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I am and have been an elected Alameda County and State Central Committee member of Peace and Freedom Party for 18 years. I march and meet with us all building socialist, communist revolution, working to supplant/overthrow capitalism. While Marx found valuable advancements in capitalism, time has pointed to questions about the 'achievements'. Medicine, manufacturing, institutions school; civil relations; housing, communications, our thinking capitalism's mind control, all have become stifling of humane life among us. Earth has been so abused by practices under profiteering policies as to cause us to cry a lot.

Mine is a platform on which people can say at last, what they feel and think, disclose to themselves and among others their sense of suppression in service to the viciousness of profit, the enrichment of a tiny few people who will kill us when we resist their self-established, murderous authority, the millennia-old structure in its several forms in which we've labored all our histories, even until today and tomorrow.

School is just a structural service to that relationship through which we are channeled and transformed into willing victims, unable to detect our role.

We live with the selective amnesia that lets us feel school was tolerable, or wonderful. It wasn't. It was painful painful to bear for ourselves, and to watch pupils who were less able to cope with the requirements be scolded, humiliated and bullied.

School's role is to stratify us which of us passes, gets along; who of us is doomed to one degree or another of failure, ever to lead stultified lives one of the 9-5 cattle shuttling back and forth, away from the people we kiss all day, making ourselves live with the 'job', that activity available to us to feed ourselves by.

And make no mistake, that is the construct even if people have 'their own' business, or a highly vaunted position with one or another business.

Proceeding as though these statuses are not the case is unfair to us all. It makes for the soldiering required by our warriors and the uncontrolled reproduction of ourselves and the goods and services of profiteering.

Now comes the difficult part of this statement, the alternative. It is not 'home schooling', or Montessori, or what have you. The newborn comes out of its mother and says 'whahh'. It's communicating. There's an exchange between the new child and their parents and members of their community. That is negated by saying that school is the educating device. Education starts at birth and goes on constantly until death. But that is negated by the schooling requirements to pass through grades, to achieve diplomas, to surmount the incessant failures and many derogations embodied in schooling.

There should not be 'failure', or grading, or asking to go to the 'bathroom', or lining up to go into the building, bells ringing to tell us to go here or there.. There must not be failure. Those are the mechanisms of the separating process who will achieve what in society. Us protesting demanding 'education', meaning school, is fitting ourselves into our Owners', capitalists', institutions of self oppression. We need to build the alternative.

We must allow ourselves to see we are all teachers and students all our lives. Our great joy is to share our skills and ideas and knowledge. Our joy is to be with people we love-like to do what we need-like to do. My campaign is to allow this challenging thinking and then planning. How do we live lives where children do not spend six years in school learning how not to read or write, but where we just do that in a few days or weeks. Where we stand and deliver together, children and adults working and not working , together, enjoying our functions together. The two-year old and the 90 year old all having a productive rolereationship in society, so that no one is outside marginalized by those false standards, from the system. No venerated eight hour day. Just doing our stuff together as we want and need.

It's another way of thinking how we can live.The alternative is we're all teachers and students all our lives. We are educated in myriad ways. Those go along with age-integrated living and meaningful 'work'; no venerated 8 hour day. Just us us ALL doing necessary, pleasurable activities.

School Is The Opposite Of Education a study to release us from our confinement
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Current occupation: Realtor

Motivation

Why did you choose to run for this office? ..,to enable people to talk about their true relation to the profit system.

Qualifications

Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for being a School Board Director. I am a parent, a widow, a one-time school teacher, electronics technician, now a Realtor. I've researched 'education' since I was 9, 74 years. I set up an after-school school (equally hated as is school) in a TAAP total action against poverty program in which I was the Education Director. I didn't solve the problem; people hate school.

Priorities

...to allow people to discover the use of 'school' to create that labor force that keeps our Owners wealthy and powerful. ...and the alternative way to live to stop this brutal conditioning of our populace, parents, children, communities.

What do you believe are the major issues facing the District? What are some specific tasks (e.g. specific legislation, policies, et.) you intend to accomplish while in office? I want to get people to think of how else to do living together. See my discussion added, here. Age segregation is a ruse, directly related to endless confusions, pains, even resultant criminality, a misery we all accept and enforce against our heart's desire.

What specifically do you think the School District can or should do locally to fight climate change? To reduce the District's carbon footprint to zero? Besides teaching about it and about the slight alternatives offered us to practice on a daily basis, I have no recommendations. The virtually innumerable organizations to which I subscribe have huge amounts of recommendations, the most significant being to end the destructive profiteering that increases the damage. ...which is why I advocate and work for socialist-communist revolution, to overthrow capitalism.

The Berkeley City Council may need temporary facilities for meetings during Council Chamber refurbishment. Are you in favor of allowing the City Council to use School Board Facilities to hold meetings when not being used by the School Board? Do you think the City should pay for this use? ,,sure - and not pay.

How do you think issues of homelessness in Berkeley impact the schools? Do you have suggestions on solutions to Berkeley homeless issues? Is there a role the school system can play in easing the homeless crisis? De-housing-ness is just another injustice that adds to the chaos that school suffers. It will not - has never - be/en solved in the profit system, in capitalism, in the previous structures - feudalism, monarchy... If school could do its job, teach communist revolution that would contribute to doing away with material injustice.

Do you have issues or concerns regarding the interactions between Berkeley Police and students? If so, do you have suggestions for solutions? It is horrid to know that police are utilized, necessarily, against anyone, let alone children! Material injustice and social marginalization cause criminal/chaotic behavior. Permit us all to provide materially for us all, let us all have productive relations within the social system, be necessary, (have jobs - but NO 8 hour day - a major deception about what's good or necessary). Let us all enjoy the fruits of our

labors - vacations, relaxation, all the activities we need and like. Being brutalized by school helps create criminal - disruptive - behavior. What's called punishment is stupid beyond belief!

What are your positions on the three Berkeley Ballot Measures?

\$135M Affordable Housing Bond? Bonds are good for profiteers who have the ability to invest in them. In this case, if the money is already there, as is sometimes the case, use it for its voted purpose.

Police Commission Charter Amendment? "According to Councilmember Kriss Worthington, the council must either vote to initiate one of the proposals or take pieces of each proposal to form a blended variant." (above my pay grade)

Amending the Rent Control Ordinance to Cover Newer Buildings? Good.

Endorsements

Who are you endorsing for the Senate, for Governor, for AD15, and for the Berkeley City Council? We, socialists, communists don't have anyone running for partisan office thank you very much prop 14 in 2010. The other candidates say they'll fix things - but as we all know, things are already fixed Repeating the same plans nauseates me - literally. Thinking about those guarantees that are sworn to without mentioning the impossibility of making the adjustment/s in the profit system, in which our Owners own functioning, brings up horror inside me. When we make a gain it's taken away - again and again.

We - and I!!! - do endorse Laura Wells!!

Who has endorsed you? Gary Hicks, convener of the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Club of the local Communist Party USA, and a few other people, not enough endorsers to let me show them on the Berkeley voter pamphlet. ..nobody well known. Just people. I didn't have time; I had a 14day trip to Iceland scheduled, by necessity, with my daughter - just couldn't get the time before and after.

Anything Else

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

Are you a member of the Green Party? no. I am a devout, born again communist! Stalinist, actually, I've learned through good comrades these past years.

Pledges - Have you signed either of the following pledges?

Yes. Both

A. For democracy: <https://movetoamend.org/candidate-questionnaire>

B. For peace: <http://www.peacelegislators.org/pledge-form/>