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.**

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Untitled Title

Campaign Information

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3. Position running for *

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- (•) 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)

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). *

I have and will only recieve donations from individuals in amounts of $60 or less, as I am a participant in Berkeley's public financing program.

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

Locally I have endorsed Claudia Jimenez for Richmond Mayor, Syrak Micael for Berkeley City Council D7, Daria Wrubel and Moni Gangopadhyay for Berkeley City Council D1, and Nate Adams for Oakland City Council D2. I also have donated to most DSA and Our Revolution endorsed Congressional Candidates nationwide.

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

I am endorsed by the Berkeley Tenants Convention, the Berkeley Tenants Union, East Bay Democratic Socialists of America, the Bay Area Region of the California Young Democrats, Rent Board Chair Soli Alpert, Rent Board Commissioners Xavier Johnson, Dominique Walker, and Alfred Twu, and Berkeley City Councilmembers Cecilia Lunaparra, Ben Bartlett, and Igor Tregub.

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

I am not supported by any PACs.

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

I will decline donations and endorsements from any corporate entities, entities supporting imperialism abroad, or corporate landlords.

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? *

Use of force by police should always be proportionate. Lethal force is almost never justified, and police should never use force against non-violent protestors.

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)

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)

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)

Current Labor Issues

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

I am in support of a living wage. In particular I am in support of the local Alameda County ballot measures for a $30 minimum wage. I would favor similar efforts statewide.

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

I believe in the three Ps of housing affordability: production of new affordable housing, preservation of existing affordable and rent-controlled housing stock, and protections for tenants against displacement and unbearable increases to rent.

The Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board and the Rent Stabilization and Good Cause for Eviction Ordinances play an important role in counterbalancing the power structures of our city’s housing systems in favor of tenants, and as things stand remain as the most effective and largest affordable housing program in the City of Berkeley. That being said, they are currently limited in their scope by state law, especially Costa-Hawkins, and are in dire need of expansion. I support expansions of their role through the repeal of Costa-Hawkins and the elimination of ADU and Golden Duplex exemptions.

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 have yet to hear of a policy expanding tenant protections and rent control that I have not enthusiastically supported. In particular, Berkeley needs to make an active effort to create alternatives to the traditional landlord-tenant model of renting. Berkeley should expand cooperative housing through the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act and the release of vacant properties to cooperatives and Community Land Trusts, along with advocacy for social housing.

As the field lead for the successful Berkeley Tenant Protection and Right to Organize Act, I am also interested in expanding Berkeley’s tenant union protections to strengthen our growing movement.

I am in favor of the repeal of Costa Hawkins and Proposition 13 to give local communities the tools necessary to implement a agenda for housing affordability.

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? *

Berkeley needs to stop neglecting the creation of affordable housing by investing resources into meeting our city goals for new low-income and very low-income housing development, converting existing market-rate housing into affordable and cooperative housing, and further investing in a Right of Return for displaced former residents of Berkeley. The Rent Board in particular should be an active participant in advocacy efforts for changes to state law and the Berkeley City Charter to expand the scope of the Rent Board's authority and to repeal Costa-Hawkins, giving local rent control authorities the tools necessary to prevent exorbitant rent increases for all tenants, not just those lucky enough to live in apartments built before 1985. We should also be proactive in our outreach to tenants who have unionized under Measure BB to fight against displacement and provide support in any building-wide Individual Rent Adjustment petitions they need help in bringing against their landlord.

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.

So long as charter schools exist in our educational system, they should be held to the same standards as public schools, and should be no cost, with unionized staff.

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) *

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. *

While the Berkeley Rent Board doesn't have significant regulatory power when it comes to environmental regulations, we should be active in climate change mitigation efforts such as creating maximum heat standards for housing habitability in Berkeley.

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

We must end our reliance on fossil fuels. The Berkeley Rent Board should play an active effort in pushing for tenant autonomy in seeking green improvements to their units, including electrification and installation of solar panels.

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)

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? *

We should seek an immediate end to the genocide, and implement a full arms embargo and sanctions on Israel.

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

While some targeted economic sanctions are justified, such as those implemented towards Russian oligarchs following the invasion of Ukraine, many of our current economic sanctions worsen the conditions of those victimized by totalitarian regimes, rather than those in power and should be re-evaluated.

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

I am opposed to Trump's tariff policy.

Anything Else?

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

I'm thankful for your consideration!

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