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Current occupation: **Emeryville City Councilmember/ Artist**

1. What are three major issues in Emeryville that need to be addressed now?  
What creative ideas do you have to address these issues?
  - a. **Making bike and pedestrian pathways more accessible**
  - b. **Building affordable housing**
  - c. **Preserving parks and open space**
2. Who has endorsed you so far (groups and individuals of note)? Who are you endorsing in local races?

**Endorsing me:**

**Emeryville Mayor John Bauters  
Emeryville Vice Mayor Ally Medina  
Emeryville City Councilmembers Dianne Martinez and Christian Patz  
Sierra Club  
Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin  
Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb**

**I am endorsing:**

**Dianne Martinez  
Dan Kalb for Oakland City Council  
Andy Katz for EBMUD Board  
Buffy Wicks for Assembly  
Igor Tregub for Berkeley City Council  
Gabriel Quinto for El Cerrito City Council**

3. 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 have raised roughly \$6,000 to date. I plan to raise \$20,000 (I had \$8,000 left over from my first campaign). Many of my donors are community members, family members, and friends. I received two donations from Silicon Valley developers – Ed Storm and Jim Baer - who I had worked with many years ago doing public art projects. Neither of them have done or are doing any**

**development in Emeryville. Dianne Martinez and I are running as a slate and our expenses are shared.**

4. Why did you choose to run for this office? What strength/ skills would you bring to the Council?

**As Emeryville's Council Member for the past four years, I am committed to ensuring that artists, business owners and employees and their families can afford to live and thrive in Emeryville. Along with my City Council colleagues, I have worked to establish fair work practices and the highest minimum wage in the country. As a business owner, I advocate for developing small business opportunities and making our city a destination for entrepreneurs.**

5. What major Emeryville development of the last 10 years do you least respect and why? Most respect?

**The Bay Street mall, which touted itself as a "downtown" destination for local residents is, in fact, a drive in/drive out regional mall with retail shops, a movie theater and other businesses that cater to regional shoppers. It is a challenging destination for pedestrians and cyclists and devoid of locally owned or locally serving shops or services. This situation could be ameliorated with completion of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street bicycle and pedestrian bridge.**

6. How can we attract more families into Emeryville?

**Affordability continues to be an issue regionally. The City Council just recently put on the ballot a \$50 million housing bond which was approved by 72% of the city's voters. There is currently a 100% affordable housing development under construction on San Pablo and MacArthur Blvd.**

7. Traffic is a major problem in Emeryville and with all the development in the pipeline it seems likely to get worse. How would you work to lessen this?

**Bicycle and pedestrian pathway access continues to be a priority of mine. We've expanded non-motorized transportation in Emeryville through the Ford Go-Bikes program and Emery Go-Round shuttle that connects to BART transit hubs. This is key to ensuring that our community has available public transit options. We recently designed and contracted for a bus-only eastbound lane over the 40<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. We are also designing rush hour, bus-only lanes throughout the city.**

8. Without the re-development agency, how can small business be encouraged to come to Emeryville?

**A focus of our re-election campaign is to work with small businesses and attract them to Emeryville. We have funded a façade improvement grant that is allowing new business to redevelop smaller commercial spaces affordably.**

9. Do you believe that transparency in city decisions has improved in the past five years? Does this still need improvement? What changes would you suggest or support?

**Emeryville currently has a very accessible City Council; all of us attend community events regularly, which give us opportunities to discuss issues important to voters.**

10. How do you see the role of the city manager in Emeryville with regard to both connection to the city council and the public?

**The City Manager's role is to implement the Council majority's decisions.**

11. Do you support amending the Constitution to end corporate Constitutional rights and getting money out of politics? Have you [Taken the Pledge to Amend](https://movetoamend.org/take-pledge-amend)? ( <https://movetoamend.org/take-pledge-amend> )

**Citizens United has created a national crisis, with money trumping voters in influencing the actions and decisions of our lawmakers. I do support amending the Constitution to get money out of politics.**

12. How do you think the Emeryville community should react to the new city charter?

**With joy and celebration.**

13. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?

**During my tenure as Mayor of Emeryville, I registered as a Green Party member for a variety of reasons that include the Green Party values reflecting many of my own. I have since re-registered as a Democrat, but still hold much respect for the Green Party platform and Party leaders.**

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire.

Sincerely,

Greg Jan  
Green Party of Alameda County