The Honorable Bill Withrow, Mayor of the City of Alameda (ret.)
- The Honorable Hadi Monsef, City of Alameda Council Member (ret.)
- The Honorable Chester R. Bartalini Jr., Alameda County Superior Court Judge (ret.)
- The Honorable Lena Tam - City of Alameda Council Member
- The Honorable Niel Tam - City of Alameda School Board Member
- The Honorable Margie Sherratt - City of Alameda School Board Member
- The Honorable Alice Lai-Bitker - Alameda County, County Supervisor (ret.)
- The Honorable Sue Chan - City of Fremont Council Member
- The Honorable Jean Quan - Mayor, City of Oakland
- The Honorable Benny Lee - Vice Mayor, City of San Leandro
- The Honorable John Chiang - Mayor, City of Piedmont (ret.)
- The Honorable Henry Chang - Vice Mayor, City of Oakland (ret.)
- The Honorable Jose Esteves - Mayor, City of Milpitas
- The Honorable Jim Navarro - City of Union City Council Member
- The Honorable Pat Gacoscos - City of Union City Council Member
- The Honorable Linda Perry - City of San Leandro Council Member, (ret.)
- The Honorable Diana Souza - City of San Leandro Council Member
- The Honorable Barbara Kahn - City of Alameda School Board
- The Honorable Kris Worthington - City of Berkeley Council Member
- The Honorable Ursula Reed - City of San Leandro Council Member
- The Honorable Pat Kernighan - Oakland City Council President
- The Honorable Michael McCormick, City of Alameda Health Care District President
- Mike Henneberry - City of Alameda Planning Board Member
- Stanley Tang - City of Alameda Planning Board Member
- Malia Vella - City of Alameda Historical Advisory Board Member, Elected Member of the CA State Democratic Committee for the 18th Assembly District
- Jeff Cambra - City of Alameda Open Government Commission (President)
- Doug Biggs - City of Alameda Social Service Human Relation Board President
- Henry Villareal - City of Alameda Social Service Human Relation Board
- Michael Robles-Wong - City of Alameda Social Service Human Relations Board

- Marty Frates, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 70

And the following admirable Community Members:

- Kathleen Woulfe - Non profit and Civic leader
- Rev Michael Yoshii - United Methodist Church
- Max Baylosis - Chapter President Knight of Columbus (ret.)
- Cynthia Bonta - Chair, Philippines Independence Day Celebration Committee
- Carole Chan - Alameda Chinese Club (President)
- Ed Yu - Chinese American Citizen Allianace
- Phong La- Asian Pacific American for Public Affairs
- Carl Chan - Asian Health Serivces (Board President)
- Rick Quan - Bay Area sportscaster (ret.)
- Hien Doan - VACEB
- Ben Reyes - Life Long Alameda resident and Union City, City Attorney
- Raymond Tang - Board Member OACC
- Audrey Hyman - President Alameda Education Association
- Ben Kim - Alameda Firefighter Association
- Kathy Moehring
- Don Kiang, Past District Governor, Lions Club District 4C3 (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

Also the following excellent Organizations:

- Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- Alameda Firefighters' Association, IAFF Local 689
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595
- Building Trades Council of Alameda County
- United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 5
- Alameda Education Association

9. 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 have humbled to have received close to \$ 25,000, coming from my family, friends, patients and business associates.

Some of my bigger donors have generously donated 1,000 dollars each and they include businesses such as SuperCuts in Alameda, CJ United Foods, Eric Chung ( restaurant owner) , Nancy Li ( Acupuncturist), Steve Leung ( realtor), Ringo Liu ( realtor) , United Dragon Investment ( Realtor), and Alameda Labor Council.

Councilwoman Lena Tam and Asian Health Network have also been generous with their \$800 donations. I have also been blessed to receive several \$ 500 donations from multiple sources and individuals.

My contributions and donations are from many varied sources.

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

No.

