

OREB Endorsement 2024-4

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I. Campaign information

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II. Campaign finances and support

7. Who has contributed to your campaign?

My campaign is supported by local grassroots donors from across Alameda County. I have seen contributions from committees of former candidates/electeds including Former Assemblymember Bill Quirk and former candidate for Office of Education Lupe Angulo

8. Other than individual donations, who do and will you receive donations from? List all groups, unions, businesses (especially those doing business with the entity in which you seek to hold office).

I will accept money from most unions (excluding police unions), I will accept money from PACs (corporate free PACs only). I have not accepted funds from businesses.

9. Please list persons and organizations who have endorsed you.

Hayward Education Association, Building Trades Council, Congressman Ro Khanna, Senator Aisha Wahab, Run for Something, CA Young Democrats and dozens of local leaders

10. Please list PACs, Super PACs, and independent expenditure committees supporting you.

National Union of Health Care Workers (\$1,000), IBEW (\$1,000).

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

Police unions, apartment associations, landlords, charter schools, republican committees, developers, pharma, oil etc.

III. Crime and law enforcement

12. What do you think about the use of force by police? What and when is appropriate and what is not?

Use of force should be a last resort. Deadly use of force should only be used when absolutely necessary to protect immediate risk to human life. Officers should be trained in de-escalation and should be paired with a mental health expert whenever possible. Officers should go through bias and situational trainings regularly. As a City Commissioner, I pushed for greater transparency of the City's existing closed door advisory group which advises the Chief of Police.

13. Do you support banning private prisons? Please explain.

Yes. Private prisons value profit over people. Private prisons fail to provide quality care, mental health services and often violate human rights. They lack accountability and their sole goal is to incarcerate people to make more money.

14. Do you support abolishing cash bail? Please explain.

Yes. Freedom should be determined the risk you pose to the public, not by the money that you (or your family) can come up with. Cash bail forces some people further into poverty, causes lost wages, housing insecurity and reduces public safety.

15. Do you support decriminalizing (and/or legalizing) all drugs? Please explain.

Yes. Studies show that decriminalization reduces substance abuse and the stigma surrounding it. Decriminalization encourages people to seek care, to use more safely and creates a more regulated industry.

16. Do you oppose the use of capital punishment? Please explain.

Yes. No modern nor civilized society should execute its people. Life sentences and death sentences are disproportionately given to communities of color. We should focus on the root causes of crime rather than costly and barbaric executions.

17. Should convicted felons and prison inmates be granted the right to vote? Please explain your view.

Yes. Voting is a human right. Allowing incarcerated individuals and those with prior felony convictions to encourages civic engagement.

IV. Immigration

18. What is your view on immigrants and immigration? What new legislation is needed? And what laws should be removed?

I support efforts to streamline our immigration process. The process should vary so much depending on the country you live in/were born in. Immigrant communities provide such much to our country and to our state and should be celebrated and welcomed. We need to support fast tracked pathways to citizenship so folks can easily obtain work, housing and other services. HUSD is home to a tremendous amount of unaccompanied minors and we need to provide additional resources to support these students.

V. Infrastructure issues

19. What kind of health care insurance system do you support? And why?

I support medi-cal for all. I've spoken with teachers who can't afford basic care (including dental). Providing quality access to care is a basic human right. As a school board trustee, I support expanding access to healthcare clinics at school sites to provide services to students, families and staff.

20. Do you support public banking? Why or why not?

Yes. Public banking provides greater local control and allows for investments to be made that align with our communities values and interests. Private banks often invest in pollution, unaffordable housing developments and other items that hurt working families.

21. Do you think public transit should be free?

Yes. We need to support public transit by making it free, better aligning routes/timing among different transit agencies and ensure that the public is aware of transit options near them.

VI. Labor

22. What do you think the minimum wage should be in California? Nationwide? What does a "living wage" mean to you?

I think minimum wage depends on the area you live in. What is considered a good wage in Fresno won't you get a room in San Francisco. I support a local minimum wage of at least \$28. I support a national minimum wage of at least \$20.

23. How would you protect workers not covered by the National Labor Relations Act?

As a School Boardmember, I pledge to create a worker and labor friendly workplace. I pledge to ensure that workers are heard, respected and treated fairly. I pledge

24. Would you propose to tax the companies that rely upon contract workers? And how?

Yes. I support a tax to companies that rely on contract workers. As a school boardmember, I would endorse such a proposal. I will also push for our District to limit contract and temp workers unless absolutely needed.

VII. Housing

25. What are the causes of the housing crisis in California and the Bay Area?

The rent is too high. Tenants lack protections. Corporate landlords are sitting on vacant units. Additionally, we need to build more units, expand access to first-time homebuyer programs, provide additional rent subsidies and support renter friendly policies that reduce the barriers to finding a safe place to live.

26. What do you propose to protect renters? Please comment on laws/acts, such as Costa Hawkins and others, to be repealed, and added/legislated?

As a School Board Member, I will support the repeal of Costa Hawkins. I will support the use of vacant school properties to build workforce housing. I would also support expand access to renter protections and rent control (especially within the Unincorporated Areas of Alameda County)

27. Do you support the repeal of all laws that criminalize or punish homeless persons? What will you do to protect our unhoused communities?

Yes. We need to provide housing, mental health support, healthcare, job training and other social programs to support homeless individuals. We also need to support our 500+ homeless students within HUSD, ensuring that they have a pathway to a better future.

28. How do we provide/develop more affordable and low-cost housings?

We can support the repeal of Costa Hawkins to allow additional rent controlled units. Additionally, we can tax corporations and the ultra rich to develop additional programs and affordable units.

29. Do you support social housing? How do you propose to create it?

Yes. I would endorse and push for social housing. I'm proudly endorsed by two strong advocates for social housing (Senator Wahab and Assemblymember Alex Lee)

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

I oppose charter schools. Charters take money away from local communities and local public schools. They harm communities of color, students with disabilities and exasperate the challenges local school already face.

31. What is your opinion about no cost public college and university?

I support no cost college. I support programs that provide students a variety of options for what they do after high school (college, trades etc.). We need to develop strong partnerships with local colleges to streamline the process of auto-enrolling in these programs upon graduation.

32. Do you support the cancellation of all student debt?

Yes.

33. How do you propose to make universal public pre-K free?

This is already offered for free in Hayward Unified. I would push for similar models by supporting legislation to make pre-K free.

34. Do you support "strengthening" Title IX?

Yes.

IX. Environmental

35. What do you think, broadly, a "Green New Deal" should contain?

A Green New Deal should support the transition to renewable energy, clean and green agriculture, the development of policies that address longstanding instances of environmental racism and funding for those transitioning into a greener economy.

36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes.

X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

Yes.
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38. Do you support ranked choice voting for your office, and in general?

Yes. I would like to see a standardized rank choice process across Alameda County (as jurisdictions that RCV vary greatly in how it is rolled out).
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XI. US foreign policy

39. Do you support the international campaign of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions)? And what should the US policy be on Palestine/Israel?

RE: BDS, yes I do. We need to ensure that human rights are being upheld, end our financing of genocide and provide humanitarian services to impacted families.
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XII. Anything else?

40. And if you have chosen not to answer some questions, please explain why.

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