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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 am running because I am a long-term resident of East Oakland and see a steady decline in the city services delivered to our area, and a lack of economic vitality. Recognizing our potential, I will advocate for the health, safety, and growth of our district. Our current incumbent is a divisive figure that spends more time fighting with her colleagues on the council and former black panther activist, instead of fighting for the resources for our district. I am a R.N., and know how to take care of people and collaborate.

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?

I will advocate for healthy foods and would propose a farmer's market at Mills College, and lobby for public assistance to attract a grocery store for the District.

I will grow commerce to our District by giving incentives and helping to streamline the permitting and planning of projects that show significant value to our community.

The priorities of the city and district from the voices of the community are

- Service to constituents
- Public Safety and community policing
- Homelessness, advocating for more county and state resources to tackle to causes and provide wrap around services for folks, and give basic services such as sanitation, food, and temporary shelter, and come up with sustainable plans pooling the resources of city county state and faith-based and non profit organizations
- Housing shortage- we must increase housing. My goal would be to create new inclusionary zoning practices to increase housing around transit rich stops, by relaxing height restrictions to

allow for up to 5 stories, relax some parking restrictions, fast-track projects which include green building practices, and affordable/senior housing criteria, community benefit practices such as hiring Oaklanders, and union workers. Accessory Dwelling units are now allowed and feel this would bring affordable units on board quickly as some are pre-manufactured.

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?

I have worked as a R.N. for over 27 years, so my life's work has revolved around serving others. I will be a staunch advocate for our community. I will work hard to develop and support small businesses and create an environment where large companies would like to be rooted in Oakland. I am a RN and union member and have directly have benefitted from fair wages and job protections. I would support Unions and their ability to organize, collect dues, and bargain for fair contracts and treatment from employers.

I have been active in many professional, political, and community organizations

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.

Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic, East Bay Stonewall Club, Asian Pacific Island Dem Club. EBWPA, LWVO

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.

Association of Radiology and imaging Nurse Golden Gate Chapter , Chapter President for 3 terms, Board of Directors for 10 years

Operation Access volunteer 3 xs

Greenling Institute volunteer, No Coal Oakland, East Oakland Collective Feed the Hood, Girls Inc/ My Little Red Shoes , NO DAPL

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?

I would reallocate some of the police budget, and direct it to services such as street repair and blight abatement.

Find funding to address unfunded liabilities such as fire prevention and disaster training and resources. I went through Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and would like to see our city have a plan for evacuation and services for earthquake or natural disasters.

7. Youth -- What would your priorities for youth be for Oakland government and how would they be implemented and paid for?

I would like to get our youth interested in the STEM subjects. I would fund it by reaching out to the large tech companies in the Bay Area to donate, and write grants to draw federal and private funds to propel our kids to succeed.

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))

The relationship with community and the police has been historically not good, as a result the Black Panther Party arose to protect the black community from the police. I believe that the newly formed Police Commission in Oakland from measure LL is a step in the right direction, if INDEPENDENCE is mandated. I would like to see a better mutual trust between our community and the police. I would like to have the police officers be from and live in our community. I would like to see more training such as de-escalation training, diversity training, two cops in a squad car, more walking the beat cops, better response times to community calls, more patrols to keep streets safer, and traffic slowed down in East Oakland,

I support restorative justice programs

I suppose changes to train police to prevent unnecessary use of deadly force

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))

Yes, I support transparency and accountability of our police officers

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 am support of the commission to investigate police misconduct, and if found that the officer does not meet the codes of conduct, should be removed and stripped of their pension.

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?

In San Francisco, Affordable housing must be included within 1 mile of project. I agree with this. In Oakland, the developers can pay an impact fee and the affordable housing is not being built, and their seems to be a lack of transparency and access to these fines.

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?

I support local control of housing laws to be updated and closing loopholes for protections for renters, and also to make it fair for landlords

11. Environment -- What do you think the Oakland City government should be doing about the environment?

Switch to green technologies where it is possible, and be on the forefront of protecting our air, land and water. I think we need to expand Trees for Oakland, switch city vehicles to electric, promote solar use (state requirements and mandates are coming) incentivize use of green/sustainable building techniques such as hempcrete, etc.

Ban fracking or any pollution near water sources. Permanently Ban COAL from being transported in our community and Boycott Phil Tagami businesses in city if he pushes forward with continued legal action against the city.

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.)

This makes sense. Let's keep our money and not pay interest to another bank. I am for this!

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>)?

I will have to look into this more, but sounds like a yes, as I am about helping the working class poor!

14. Satisfaction of Residents -- How do you think the average resident feels about city government? How would you rate the satisfaction level?

In East Oakland I feel the community would rate Oakland a 5.5 out of 10

15. Accountability -- How do you propose making yourself accountable and accessible to the citizens of Oakland?

Monthly Town Halls, Adding a Spanish speaking staffer, I speak conversational Spanish. I would also take additional Spanish language courses. I will promote the use of 311, 211, 511 services to folks, create funding to keep City's website up to date and a dedicated staffer to speak to all the departments to keep it current. I would like to do a District6 paper to promote district businesses and announce district community activities, and citizen recognition, promote positive things happening in the district..positive news!

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 am a consensus builder, and collaborator, I would strive to work well with all of the other CM as it takes 5 votes to carry on the business of the Council.

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.

Libby Schaaf(3<sup>rd</sup>) , BBBON ( 3<sup>rd</sup>) Dee Rosario, Stewart Chen

Anticipating Gabe Quinto, Calif Nurses Assoc, Fiona Ma, Phong La (2<sup>nd</sup>), EB Stonewall Dem Club

hoping to get Rob Bonta (2<sup>nd</sup>), Alameda Labour Council, East Bay for Everyone

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).

I have raised 22k, hope to raise 60 K.

Money has come from family, friends and people in the community

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?

I believe the Mayor has opposition from At Large seat and District 6 seat.

The Auditor currently has let a lot of staff go, from what I have heard.

The City Atty I have no opinion on

Ammendments to the city Charter that I would propose would be term limits for city council up to 3 terms only.. not unlimited like the Supreme Court, also I would remove the At-Large- from Charter to hreduce the size of the Council to 7 members, one representing each district, and this gives more power to each vote, and make CM more accountable to their district. The money for slary afor CM at large can go to Pay Go syatem and before for each CM can do small improvements to their district without a lot of red tape, and sataffers positions salaries would return to general fund to help seniors or homeless ppl

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>)?

I have taken the pledge.

REFORM yes

All candidates should be able to apply for public funds, I "loaned" my campaign just 2100 over the threshold so I could not apply for public financing, I did not know a loan was considered a contribution

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

I appreciate your consideration in endorsing my campaign. I have been active as an individual and participated in organizations to work towards social ,economic, and climate justice causes. I will champion the working class people over corporate greed which destroys our communities and the environment. As an elected, I will bring reform to our local ordinances that will close equity gaps and will recognize past injustices, address current injustices, and forge a future that will be more equitable and sustainable.

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?

No, there needs to be more transparency and accountability for misconduct.yes

c. Would you vote for using eminent domain to abate foreclosure crisis?

There are very few reasons I would support eminent domain

d. Do you support Ranked Choice Voting?

Yes

e. Would you support Proportional Representation?

Yes, increases voter participation, and increases diversity in representation, reduces amt money needed to win an election, I really wish that we had this for congressional seats, as senate seats.. calif has two ,a Idaho has two.. not representative of the number of people in calif, the more ppl a stae has the more represtation it should have.

f. Do you support Community Choice Aggregation?

Yes, I support energy democracy by maintaining local control of energy

g. Would you vote to allow more grey water systems?

yes

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire, as much as you can.

(Please RSVP now, and respond to GPAC-VoterGuide@yahoogroups.com by Thursday, August