OREB 2026 Endorsement Questions and Information

The first step to gaining endorsement from Our Revolution East Bay is completing the Endorsement Questions. Please answer **every** question; it is important to know your values. Most questions are Yes or No at the end of each section you may expand on any of your answers. Your explanation should be **CONCISE.** We may publish your answers to any question. **The purpose of the questionnaire is to ensure that endorsed candidates' values align with those of OREB. OREB continually monitors the actions of endorsed candidates regarding their questionnaire responses.**

If you have concerns or questions, please contact Carol Coyote and Michael Cheng.

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Untitled Title

Campaign Information

1. Name (as listed on the ballot): *

Aidan Hill

2. Preferred Pronouns: *

they/them

3. Position running for *

- ( ) Primary
- (•) General
- ( ) Special

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Core Values

1. Do you pledge to take no money from Super PACs? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Have you or will you accept contributions from AIPAC? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

3. Have you or will you accept contributions from police unions?: *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

4. Have you or will you accept contributions from landlord/real estate developers? *

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

5. Do you support the Fair Elections/Clean Money Proposition (SB42)? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

6. Do you support and will work for Universal Single payer Healthcare? *

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

7. Do you oppose genocide and military occupation? For example: Gaza? Venezuela? Ukraine? Cuba? Greenland? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

8. Do you support abolishing ICE? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

9. Do you support legislation to tax billionaires? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

10. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be brief)

I will answer to people, not political committees or industries seeking influence. I will not solicit or coordinate Super PAC spending or accept contributions from AIPAC political committees, police-union PACs, real estate developers, professional landlords, or corporate entities. I will return developer or professional-landlord contributions without categorically excluding individual small property owners. My campaign has filed for Berkeley public financing and accepts no PAC contributions.

I support SB 42, single-payer health care, abolishing ICE, taxing extreme wealth, and opposing genocide, ethno-supremacy, and military occupation. I will use Berkeley's public-health, privacy, sanctuary, contracting, and advocacy powers while pressing for necessary state and federal action.

Campaign finances and support (please be explicit)

1. Who contributed to your campaign? Other than individual donations, who have and who will you receive donations? List all groups, unions, businesses (especially those doing business with the entity in which you seek to hold office). *

My campaign has filed to participate in Berkeley's public-financing program, including an initial qualifying request for matching funds. Every contribution in my campaign's records that identifies the contributor comes from an individual person, including my $100 candidate contribution. I have no contributor-identified record showing a contribution from a group, union, business, PAC, or other committee, and I will accept contributions only from individual people. I report itemized donors through the City of Berkeley's campaign-finance page and NetFile portal under "Aidan Hill for Berkeley City Council District 7, 2026": https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/elections/campaign-finance. Because OREB may publish this questionnaire, I have not listed unitemized small donors here.

2. Which candidates will/have you endorse/d and/or contribute/d? *

I have not endorsed any candidates in the 2026 election cycle. I made personal contributions of $20 each to two Berkeley City Council candidates: Igor Tregub, District 4, on June 17, 2026, and Moni Gangopadhyay, District 1, on June 19, 2026.

3. Please list persons and organizations who have endorsed you. *

I am endorsed by FLIP Berkeley City Council and the Peace and Freedom Party of California.

I am personally endorsed by Albany City Councilmember and former Mayor Robin D. López; former Berkeley Councilmember Cheryl Davila; Paul Kealoha-Blake, a member of Berkeley's Homeless Services Panel of Experts; Mansour Id-Deen, President Emeritus of the Berkeley NAACP; Dr. Kerby Lynch, an ethnic-studies professor and public-policy researcher; Glenn Turner; Andrea Prichett, a Berkeley community organizer and former Berkeley Police Review and Berkeley-Albany Mental Health commissioner; and Elana Auerbach, a 2024 Berkeley City Council District 4 candidate. I list each person in their personal capacity, and I use titles only to identify them, not to imply institutional support.

4. Please list PACs, and independent expenditure committees supporting you. *

I know of no PAC or independent-expenditure committee supporting me.

5. List any/all industries, organizations and people that you will decline donations and endorsements from, please be inclusive. *

Under Berkeley law, I cannot accept contributions from corporations, businesses, labor unions, PACs, or other campaign committees. Beyond those legal limits, I will return any contribution from a real estate developer or professional landlord; I will not categorically exclude an individual small property owner. I will decline any contribution or endorsement conditioned on preferential treatment or improper influence over City business. I will also decline contributions from AIPAC political committees and police-union PACs. I will evaluate endorsements based on the documented conduct of each person or organization, not solely on a person's job or employer.

Crime and Law Enforcement

1. What do you think about the use of force by police? What and when is appropriate and what and when is not? *

My philosophy is abolitionist: carceral logic cannot build a peaceful society. I will make force a lawful, necessary, and proportional last resort; require de-escalation and less harmful alternatives; limit deadly force to imminent threats of death or serious injury; and oppose force as punishment, against lawful protest, or merely to compel compliance.

District 7 has two police departments with different enforcement and oversight: Berkeley Police and UC Police. I am critical of both. I will use Council authority over Berkeley Police to prioritize time, distance, communication, crisis clinicians, and unarmed responders; treat “less-lethal” weapons as force; and require independent review and deidentified outcomes. I cannot control UC Police, but I will use City-UC agreements and campus accountability bodies to press for the same standards.

2. Do you support banning private prisons? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Do you support installing surveillance cameras such as FLOCK, which stores individual information, at public areas? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

4. Do you oppose capital punishment? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

5. Should convicted felons and prison in-mates be granted the right to vote? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

6. Do you believe it is ever warranted to suspend due process? *

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

7. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

I define public safety as reducing harm, not expanding carceral power. I oppose private prisons, capital punishment, suspended due process, disenfranchisement through incarceration, and networked mass surveillance. At the May 7 Council meeting, the June 2 Public Safety Policy Committee meeting, and the June 30 Council meeting, I urged no votes on Berkeley's surveillance proposals, citing privacy, sanctuary, due process, data-integrity, budget, and governance concerns. I will vote against networked surveillance and for homelessness services, mental-health response, maintenance, lighting, restrooms, and secure public spaces—the conditions that prevent harm.

Human Rights, Immigration, and Civil Rights

1. Do you support DACA? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Do you support closing immigration detention facilities? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Do you support increased funding for immigration assistance? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

4. Should immigrants without felonies be given a path to citizenship? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

5. Do you support DEI? (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

6. Do you support reparations? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

7. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

I will not let immigration status deny anyone safety, care, education, or City services. I will oppose voluntary City assistance with civil immigration enforcement, fund legal and language services, protect City data, and advocate for DACA, detention closure, and citizenship without an automatic lifetime felony bar. As a nonbinary Black candidate, I will make diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and belonging enforceable through nondiscrimination and equal access. I support material reparations shaped with descendants and affected Black communities through a community-led, legally viable process.

Infrastructure Issues

1. Do you support public banking? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Do you think public transit should be free? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

Yes to both. I will support a public bank that keeps public money working for affordable housing, climate resilience, infrastructure, small businesses, and cooperatives. I support Berkeley's November 3, 2026 measure and the legal, financial, governance, and audit safeguards California requires. I will work for public transit that is free and reliable. Transit agencies set fares and service; I will use Berkeley's role to support stable regional funding and local access without trading away service quality.

Current Labor Issues

1. Do you support a California “living wage”? How? *

Yes. I support a California living wage that reflects the real cost of housing, food, transportation, health care, and childcare, then rises with costs each year. Berkeley already indexes its minimum wage, which is $19.61 as of July 1, 2026, but a legal minimum is not automatically a living wage. I support a higher statewide floor indexed to living costs while preserving local authority to go further. On Council, I will protect Berkeley's indexing, strengthen contractor living-wage and prevailing-wage rules, fund enforcement, and publish substantiated violations, response times, and back pay recovered. Council sets the ordinance and budget; workforce-standards staff enforce them.

2. List 3 ideas to reduce the price of shelter in your community? *

1. Preserve lower-cost homes to prevent displacement. I will expand the Housing Trust Fund and Small Sites Program so land trusts and nonprofits can acquire and rehabilitate occupied buildings before speculative sale or eviction.

2. Build public and nonprofit housing with permanent, deeper affordability because market production does not ensure homes low-income residents can afford. I will create a pipeline on suitable developed sites using City funds, voter-approved bonds, state and federal grants, lawful developer fees, and permanent affordability covenants.

3. Stop rent shocks and losses of rent-controlled homes. I will fund tenant-law enforcement, eviction defense, and emergency rent aid, and require redevelopment to replace lost rent-controlled homes at equal or deeper affordability wherever state law allows.

3. What do you propose to protect renters in your community? Please comment on laws/acts, such as Costa Hawkins and others, to be repealed, and added/legislated? *

I will give renters rights they can enforce before displacement, not notices after the damage is done. In my first budget, I will protect eviction defense and emergency rental assistance, prioritize affordable-housing acquisition funds, and work with the independently elected Rent Board to strengthen organizing rights and landlord compliance. I will require public reporting on eviction filings, rent-controlled homes lost, homes preserved, enforcement response times, and restitution recovered for tenants.

At the state level, I support repealing Costa-Hawkins so local voters can extend rent stabilization and reforming the Ellis Act so it cannot be used for speculative displacement. Locally, I will propose a Tenant Opportunity to Purchase ordinance, subject to City Attorney review, so tenants, land trusts, and nonprofit partners have a fair chance to buy when a building is sold. Berkeley cannot repeal state law alone, so I will work with tenant organizations and the state delegation while prioritizing local funding, enforcement, and acquisition authority now.

4. Do you support the repeal of all laws that criminalize or punish homeless people? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

How do we provide/develop more affordable and low-cost housing? In your community and in California? *

I will work to build more homes in Berkeley and California while using public action to make them permanently affordable. On Berkeley's Homeless Commission, I moved to prioritize long-term housing subsidies and supported stronger inclusionary analysis and better access for extremely low-income residents.

In my first budget, I will protect the Housing Trust Fund and Small Sites Program and direct City housing staff to maintain an acquisition and development pipeline with land trusts and nonprofit builders on suitable already-developed sites. I will advocate for sustained California acquisition, construction, rental-assistance, and operating funds for public and nonprofit housing. I will require a public dashboard reporting homes built or preserved, income levels served, affordability terms, displacement, and cost per home. State law, available sites, and funding limit what one councilmember can promise.

Education (How do we provide affordable and quality education and childcare?)

1. Do you support charter schools? *

- ( ) Yes
- (•) No

2. Should charter schools be at no cost and unionized? Please use examples in your community.

I do not support expanding charter schools. I will support a City partnership only if a charter is tuition-free, nondiscriminatory, transparent, and unionized. Berkeley Unified's educators bargain through the Berkeley Federation of Teachers; I will not support City partnerships that steer funds or facilities away from that unionized public system. School boards, not City Council, authorize charters.

3. Do you support no cost public college and university? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

4. Do you support the cancellation of all student debt? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

5. Do you support free universal public pre-K? *

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No

6. Do you support free universal childcare for children under 5? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

7. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX including trans rights? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

8. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise) *

I support no-cost public college and university, cancellation of student debt, universal public pre-K and childcare, and stronger Title IX protections that fully include trans people. I will oppose charter expansion and protect unionized public education. Berkeley City Council does not authorize charters or control federal student debt or Title IX, but I will fund childcare and early-learning partnerships, protect inclusive City services, and advocate for state and federal action.

Environmental

1. How will you work to uphold environmental regulations in the face of the government's attempt to eradicate? Include and use example from your community. *

My environmental record is impeccable because it is sustained work, not slogans. Since 2017, I have worked with People's Park co-founder Michael Delacour and other longtime stewards. As lead community gardener from 2019-2023, I planted numerous trees, maintained trees throughout the park, reduced fire risk with PG&E, protected the Food Forest and Community Garden, supported and presented with the historic-district campaign that secured the park's 2022 National Register listing, and testified on trees, air, groundwater, access, climate, and health in UC's 2021 environmental review.

UC later closed the park, removed trees, and dismantled the stage and kitchen. I call this environmental apartheid: a powerful institution imposed environmental and public-health losses on people with the least power. The scales differ, but I cannot oppose destruction of Palestinian olive trees while excusing destruction of community trees, gardens, and free-food space here.

I will use local laws, permits, contracts, budgets, City-UC agreements, advocacy, and state and regional enforcement to protect trees, air, water, health, and access. I will assign clear City responsibilities and publicly report emissions, tree survival, shade, access, homes improved, and displacement.

2. What do you think is the most critical environmental issue? In your community? *

People's Park is District 7's defining environmental issue, and this election is a choice between community and institutional control. Since 2017, I have worked with co-founder Michael Delacour and other stewards. As lead gardener from 2019-2023, I planted and maintained trees, reduced fire risk with PG&E, protected the Food Forest and Community Garden, and supported National Register listing. People's Park was deforested: UC reported 155 trees in 2015 and 75 remaining in 2020, before more removals in 2022. I followed their growth. During a June 2022 heat wave, I documented UC trying to shut off water while the fountain and bathrooms were unusable. With the park community, I coordinated with UC Facilities and EBMUD after irrigation failed, helped fund replacement faucets and watering equipment, and still haul water by truck because I do not see UC watering surviving plantings. My record is stewardship; the alternative is treating lost green space as inevitable.

Berkeley's Southside Plan documents the park deficit and calls People's Park the neighborhood's largest green open space and a public commons. City records call District 7 Berkeley's only district without a public park. UC closed 2.8 acres, plans to return approximately 1.7, and will add more than 1,100 student beds. Less land and more residents deepen the inequity.

Former Mayors Shirley Dean and the late Gus Newport found in “Breaking the Impasse on People's Park” that Southside needed approximately 18 additional acres, more than six parks the size of People's Park. They urged alternative housing sites and community and tribal stewardship through a land trust or conservancy. UC's added residents make that unfinished work more urgent.

On November 6, 2025, Commissioner Micael voted to keep $14,359,593 in City financing reserved for supportive housing along the park's western edge, where UC's survey identifies woods and garden beds. Residents asked the commission to pause or move the funding, and any commissioner could submit a timely item. The published record shows no reconsideration or public hearing before Council acted, only a later developer update.

My position is different. I support deeply affordable supportive housing, but I will not finance building over former garden and green space. I will build housing on suitable developed sites while protecting public land.

The future park needs enforceable public benefits. UC promises approximately 1.7 acres of green space, passive recreation, paths, trees, seating, lighting, and a market. Current materials identify no park-user agreement or operating plan, on-site public restroom, active recreation, or return rights for Suitcase Clinic or East Bay Food Not Bombs. UC's advertised restroom and Sacred Rest are off-site, not substitutes for a public-health commons.

In my first 100 days, I will refer a Southside Green Commons plan to add the approximately 18 acres Dean and Newport identified. I will require it to map parks, gardens, land-trust acquisitions, restored space, and converted rights-of-way and secure accessible restrooms, recreation, food sharing, mutual aid, and services with written operating duties.

During my first year, I will advance a pedestrian-priority Bowditch Commons between Haste and Channing through public process. I will expand open space while preserving disability, emergency, delivery, sanitation, and residential access. I will seek City funds, grants, and a UC contribution and report acres opened, tree survival, shade, hours, restrooms, recreation, garden and free-food space, and walking distance to green space.

People's Park was green space, a community garden, a free-food site, and a place where services and mutual aid met people. Housing, services, and parks are not competing luxuries. District 7 needs all three, and this election is a moral choice about whether the community will help determine that future.

3. Do you support community and government oversight in the approval of and the construction of data centers for corporations? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

Election

1. Do you support the Constitutional amendment to repeal Citizens United? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. Will you uphold the Voting Rights Act? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

3. Do you support universal mail-in ballots? (such as was used for Prop 50) *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

4. Optional: explanation of your responses to questions in this section (please be concise)

Yes to all three. I support a constitutional amendment overturning Citizens United, strong enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, and mailing every active registered voter a ballot while preserving accessible in-person voting, secure drop boxes, ballot tracking, and fair signature-cure procedures. California already uses that mailed-ballot model. Locally, I will protect language and disability access, transparent election administration, and strong campaign-finance disclosure.

US Foreign Policy – National Issues Affect Local Positions

1. Do you support the international campaign of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions)? *

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

2. What should the US policy be on Palestine/Israel? *

I will advocate for U.S. recognition of Palestine, an end to weapons transfers to Israel, a permanent ceasefire, unrestricted humanitarian access, equal rights, and civilian protection. I support the sovereignty of states and self-determination of peoples across Palestine, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and the region; diplomatic offices and relations with both Palestine and Israel; international law; and no Washington-imposed outcome. I reject antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Arab sentiment, and xenophobia.

On Council, I will use Berkeley's Peace and Justice Commission and sister-city framework for reciprocal, community-led cultural and educational exchange across the region. I will keep Berkeley's advocacy, contracts, and investments lawful, public, nondiscriminatory, and consistent with fiduciary duties.

3. Do you agree with the current economic sanctions? *

I am unclear about what this question is asking because it does not identify which sanctions or country. If OREB means sanctions on Israel in support of Palestinian rights, yes. As part of BDS, I support targeted government sanctions against officials, institutions, and companies credibly implicated in occupation or serious human-rights abuses, with humanitarian protections so neither Palestinians nor Israelis are denied food, water, medicine, shelter, or other basic needs.

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

My political-economic philosophy is grounded in dependency theory: so-called free trade can keep poorer nations dependent on wealthy countries for undervalued labor and raw materials. I am a fair-trade, not free-trade, person. I support targeted tariffs and trade rules protecting workers, local production, and human rights against forced labor, dumping, occupation, and serious abuses. I oppose blanket tariffs on essential goods that raise costs for working people and local businesses. If OREB means Israel and Palestine, I support targeted BDS-aligned trade restrictions while protecting essential civilian goods.

Anything Else?

1. Thanks for your time and thoughtfulness. Is there anything else we should know? *

I am a Southside renter, SEIU-UHW member, clinical health worker, and longtime mutual-aid and public-space organizer. An election is not a substitute for that work. I will use a council seat as one tool and remain accountable to tenants, workers, students, unhoused residents, organizers, and everyone living with City decisions.

How I treat constituents will be my standard. I served as vice chair of Berkeley's Homeless Commission because policy must begin with those whose material reality it changes. If someone says my vote will cost shelter, safety, food, or public space, I will not vote yes and move on or ignore them. I did not need to become a candidate to deserve the bare minimum of respect from my councilmember, and I will give every constituent that respect.

I will not let insider knowledge create unequal access. I will make public safety begin with abolition, de-escalation, privacy, unarmed response, and services that prevent harm. I will fight for renters and workers to afford shelter, health care, education, transit, and dignity; defend political participation for people carceral systems silence; and uphold human rights, self-determination, and freedom from collective punishment across borders.

People's Park is the clearest local test. More than 15,000 people live in District 7, Berkeley's only council district without a public park. Residents asked the Housing Advisory Commission to pause or reconsider because its decision affected their material reality. Commissioner Micael voted to extend the bundled $14,359,593 City funding reservation; the published record shows no reconsideration or public hearing before Council acted. Voters know which candidate organized for a community-determined future and which moved City funding forward without a public reconsideration or dedicated hearing.

From People's Park to Palestine, occupation is a crime.

The legal and human scales differ, but destruction of Palestine's olive trees and People's Park's fruit forest and redwood groves shares a root: decision-makers least exposed to the consequences severing people from living land to make enclosure and displacement permanent. What governments do to people abroad, they will eventually do to people at home.

I am the free-speech candidate endorsed by the Peace and Freedom Party of California, which Mario Savio represented in his 1968 State Senate campaign. I will regrow People's Park with the community, never build on this National Register-listed sanctuary space, and never surrender City bargaining leverage before UC guarantees meaningful public benefits. In my judgment, extending City funding first rewarded UC for proceeding without community consent. I expect year-round public restrooms, recreation, green space, and service access, including a real path back for Suitcase Clinic and East Bay Food Not Bombs. District 7 deserves more than the bare minimum or a park that exists only on a rendering.

If OREB endorses me, I will honor this pledge in full and welcome OREB holding me accountable. Thank you for the opportunity.

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