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): *

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She/her/ella

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). *

None, since myself and the rest of the Right to Housing Slate will be participating in Berkeley's public financing form. I will decline any donations that come from any individuals who are not aligned with our pro-tenant values and practices.

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

My fellow candidates on the Right to Housing Slate.

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

My fellow candidates on the Right to Housing Slate.

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

None at this time

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

Corporate and big money PACS, including AIPAC

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? *

AS a former civil rights and defense attorney, I am very much against the use of force by the police. State violence needs to be abolished in all its forms.

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)

As an attorney I abhor any attempt to suspend due process. We need more due process not less.

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)

As a Puerto Rican woman who is well aware that Puerto Rico remains a colony of the US to this day, I support reparations for all people who have been exploited but the US empire over the years. Let's start with African American reparations and then go from there.

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)

Free public transit and high speed trains, let's do it!

Current Labor Issues

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

Yes, I spport a California living wage. We just need the political will, then the "how" can proceed quickly after that.

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

Preserving existing housing, protecting existing tenants and producing more housing units at various price points, including housing subsidized by government.

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 hope to use my platform and time as a rent boart commissioner to help build community demand to protect tenants and promote more social/alternative housing.

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 work together as a united rent board to influence city, county and state policy that protects, preserves and produces more affordablle and low-cost 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.

Yes

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 was lucky to have over $150,000. of my law school student loan debt canceled by the Biden administration. This was after 20+ years of loan payments. This should be built in to our student loan programs. Everyone should have this.

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. *

I will uphold and support environmental regulations that protect our communities and our planet. I'm a big fan of community gardens and green spaces available for people regardless of where they may live.

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

Climate catastrophe.

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)

Corporations are not people and should not be treated as such.

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? *

Stop funding the genocide by sending arms and money to Israel. Let's start with that.

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

Yes.

4. What are your views on the tariff policy?

It is a tax on the US consumer and another con from Donald Trump against the American People.

Anything Else?

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

I humbly ask for your endorsement and for the entire Right to Housing Slate in Berkeley. Thank you for considering endorsing me and I look forward to meeting you all in person.

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