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Current line of work: City Councilmember, City of Oakland

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?

To fill a serious void in the State Assembly when it comes to environmental expertise and commitment. To use my skills, experience and expertise in moving big policy solutions forward that help the people in our society that need help the most.

I have over 30 years experience as a public interest and environmental advocate, organizer, political activist--including 10 years working in Sacramento crafting legislation and fighting the fight for progressive environmental and good government policies. I also have experience with sizeable budgets. Moreover, I am proud of my record of hard work and accomplishments in Oakland as a City Councilmember.

Click on this link for a selected list of my accomplishments: <https://bit.ly/2FU7aTt> They include Sierra Club, East Bay Express and many local elected officials.

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 accept money from developers or corporations, or their PACs?"

I am refusing to solicit and accept contributions from fossil fuel companies and many other large corporations (this includes not just the corporation, but also senior executives from the corporation). I have accepted some donations from Solar Energy company executives and from the CA Solar Energy Industries Assoc SUNPAC. I have also accepted funds from cannabis businesses.

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. Call my office weeks in advance, and schedule a time slot during my Community Office Hours. I also do my best to attend neighborhood meetings when invited.

I will be having office hours in every part of the Assembly District.

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

--- **I generally support closing gaps in budget shortfalls with new revenue. I would not cut vital services--especially to those who need govt. service the most.**

-- Controlling the corrupting influence of profit-driven prescription drug and vaccine manufacturers

--- **I supported Prop. 61. and I would support regulatory efforts to bring prescription drug costs down for the consumer. I also support strong campaign finance reform (public financing) of campaigns.**

-- Fracking, and other environmental regulations

--- **I oppose fracking and am a long-time leader in the fight for strong environmental laws/regulations. I will introduce a bill to ban fracking for oil and to phase out fracking for natural gas. I will be a leader on many environmental justice and clean energy issues. I worked for the Union of Concerned Scientists for nine years as their Policy Manager in California.**

-- Income, wealth, and tax inequality

--- **Wall Street is screwing Main Street over and over again. We have a ridiculous disparity between the top 1% and the bottom 50%. We need a periodic wealth tax to fund public education and vital services for the most needy.**

-- Minority rights

--- **I strongly support repeal of Prop. 209. We need stronger enforcement of our anti-discrimination laws at the state and federal levels. Proud to have marched in several Black Lives Matter events.**

-- Police and prison reform

--- **I toured San Quentin back in 2016 and met with dozens of inmates who participated in one or more rehabilitation programs. I strongly support increasing funds for rehabilitation in the prisons and reentry services in our communities. I am also a strong supporter of criminal justice reform including the implementation of 'clean slate' policies to help formerly incarcerated people get better access to employment.**

-- Proportional representation/ Ranked choice voting

--- **I have always supported Ranked Choice Voting, and I would extend that to congressional elections. In fact, if we had RCV during the Presidential Election in Florida back in 2000, George W. Bush would not have become president. I am also open to cumulative voting and other ways to be more representative of the citizenry.**

-- Rent control

--- **I've been a passionate supporter of strong rent control and tenant protections for a long time. I am proud to have been the author of Oakland's Tenant Protection Ordinance in 2014 and a co-author of reforms that passed in 2016. I support repealing or reforming Costa-Hawkins so local jurisdictions have the tools to help renters avoid displacement and ridiculous rent increases.**

-- Single payer healthcare

--- **I am a long-time supporter of Single-Payer (Medicare for All) health care. I've been supporting single-payer since the late 1980s when then-State Senator Nick Petris authored a single payer bill.**

-- Tuition-free higher education

--- **SUPPORT. I strongly support the bill to levy a new tax on millionaires to eliminate tuition at all public colleges and universities in our state for CA residents. I sponsored the Resolution at the Oakland City Council to support this legislation.**

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, 7,000 valid signatures for statewide candidates instead of the previous 150. Will you help us lower this number?

YES!

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.

I support the creation of a Public Bank. I am already sponsoring such an effort in Oakland--and the East Bay. Happy to take on this effort as a State Legislator in Sacramento.

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?

See my issues page: <https://www.dankalb.net/issues>

I care deeply about the people of the East Bay and our entire state—with a particular emphasis on those who are struggling to make ends meet or to put food on the table for themselves and their family.

I am a long-time progressive activist and policy reformer. I have more than 30 years of organizing, policy and political experience including 10 years in Sacramento as an environmental and public interest policy director/advocate. I work hard and have demonstrated locally and in Sacramento that I can be successful at drafting and enacting significant policy solutions to complex challenges.

My priorities include: Prop. 13 reform, Improved access to higher education, climate change and environmental health solutions, affordable housing and protections for renters, chronic homelessness, criminal justice reform, grade-level literacy in our public schools, campaign finance reform.

8) What endorsements have you received?

Proud to be endorsed by the Sierra Club and the East Bay Express. See <https://www.dankalb.net/endorsements> for complete list.

9) Anything you would like to add?

I have extensive relevant experience to be an effective State Legislator and even though I am a registered Democrat, I would be proud to have earned the Green Party endorsement.