

## Green Party Questionnaire for Hayward City Council Candidates

### GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY 2016 ENDORSEMENT DECISION

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Website: **It is almost done but not yet**

Line of work:

I live on a pension and work as a security guard, four nights a week, at Valley Christen School in San Jose. I was a self-employed hairdresser for thirty years and was poisoned by the chemicals. I went back to college in my 50s. It is hard to get a job when you are older so I ended up doing security.

1 --- Qualifications: Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of City Council. If you are a current City Government elected official, what issues can you point to in your time as an elected official that have had a positive impact?

I am a community activist. I am NOT in office. I have been going to city council, water board, and Board of Supervisor meetings since 2003. I have spoken against water chemicals: chloramines and fluoridation, stopping Round Up, vaccinations, usage, chemtrails and Geoengineering, The ICLEI, raising the minimum wage, GMOs, raising the minum wage etc.. google my name and see. I have marched against fracking, ( in Oakland, rallied under the Golden Gate Bridge, and went to Sacramento to speak against fracking. Marched against fluoride in SF with Michael Connett from Fluoride Action [network.com](http://network.com). Marched against the police chief of Palo Alto. Marched in the Forth of July parade, in Alameda, against GMOs. Handed many papers against GMOs in front of the EPA building in Oakland and SF. I have written many letters to the editor on health issues and political things. Spoke against fluoridation in Sonoma and helped stop them from adding it to their water. I put The **Professional Perspective on Water Fluoridation** video on Chabot's access channel, the media center on San Antonio and on the Millbrae access channel. I have put Dr. Paul Connett's 15 university studies on public record at the many councils and the Hayward School Board. I have attended BAWSCA meetings for over 10 years, on the replacement of the Hetch Hetchy pipes. I have spoken at the ACWD water meetings too.

2 --- Local groups: Are you affiliated with any of the active Hayward or other local citizen or environmental advocacy groups?

Food and Water Watch, The Right To Know, Fluoride Action Network and Dr. Winn Parker's fight against chloramines. "Chloramine Causes Collateral Health Damage." I was in the Students of Social Justice and spoke against the Hayward plant. I planted shrubs for "Save The Bay" twice.

3 --- What are some of the largest issues in Hayward that need to be addressed now?

Rent Control. Raise the minimum wage to \$12 an hour now, Get rid of the loop. **Balance the budget, fire the city manager** and do something about the drunken fire chief "alcohol testing." Hold city workers accountable for their actions. Fire Superintendent Dobbs. Fix the schools. Replace water and sewer pipes and use alternative technology for water disinfection.

What creative ideas do you have to address these issues?

Have pension reform. Gavin Newsome fired everyone who made \$150 thousand and up when he had to balance the budget. Quit making promises to union workers and pay raises when we are in debt. Have a wage freeze. Give tax breaks to the business owners so they can raise the minimum wage now and attract other businesses.

4 --- Who has endorsed you so far (groups and individuals of note)?

I have people who want to vote for me but they are the residents, not people of note. Many people have seen me on TV at the public meetings I go to.

5 --- Why did you choose to run for this office?

Very inexpensively. I want to pass out my flier and it has copy or pass on. I would like a bike campaign with small signs on the bikes and shouting "**It is time to get rid of our public officials. Don't vote for incumbents who don't blow the whistle. The city is 1.7 million in debt. Spending and taxations has stopped yet. Vote for Wynn Grcich, she will be your best bet yet!**"

**"Hey.hey, HO HO, those taxing incumbents have got to go!"**

What strength/skills would you bring to the Council?

I am not afraid to speak up. I do not believe in rubber stamping things. I believe in listening to the public and doing for them. The councils don't do that.

6 --- Given the issues with campaign finances at the national level, we regard transparency in fundraising as highly critical at this time -- how much money do you currently have for this race?

I only have my money. I have very little. I have not collected any. I will probably pay for the bumper stickers myself.

Are all your donors publicly listed on your website?

N/A

How much money do you plan to raise?

I would like to raise under \$2,000.

Where will the money come from?

I would hope the residents will support me. I know they want to vote for me because they want rent control and minimum wage raised now, but these are the poor people.

7 --- The Hayward Police Department has been steadily increasing bike patrols in the Downtown area, which has helped with connecting with the community and has shown to be very effective. Do you support expanding these patrols in other neighborhoods around the City?

Depends where. I am a guard and I know about the pros and cons on bike patrol. I live near Tennyson and they shoot guns over here. Biking is good PR with the public but you can only do it with nice weather and it is hazardous duty pay. I talked to a retired Newark police chief about this today.

8 --- Do you consider environmental stewardship and sustainable development as core parts of your vision for Hayward's future?

**Yes, I have always believed this.**

9 --- Will you work closely with EBRPD and HARD to expand protected open space and add to the Bay Trail wherever possible?

**Yes**

10 --- How do you plan to get the city to expand solar panel coverage of roofs of all city owned buildings, as well as parking lots, as soon as practicable?

The city is broke and until they balance the budget and get back on track, they will not be doing this, even though they say they are green!

11 --- How do you plan to encourage industries with huge roof areas (especially in South Hayward) to also get solar panel coverage of their roofs?

Give them some kind of break. I know some solar panel places will do it for free. If they put extra panels to use the energy to sell to other clients.

12 --- Are you committed to making sure any further parking comes with commensurate levels of EV charging infrastructure, making provisions for future EV ownership growth?

yes

13 --- Will you make sure that any future development (infill or rehab) is LEED certified or Green Point Rated, and further that provisions are made for significant water conservation and reuse of water on site, given that climate change models show California will be getting steadily drier into the future?

yes

14 --- The Downtown Traffic Loop has been a disaster for Hayward with documented slower traffic on routes in and around the downtown, and a degradation in level of service in the reverse directions (such as north on Mission) to "F," which is being hidden by the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Pedestrian crossings are longer and more difficult; people have to drive longer distances to get through downtown and to downtown; there is cut-through traffic in neighborhoods, murderous lane changing challenges, and jack-rabbiting speeds between lights. Downtown is an expressway, not a destination. Will you work with Councilmember Marv Peixoto to end the Loop?

**YES YES YES**

15 --- The City thoughtlessly decided to destroy a multimillion dollar building, the old library, which has potential to serve as a community center. It could be saved by change orders and saving of demolition costs, but first needs to be studied concerning its value, the interest of people in making it work, costs and other planning to see how it compares with other options. Will you support spending \$3,000 for an appraisal so that we will at least know the value of the building before it is too late?

Yes We can get the money by replacing the city manager or cutting her pay.

16 --- The Maple Main project and the Lincoln Landing projects are proposing large scale parking structures, with buildings five and six stories high for the North side of Downtown. They have huge increases in parking and subsidizing parking. There are viable alternatives for lower rise buildings for a comparable population, designed to encourage walking and shuttle bus to downtown and BART rather than driving up Foothill out of town. Will you support parking reduction and alternative transportation?

Yes. I was surprised they didn't have a trolley going down town when the loop was built. Did you hear about a law suit about the sewer and manhole contractor on the loop suing the city?

Will you support parking ratios of one half space per unit or lower based on alternative mobility policies?

How does a half space work? I need more information on this.

17 --- Taxis and ehail, and carshare/rental, are increasingly important for mobility with less car-dependency. Will you support big projects like those above **only if they can credibly achieve over 50 percent reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled and 50 percent** or fewer trips by personal car?

Yes. East Palo Alto has free non polluting buses for students to take all over the city.

How much greenhouse gas reduction by new developments will you support, and how will you do it?

We need water collection to recycle the rain water or wells. No fire places. Solar a must. I think Seattle had yellow bikes the public shared and left somewhere under a

tree and others borrowed them. I could see that working in Hayward. Teach at risk kids how to repair them.

Will you support the long-overdue relocation of the taxi stand at Hayward BART, designating a place close to the exit of the station for pickup, and implementation of Flywheel by Hayward cabs?

yes

18 --- Will you support rapid bus -- fast, frequent, free -- in the downtown corridor and to Cal State Eastbay?

yes

Will you support land-based finance and RFP management of operations? Will you support early public involvement in discussion of City application for funds from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program?

Yes. We need affordable housing.

19 --- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

I'd like to see fruit trees in schools and around town. No spraying them. (For the poor or homeless to eat). I'd like to see some area up in the lower hills for a homeless commune, small crate style homes, surrounded by berry bushes. **If they don't keep it up, they are out.**

Churches own land too, where they could donate like the PIA of the peninsula for low income housing. The churches could collect rent; when the homeless get a social security or disabled payments. With an address, this can happen. They will have an address living on city park land, and plumbing. Less human waste down town streets. SF has a Navigational Center for the homeless to get back into working and having shelter. **We need to balance the budget first.**

- Control the rents so people can save for homes and not be kicked out.
- If there is more dispensable income, there business owners profit too, by raising the minimum wage.
- Fix the water and sewer pipes plus repair the roads.

- I'd like to see chemical detectors for the air pollution from the power plant and have a lock in place phone alert if it is polluting too much. If a train derails like the one in Sanol. We need this.
- Pension reform for city workers.