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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Campaign Information

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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 support people and community over monied interests that undermine our democracy and harm our communities.

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 is part of the Berkeley's Public Finance Program. We have received small donations under $60 from residents and friends in Berkeley and across the country. Our donations are being used to pay for our paid campaign team staff, campaign literature, and campaign events.

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

I have or will endorsed or contributed to Syrak Micael and Aidan Hill, and would be interested in endorsing Majdi Gaith. I have also contributed to campaigns outside Berkeley like those of Brandee Marckmann (SF School Board) and Abdul El-Sayed, among other progressive candidates.

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

Berkeley Tenants Union, Sheila Jordan (Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, emerita), Soli Alpert (Rent Stabilization Board Chair), Avery Arbaugh (Berkeley Tenants Union, Chair), Leah Simon-Weisberg (Housing Advisory Board, Commissioner), Moni Law, boona Cheema (BOSS, Executive Director, former), George Lippman (Berkeley Speaks editor, Peace and Justice Commissioner), Eduardo Pineda (Civic Arts Commissioner), Phil Allen, Christopher Kroll (Berkeley Neighborhoods Council, Vice Chair), Ida Martinac (Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner)

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

None

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

I will decline donations from Police Unions, Real Estate interest groups like the California Apartment Association, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, oil and gas interests and any other groups that do not reflect the will and agency of people and communities.

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? *

Many of the challenges that local police departments are intended to address are a product of societal, systemic and history racism and dysfunction. These problems can not be resolved by force, they need to be resolved in community. We need alternatives to the use of force, for example community groups like Live Free in Berkeley, and mental health and behavior health services and interventions. Above all, we need a community and elected representatives that are committed to ensuring that people have access to basic resources like food, housing, and healthcare, to adequate opportunities for providing for themselves and their families, and the ability to connect and build community within a sustainable environment. A thriving community is a safe community.

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
- [x] No

4. Do you oppose capital punishment? *

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

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

I believe in protecting the agency, well-being, and civil liberties of people and our communities.

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 believe in humanity, that nobody is illegal, and that we must repair past harms, especially with regard to historic, intergenerational, and ongoing systemic harms to African American and indigenous people.

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)

I believe access to financial resources should be available to all, not just the wealthy, and that public transit is a basic resource to which everyone should have access.

Current Labor Issues

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

Yes. I support raising the minimum wage to a living wage based on the MIT living wage calculator. In the Bay Area, our current minimum is still not enough for working families to pay rent and support their families. If elected, I want to build a majority on the Council to raise the minimum wage in Berkeley.

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

1. Expand rent control (for example across golden duplexes), 2. Seek new funding sources from transfer taxes, commercial vacancy taxes, and a State wealth tax and work with land trusts and non-profits to create and preserve affordable housing, leveraging city- and land trust-owned land, and empty buildings 3. Explore alternatives to traditional housing like tiny homes on wheels to house the unhoused - Golden Gate Fields is a potential site.

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? *

We need to expand our Rent Stabilization protections to golden duplexes, maintain and continue rent control, expand legal services for renters, and repeal Costa Hawkins and the Ellis Act.

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? *

We need to 1) explore progressive funding sources such as increasing the residential transfer taxes and introducing a commercial vacancy tax 2) work with land trusts and non-profits to maintain existing affordable housing and create new units and 3) develop alternative housing solutions such as tiny home villages and extending Project Homekey for our currently unhoused residents. If elected, I plan to build a coalition of local governments to introduce state legislation creating a wealth tax that can help fund affordable housing.

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 charter schools, but should they exist and be receiving state funding, they should be at no cost and unionized at par with public schools.

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) *

It takes a village to raise small humans - a healthy society is one which supports caregivers in this incredibly demanding and critical period of human life. Education should be accessible to all and trans rights are human rights.

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. *

As a policymaker and investigator at the California Public Utilities Commission, my career and life's work is dedicated to clean energy policymaking and enforcing associated regulations. I will work to ensure that California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is applied to projects that would adversely impact Berkeley's environment, for example urging the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to apply CEQA to the proposed coal depot planned for Oakland. I support AB40.

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

One of the most pressing environmental issues affecting West Berkeley is the plan to create a coal depot in Oakland, which would have coal trains passing through the lower income communities of West Oakland and West Berkeley. West Berkeley has the worst air pollution and the highest rate of exposure to environmental pollutants from industry and proximity to highways. We need to protect our community from further harm and take steps to improve air quality and environmental conditions in our community.

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)

I believe in Voting Rights Act and the enfranchisement of our citizenry. Corporations are not people. Upholding voting rights creates a robust democracy and a just society.

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 stop funding all military "aid" to Israel and impose sanctions to end genocide in Gaza and Palestine and for violations of international law and continued war crimes.

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

I do not agree with economic sanctions in Cuba or Iran.

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

The current US tariffs have driven up inflation, which disproportionately affects low- and moderate-income families.

Anything Else?

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

We are a campaign that prioritizes affordability, government and policy accountability, and community and environmental sustainability.

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