

OREB Endorsement 2024-4

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I. Campaign information

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2. Preferred Pronouns

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3. Position Running For

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II. Campaign finances and support

7. Who has contributed to your campaign?

Labor organizations, community groups, individuals with a max contribution limit of \$600. For a full list please contact my campaign manager Alan Moore.

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).

Please reach out to my campaign manager Alan Moore for a full list.

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

California Nurses Association, IFPTE Local 21, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Building Trades. Other organizations have automatically re-endorsed me as the incumbent.

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

None as of now

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

I will decline endorsements from corporate PACs, Big Oil, Big Pharma, the tobacco industry

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 by law enforcement should be an absolute last resort. The goal of police should be to deescalate and resolve the problem at hand in a matter that upholds the safety of ALL parties involved. What is not appropriate continues to be a fast-trigger, immediate escalation of force that continues to plague many departments across the country.

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

Yes. Prisons do not fix societal inequities, and forcing a system that traps folks in cycles of poverty and despair to be driven by profit is a disaster. The answer to folks experiencing the extreme effects of inequity is to shore them up before they enter our extremely destructive justice system. Instead of investing in private prisons, we should instead encourage mass investment into social services that uplift them out of poverty and prevent them from going down that road in the first place.

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

Yes. Cash bail allows the rich to buy themselves out of facing appropriate justice when they commit crimes.

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

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

Yes. Governor Newsom has placed a hold on all executions in state of California and I support a continuance of this into future administrations.

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

IV. Immigration

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

From Ellis Island to Angel Island, immigration defined this country and continues to do so today. I support continued pathways that allow immigrations and immigrants to not only come to this country, but to thrive when they get here.

V. Infrastructure issues

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

I support a single-payer healthcare system that allows the government to serve as a price setter instead of the market running rampant as we see today.

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

Yes.
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21. Do you think public transit should be free?

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VI. Labor

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

A living wage is one that is able to allow Californians to sustain themselves, pay rent, and afford the basic necessities to live. I think the minimum wage should be one that provides a living wage, regardless of where someone chooses to live.
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23. How would you protect workers not covered by the National Labor Relations Act?

My goal is to create labor standards that protect all workers. However, I am most concerned with creating the space to increase labor protections and make sure workers have access to the tools needed to push the movement forward even in areas not covered by legislation.
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24. Would you propose to tax the companies that rely upon contract workers? And how?

I think these companies need to pay their fair share and also create spaces that allow contract workers to enjoy the same workplace protections that non-contract workers enjoy.
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VII. Housing

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

The big causes is viewing housing as a financial resource instead of as a human right. The need to further capital through housing has contributed to the disastrous space multiple cities in the Bay Area currently find themselves in.
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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?

I fervently support legislation that continues to protect renters including rent control policies, stronger anti-eviction policies, and repealing policies that limit these expansions.
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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. Our unhoused populations does not deserve to be criminalized for the simple fact that they are unhoused. I will continue to push back against groups and my colleagues who seek to criminalize homelessness.

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

Two key policies I have worked on during my first term is movement towards community land trusts and housing cooperatives. CLT remove housing from the private market for long periods of time and provide a solution for permanent affordability.

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

Yes. Social housing is expensive and its creating is obviously a statewide issue. However, I continue to support social housing and have been featured as a panelist at many social housing conventions and conferences. I continue to advocate with my colleagues at the state level to push for the creation of social housing and will use our city council resolution process to support it.

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

Charter schools have been described as a tool in the tool box, but we cannot let them run rampant and unregulated. Public schools will always be our biggest tool in making sure our students continue to thrive, and we should support them as such.

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

Tuition-free higher education is a necessity to address the rising debt levels that our students continue to feel forced to take on. We as a society have placed such a high premium on college and now our students feeling forced to live up to this ideal with no relief in sight.

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

Yes.

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

We must make corporations pay their fair share to finance our buckling social safety net. By increasing taxes on corporations and wealth individuals, we can help pay for programs such as universal public pre-K and allow our children to thrive.

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Yes. Title IX is an important tool to counteract gender-based discrimination. In the light of these recent Supreme Court terms, it is no longer enough to simply support previous precedent. We must begin to shore up protections that were decided by law, including Title IX.

IX. Environmental

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

A Green New Deal should focus on transitioning to renewable energy, enhancing energy efficiency, promoting sustainable agriculture, and investing in green jobs and infrastructure while ensuring social equity and environmental justice for marginalized communities. It should also include regulatory standards, carbon pricing, international cooperation, public health initiatives, and education to create a sustainable and just future.

36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes.

X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

Yes.

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

Yes.

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?

Yes.

XII. Anything else?

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

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