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*Note: You may respond to any question with a link to your website or other posted positions. For the yes/no questions, please answer "yes" or "no" and if you wish to add to your answer, feel free to do so.*

1. Motivation -- Why did you choose to run for City office? If you are running against an incumbent, what are your main dissatisfactions and differences with him or her? I Decided To Run for city council this year to do more to help Oakland come together as a community. I also believe there is a strong disconnect between City and the community. I would like to see some positive change and collaboration we can accomplish so much more in our region if we work together and form positive relationships.
2. Program and Priorities -- Elected office provides the opportunity to 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? Housing. Homelessness. Clean and Safe Streets. Public Safety. Main priority for the city is education and stepping up in our schools. Also affordable housing for all.
3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of City. 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? For 13 years I've worked with the same organization passing out turkeys to less fortunate families as well as toys during Christmas. I've also implicated multiple drop off locations as well as hand delivered donated clothes to the less fortunate in several communities of oakland. For the past 13 years I have engaged with all backgrounds in Oakland from mentoring the youth in North, West, East Oakland also holding seminars to educate residents on how to (home buying credit repair obtaining business license etc) To holding events and forums to discuss what's going on in our city.
4. Local groups -- Are you affiliated with any of the active Oakland groups? Such as TOLA, Make Oakland Better Now, Oakland Justice Coalition, Block by Block, Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, GO Public Schools, OCO, or any other. Describe your involvement and why you feel this group is worthy of your support. I am Not in any group.

5. Local activities -- Other than local politics, are you involved in any other Oakland based community activities that you would like to share with us? This can range from volunteering in your school to being in your church baseball league. We Discussed This In question #3

6. Budget -- If you were on the Council for the next budget in 2018, how would you act differently from the council members dealing with the budget in 2016? How much additional revenue should the City aim to take in, and how would you generate it? That's not a hard question I would generate money via youth development and activities and also build a better foundation for our youths so that they may one lead. It's all about the youth and giving them power and able to keep their focus on building and not tearing down you have to give them something to do even if it's big or small.

7. Youth -- What would your priorities for youth be for Oakland government and how would they be implemented and paid for? Involve them into politics. Challenge them. Engage them and see where their heads at. Huey P newton said the young inherit the revolution. So let them get their feet wet. Let's start bringing the youth to city council and actually shows them what goes on on a daily. We have the budget already in place you guys forget bout that 2.4 million dollars that went missing last year... Hint Hint

8. Police -- Describe the current relationship between Oakland residents and the OPD? Do you suggest any changes? Do you support diverting people from prosecution if they participate in a restorative justice program? Do you support a change in the use of force policy of the Oakland Police Department? Do you support Assembly Bill 931 that would require that police use deadly force only when there are no alternatives? (See [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB931](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB931))

Do you support Senate Bill 1421 that would honor the public's right to know about confirmed officer misconduct and serious uses of force?

(See [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB1421](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1421))

Does the current police commission have the right to fire a police officer for misconduct? What are your thoughts about police misconduct and how do you feel Oakland should deal with it? I do not suggest any changes.

9. Development Projects - Financial and real estate interests currently play a controlling role in shaping Oakland development projects. What are your thoughts and views about holding the developers accountable to the city's zoning, code, and permit regulations?

10. Housing & Gentrification -- Increasing rents, dislocation, and gentrification have been in the news. What policies do you advocate to assure that Oakland tenants are protected and that Oakland remains an economically and racially diverse city? Do you support State Proposition #10 that would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Act, a 1990s law that barred rent control expansion? There is not enough affordable and available housing for Oakland low income renters. The lack of affordable housing causes housing instability for low income renters and leads to increased risk of eviction. We need to hold these landlords accountable and also we need to have some low income units around Oakland. Federal law protects against civil rights violation (flr housing act

dictates no landlord can refuse housing to tenants based on race nationality sex familial status religion or disability) many of people's tenants right are spelled out in state and local laws. Yes I support prop #10

11. Environment -- What do you think the Oakland City government should be doing about the environment? Tackle the gas guzzlers, Oblige Oil Companies To Blend Bio Fuels Into Forecourt Petrol and Dirksen, Decentralize energy supply system. Boost neglected renewable energies solar wave and tidal power.

12. Public Banking - Inspired by the Bank of North Dakota (BND) <https://bnd.nd.gov/>, a feasibility statement to create a Public Bank of Oakland is currently before the Oakland City Council. The Public Bank of Oakland would hold the city's deposits -- in contrast to having them held by Wall Street Banks as currently done. It would make fiscally responsible loans in the best interest of the residents of Oakland -- in contrast to Wall Street banks' record of risk and ruin. Profits made by the Public Bank of Oakland would be returned to the General Fund of the City of Oakland, or used to further buttress the loan capabilities of the bank, much as the BND does (the BND has returned over \$400M to the General Fund of the State of North Dakota over the last 21 years <https://ilsr.org/rule/bank-of-north-dakota-2/>, while substantially increasing its capitalization and its loan outreach.)

Are you in favor of making Oakland one of the first cities in the nation to create a municipal bank? Yes

13. Local Payday Lenders -- Oakland is awash with for-profit Check Cashing and PayDay Loan emporiums (a simple Google query on "Oakland Payday lenders" shows 20). These outfits provide emergency cash and other financial products to those who cannot obtain it otherwise - at outrageously high interest rates and/or extremely high fees. Professor Mehrsa Baradaran, in her book *How the Other Half Banks*, quotes the astounding statistic that unbanked families who must use these services spend on average over \$2000 per household per year -- more than it spends on food. NALC.org: "Author makes the case for postal banking" <http://tinyurl.com/h9e6a2p>.

It is not widely known but Oakland is home to the only non-profit check cashing and payday lending storefront in the country - Community Check Cashing <http://communitycheckcashing.org/> in Fruitvale Plaza. It provides the same services for-profit operators do at 33% - 50% of the cost, while paying its employees a living wage.

Will you support build-out and capitalization loans by the City of Oakland to expand non-profit check cashing to other storefronts around Oakland -- much as the City Council gave a 50-year, \$3,300,000 interest-free loan to the East 12th Street developers (see Oakland City Council agenda, June 15th, 2016 <http://tinyurl.com/jzy398p>)? Yes I will support

14. Satisfaction of Residents -- How do you think the average resident feels about city government? How would you rate the satisfaction level? I can't tell you how others feel because I

can't speak for others. I can only say that for me I wanted to create a better Oakland and involve the youth and give them hopes and encouragement.

15. Accountability -- How do you propose making yourself accountable and accessible to the citizens of Oakland? I'm always at the lake it's my office. I'm there Sunday to Sunday. I do a lot of work there.

16. Governance -- What kind of relationship could you have with other office holders? Who do you see as a working majority on council and who can you work with? I can work with anyone. I'm not big headed and I have no ego. What I'm bout it being progressive and moving forward.

17. Endorsements -- Who has endorsed you so far? Who do you expect to endorse you? Who are you endorsing, from statewide races all the way down ballot to local races? Include your #2 and 3 choices (if applicable) for your own race and note that this year the City races are Council seats, School Board seats and City Attorney. I have not sought any endorsement from Anyone personally. I'm not into that at all. I'm into creating change and bringing People together and actually knocking on doors and engaging with the people. I love going to homes and and hearing the stories of people who actually are affected by this race and actually care for this race. I guess I'm into the people then I'm into endorsements.

18. 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). That's none of your business. Honestly speaking. What I personally have has nothing to do with the race it's about the actual work many of us are doing and not about the status quo.

19. Checks and balances -- How do you view current the relationship between the Council and Mayor? Any comments on the same question for the Auditor and City Attorney? Are there any changes they would propose to the city charter?

20. Money in elections. -- Does Oakland need campaign finance reform? If so, what kind? 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>)?

21. Anything Else? -- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? Naw I'm a very private person

22. Please answer "Yes" or "No" to these questions, and follow with an explanation if you want to add one:

- a. Do you support raising the minimum wage to a living wage? Yes
- b. Do you support the California Peace Officers Bill of Rights? Yes

- c. Would you vote for using eminent domain to abate foreclosure crisis? Yes
- d. Do you support Ranked Choice Voting? Yes
- e. Would you support Proportional Representation? No
- f. Do you support Community Choice Aggregation? Yes
- g. Would you vote to allow more grey water systems? Yes