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): *

Derek Rodriguez

2. Preferred Pronouns: *

He/him

3. Position running for *

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

4. Email *

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5. Phone number *

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6. Campaign website *

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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 will only take donations under $60 from individuals, and will not take any from any corporations whatsoever.

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

Igor Tregub, Moni Gangopadhyay, Syrak Micael

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

EBDSA
Bay Area Young Democrats
Soli Alpert
Alfred Twu
Xavier Johnson
Igor Tregub
Cecilia Lunaparra
Ben Bartlett
Syrak Micael
Leah Simon-Weisberg
Paola Laverde
Moni Gangopadhyay
Jovanka Beckles
Andrea Prichett
Boona Cheema
Kate Harrison

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

Only my own campaign committee: Derek Rodriguez for Berkeley Rent Board 2026

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

I will decline donations from industries or organizations whatsoever, and anyone publically known to be an enemy to tenants rights or aligned issues. However, I anticipate all donors to be private individuals

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? *

I believe that there is a time for mental health and community intervention and there is time for police intervention. I believe that use of force by police is only warranted where someone is in immediate danger of their persons.

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)

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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 support California living wage, and I agree that an increase is needed to make sure California can be a livable place for people. Doing this I suggest an increase that continues to advance in front of inflation.

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

-Use of unused public spaces for temporary shelters
-More locally sourced funds made available to subsidize current housing vouchers
-Incentivize developers to create more affordable units.

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 believe in the repeal of Costa Hawkins and the repeal of the Ellis Act. I believe that we need to expand Measure BB in Berkeley to include more rental protections for at-risk tenants. We should implement TOPA where tenants can own their living spaces when a landlord is selling their buildings instead of the potential for displacement.

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 am a firm believer in development without displacement. I think we should invest in public and non-profit development of affordable housing without causing renovictions. This growth, however, also necessitates the need for rent control to ensure that people are not being cheated out of proper housing as housing is a right for all.

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.

They should be public schools, no cost and unionized.

We have a local example in Education for Change, which operates six free public charter-school campuses in Oakland. Its educators have unionized, demonstrating that charter-school flexibility and workers' collective-bargaining rights are not incompatible. Oakland's broader experience also shows why these protections matter: educators have used collective bargaining to advocate not only for compensation, but also for improved counselor ratios, safety protections, and student-support staffing.

Ultimately, I do not support a two-tier public education system. Every publicly funded school should be free to families, open to all students, accountable to the public, and respectful of its workers' right to organize.

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) *

N/A

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. *

Help maintain local regulations and protections here in California. They still exist here and I believe as long as we continue moving in a direction where we are able to fund continued research and keep supporting a Green New Deal, we can move regulations forward to provide for a healthy and adequate environment.

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

The most critical environmental issue in the community I believe is air quality, especially being in a high traffic area.

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? *

End of foreign influence in our institutions, and the divestment from Israel. I think we should be punishing Israel with sanctions on any goods or material until they are able to be diplomatic on the world stage and act accordingly.

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

No

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

Tariffs do not accomplish anything but rising prices for the consumer.

Anything Else?

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

Only that I am looking forward to hearing back from you all soon! :)

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