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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Campaign Information

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2. Preferred Pronouns: *

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3. Position running for *

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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 am running a corporate-free campaign, funded primarily through the contributions of community members, friends, and family.

I have also received donations from labor unions. Those include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595, National Union of Healthcare Workers, and Laborers' Local 304.

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

Mark Salinas, Julie Roche, Paul Hodges, Michelle Fernilius, Joann Guzman, Igor Tregub, Aisha Wahab, Liz Ortega, Randy Villegas, Syrak Micael, Valerie Bachelor

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

Aisha Wahab
California State Senator

Liz Ortega
California State Assemblymember

Elisa Marquez
Alameda County Supervisor

Mark Salinas
Mayor of Hayward

Ray Bonilla
Hayward City Councilmember

Francisco Zermeno
Hayward City Councilmember

Dan Goldstein
Hayward City Councilmember

Julie Roche
Hayward City Councilmember

Angela Andrews
Hayward City Councilmember

Sara Prada
Hayward Unified School District Trustee

Austin Bruckner Carrillo
Hayward Unified School District Trustee

April Eljeiroudi
Hayward Unified School District Trustee

Peter Bufete

Hayward Unified School District Trustee

Rick Hatcher
H.A.R.D. Vice President

Peter Rosen
H.A.R.D. Director

Louis Andrade
H.A.R.D. Director

Sabrina Aranda
Eden Health District Director

Hector Garcia
Chabot-Los Positas Community College Director

Aisha Knowles
Trustee, Alameda County Board of Education

Hank Levy
Treasurer & Tax Collector, Alameda County

Phong La
Alameda County Assessor

Alysse Castro
Superintendent, Alameda County Board of Education

Kevin Jenkins
Oakland Council President

Rita Duncan
Oro Loma Sanitary District Director

Mimi Dean
Oro Loma Sanitary District Director

Cecilia Lunaparra

Berkeley City Councilmember

Igor Tregub
Berkeley City Councilmember

Lance Nishihira
Union City Councilmember

Dylan Boldt
San Leandro City Councilmember

Xouhoa Bowen
San Leandro City Council Member

James Aguilar
San Leandro City Council Member

Melissa Hernandez
President, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

Robert Raburn
Director, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

Murphy McCalley
Vice President, AC Transit

Anthony C. Silva
Director, AC Transit

Sarah Syed
Director, AC Transit

Lance Kwan
Vice Chair, Ohlone Community College

Building & Construction Trades Council of Alameda County
California Working Families Party
East Bay Democratic Socialists of America
Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte
Sierra Club
SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West

National Union of Healthcare Workers
Arab Resource & Organizing Center Action
Sprinkler Fitters Local 483
Sheet Metal Workers Local 104
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595
Ironworkers Local 378
Laborers' International Union of North America Local 304
Run for Something
FAJ Action Fund

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

Laborers' Local 304 PAC, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595 PAC, National Union of Healthcare Workers Candidate Committee for Quality Patient Care and Union Democracy

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

Corporate PAC money, AIPAC, police, real estate, any involved with war, genocide, transphobia, pharma, fossil fuel, prisons, etc

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 the violence associated with modern-day policing is indicative of its failures and need for wholesale overhaul. From gun violence to the overpolicing of Black and brown neighborhoods, we are seeing the creation of vicious, intergenerational cycles of trauma and abuse with major disparities across racial lines as a result of policing. No amount of use-of-force reform or training will solve for the underlying economic inequalities that undergird the function of modern-day law enforcement activities.

Instead of focusing on how to fix policing, I believe in a fundamental re-imagination of what public safety actually looks like beyond law enforcement. That means we must invest in life-affirming services and resources, and facilitate stronger bonds between neighbors. Social services (like libraries, food banks, and mental health response teams) should be fully funded. Case managers should be readily available to help our most vulnerable residents navigate the bureaucracy of government and connect people to available resources. Streets should be designed with safety in mind: well-lit, slower travel, and a healthy amount of foot traffic that discourages criminal activity. Youth programming should be offered everywhere to create intergenerational relationships that mitigate conflict and improve educational outcomes.

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)

I was the former chair and am currently an advisor for Friends of the Public Bank East Bay

Current Labor Issues

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

Yes, I support a California living wage. To me, that means allowing an individual to make enough so that they can lead a life with dignity, which includes being able to afford groceries, shelter, utilities, transportation, childcare, and even hobbies. Of course, the achievement of these aims will require much more than just supporting legislation that increases the minimum wage. This future requires the construction of more housing, expanding and fully funding public transportation systems, eliminating food deserts, and creating more spaces for people to meet and have fun. I am committed to doing everything I can at the local level to support this vision. I will push for more housing and renter protections in Hayward. I will coordinate with our public transportation partners to expand access to their services. I will put in the effort to transform Hayward’s downtown into an affordable entertainment zone, bringing residents out to have fun in the city.

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

1. I will address skyrocketing rent and unaccountable landlords by implementing a rental registry, a proven and effective tool in helping cities enforce habitability codes and prevent illegal rent increases and unjust evictions.

2. I will strengthen the city’s Residential Rent Stabilization Ordinance (including its Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Ordinance) to reduce the maximum percentage landlords can increase rent on their tenants.

3. I will stop the proliferation of short-term rentals like AirBnB which artificially reduce the local housing supply. These kinds of rentals create perverse incentives for property owners to maximize their rental income potential at the expense of the public's interest in housing affordability.

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 that proactive housing policy is critical to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis. Not only do I want to strengthen Hayward’s rent stabilization ordinance, I also want to create a rental registry that empowers the city to proactively prevent unjust evictions and illegal rent increases. The rental registry has been something I organized Hayward’s renters around and successfully secured the support of the entire City Council for. I am committed to seeing its implementation.

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 believe that proactive housing policy is critical to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis. Local governments need to enact policies that lower barriers to rental housing, such as providing rental security deposit assistance. We also need to incentivize the construction of social housing developments, projects that promote housing stability and community-wide upward mobility.

At a state-wide level, we need to support drastic housing reform, including repealing Costa-Hawkins and exempting corporations from Prop 13 so that they pay their fair share.

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.

Charter schools should not exist. It should not be possible for a school to receive public funding but be exempt from all the rules and regulations that traditional public schools need to operate under. Additionally, while charter schools cannot literally pick-and-choose their own students, their ability to create preferences for siblings of current students and children of staff creates a two-tiered system that is antithetical to the notion of a fair educational system.

I also believe that teaching staff at charter schools are heavily exploited and undermine local teacher solidarity. So many charter school teachers are recent college graduates, aggressively recruited by organizations like Teach for America and enter the classroom ill-prepared and overwhelmed. This is a detriment to those young professionals and the students they teach. And because of high staff turnover, it makes it near impossible for effective teacher organizing at these institutions, shielding charter schools from the same accountability standards that traditional public schools are subject to.

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) *

NA

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. *

One way of upholding environmental regulations is to pair them with policies that improve the lives of everyday people. For example, a healthier community is one that has cleaner air and more open space. That is why I am a proud proponent of expanding public transportation access and encouraging its use across Hayward. I was a key player in getting bus benches installed across the city, making the process of taking public transportation more enjoyable. I also worked with my colleagues on the city council to secure free bus rides for Hayward Unified School District students, reducing their reliance on vehicles to get around while also fostering a generation of public transit enthusiasts.

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

The most critical environmental issue in Hayward today is the proliferation of data centers. Hayward residents are rightfully worried about the environmental and health impacts of having a data center in their own backyard. I promise to oppose the construction of any additional data centers in Hayward.

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? *

US policy on Palestine/Israel should be one of divestment and a total decoupling of the US and Israel relationship. This means the US should not provide Israel with weapons of any kind, both offensive and defensive. It should also not bankroll the operations of the Israeli state.

The US should also pledge to uphold the findings of the United Nation's investigations into the Gaza genocide and support efforts to holder its perpetrators accountable before the International Court of Justice.

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

I am generally opposed to how the US leverages actual and threatened economic sanctions to terrorize other nations into submission. This is nothing less than modern-day imperialism and does nothing but inflict hardship on innocent people.

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

I believe that tariffs under this federal administration are excessive and have raised costs for everyday Americans.

Tariffs can be a useful policy for shielding local manufacturing and protecting American jobs but they must be strategic, unlike the haphazard implementation that we are seeing under the Trump administration.

Anything Else?

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

I am running a corporate-free, grassroots campaign. Please consider supporting my campaign and volunteering with us. Here is my website: https://georgesyrop.com/

Organizing at the local level is a reminder of what it means to look out for one another. By organizing, you can meet people you can trust and build systems and institutions that persist and thrive amidst the noise around us. We can keep one another safe. We just need to organize.

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