

GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, FALL 2014
PERALTA BOARD CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this questionnaire as an electronic document and email it to GPAC-VoterGuide@yahoo.com

In the subject line, please include "Peralta Board".

We need to receive your response no later than Saturday, August 23, 2014

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1. Why did you decide to run for this office? What skills/strengths would you bring to the Board?

I have been a Peralta Community College District (PCCD) Board member since 1998 – present. As a life-long educator I remain passionate about and determined to deliver quality education to Peralta's diverse student body. When we were challenged with serving more students than the state paid for I provided successful leadership by finding creative ways to deliver more with less. My tenure continues to be notable for my constructive approach to improving instructional quality, enhancing the work environment, protecting valuable District resources and accomplishing collaboration on our Board.

2. Describe your relevant employment experience, particularly in community colleges. If employed in community colleges, what length of service?

I have an Ed.D., in Educational Policy and a B.A. in Sociology and Physical Education from the University of San Francisco and an M.A. in Educational Administration from San Francisco State University. I have worked more than 40 years in the California bay area educational system (K – 12) as a teacher, counselor and administrator and also taught college courses at universities in the bay area.

3. What are three major issues in Peralta that need to be addressed? How would you address those issues?

As a Peralta trustee my top three priorities are: (1) In annual budgeting – monitor and maintain funding that preserves the quality of services and curriculum for students. (2) Monitor and maintain quality health benefits for staff and faculty. (3) Improve student success overall, with particular attention regarding the achievement gap for students of color.

4. What would you do as Trustee to ensure that Peralta is accountable to the community in use of public funds, including bond money, and the parcel tax passed in June 2012?

As a member of the Peralta Retirement Bond Board, I am able to ensure that the use of public funds is spent appropriately. As a Board member I ensure that the budget process is transparent, equitable and follows oversight policies and procedures established.

5. What are you prepared to do to advocate for increased state funding?

I will continue to develop partnerships with State and local officials to secure PCCD's fair share and needed state funds.

6. What creative ideas do you have to develop alternative funding sources?

I have worked with and will continue to work with private funders, federal agencies and local businesses.

7. How would you define the role of trustee in relation to the chancellor and administration?

The Chancellor is responsible to and reports directly to the Board. We have a team relationship.

8. Describe your understanding of shared governance. What is the role of faculty, classified staff, and students in shared governance?

The Board is responsible to adopt policies and procedures that provide faculty, classified staff, and students an opportunity to participate effectively in district and college governance. These policies and procedures need to ensure that their issues, concerns and opinions are given every reasonable consideration.

9. What is your opinion about selling/leasing college land for commercial development?

I am against selling Peralta public land for commercial development, PCCD is in the education business.

10. What is your view on parity for part-time faculty?

I support parity for part-time faculty.

11. What is your experience with collective bargaining? What is your approach to conflict resolution?

As a trustee I serve as an advisor to the Chancellor, trustees are not involved in the collective bargaining process. The Chancellor is responsible to direct and oversee the PCCD Collective Bargaining Team. My approach to conflict resolution is to bring all parties involved to the table, seek input from all, and develop consensus resolution that is workable for all.

12. If you are an *incumbent*, what are the three most important accomplishments that you achieved during your time on the Peralta Board? If you are a *challenger*, what are the three most important accomplishments that you have achieved in the last four years that improved the quality of life in your community?

1. I chaired the Measure E Committee. The passage of Measure E was a \$153.2 million dollar bond measure that won 79.1 percent of the vote, signaling a new era at Peralta.
2. I co-chaired the Measure A Committee. The \$390 million dollar Bond Measure (Measure A) passed by an overwhelming majority of votes and included a rare provision that funds could be used not just for construction, but for equipment and furnishings as well. The huge voter approval rate further affirms the high esteem in which the community holds of the Peralta Colleges. With the passage of over \$390 million dollar bond, over the past years, Peralta's infrastructure has been strengthened with dollars ear-marked to improve educational facilities, infrastructure and classrooms at Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College.
3. During my tenure as Board President, Peralta was one of the first public institutions in the state to fund the ever-growing cost of providing health care coverage and developed a plan to make sure Peralta retirees can be assured that their medical benefits are in place.

13. Who has endorsed you so far? What labor support do you have?

Hon. Sandre Swanson, Oakland Vice-Mayor and Former Assemblyman
 Hon. Nate Miley, Alameda County Supervisor
 Hon. Mark Delventhal, Former Piedmont Parks and Recreation Director
 Hon. Don White, Alameda County Treasurer
 Hon. Abel Guillen, Trustee Peralta Community College District
 Hon. Cy Gulassa, Trustee Peralta Community College District
 Hon. Linda Handy, Trustee Peralta Community College District
 Hon. Meredith Brown, Trustee Peralta Community College District
 Hon. Amey Stone, Former Trustee Peralta Community College District
 Hon. Anita Grier, Trustee San Francisco Community College District
 Hon. Larry Reid, Oakland City Council Member
 Hon. Desley Brooks, Oakland City Council Member
 Hon. Ursula Reed, San Leandro City Council Member
 Hon. Darryl Moore, Berkeley City Council
 Hon. Chris Worthington, Berkeley City Council
 Hon. William "Bill" Patterson, EBMUD Director
 Hon. Alice Spearman, Former Oakland Unified School District Board Member
 Hon. Toni Cook, Former Oakland Unified School District Board Member
 Hon. Miguel Dwin, Board of Trustees, Emery Unified School District
 Hon. Marlon Mc Wilson, Alameda County Board of Education Member
 Ms Sandra Andrews, Administrative Assistant Congressman Barbara Lee
 Ms. Anne Woodell, Secretary Alameda County Republican Party
 Dr. Joseph Marshall, San Francisco Police Commission & Executive Director of Alive & Free/Omega Boys Club Street Soldiers
 Reverend Jay Matthews, Pastor St. Benedict's Church
 Reverend Brandon Reems, Pastor Center of Hope Church
 Reverend Lawrence Van Hook, Pastor of Christian Community Church for Christ
 Mr. Paul Scott, California Teacher's Association (CTA)
 United Administrators of Oakland Schools
 Mr. Geoffrey Pete
 Mr. Thomas J. Broome, Esq.
 Mr. Don E. Hightower, Laborers' Local 886
 Mr. Antonio Christian, Local 853 International Brotherhood of Teamster
 SEIU Local 1021
 John George Democratic Club

14. How much money do you currently have for this race? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from?

I currently have \$3,500 for this race and plan to raise \$50,000. I plan to win with the support of unions, community based organizations, fellow elected officials, faith based groups, political clubs and friends.

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

I am the senior member of the Peralta Board of trustees (years served), I am a lifetime Oakland resident, I am a product of the Oakland School District and the Peralta Community College District. My priority is to maintain quality education for our community and students leading to goals of transfer and employment – especially in our community; and also maintain good working conditions and benefits for faculty and staff.