

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?

Top 2: Sheet Metal Workers 104, Laborers Local 304

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 am seeking endorsement and contribution from ATU 192 (bus operators) and Alameda Labor Council

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

Assemblymember Liz Ortega, Sarah Syed, Jovanka Beckles, Building & Construction Trades, SMW104, LiUNA 304, Iron Workers 378,

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

None

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

I will not accept endorsements from fossil fuel companies, real estate developers or police officers associations

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?

We face a problem and failure to deescalate in many issues. As a teacher, I have had to report when a student is considering suicide and our only option is to have a police officer respond. We need more mental health first responders and alternatives to armed police in these situations

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

I believe in decriminalizing and replacing with more funding for treatment

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

Yes

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

Yes, I believe that it is unjust to take away a person's fundamental right as a citizen to vote

IV. Immigration

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

I am a teacher and the majority of my students are immigrants. I believe we need to remove the border wall and provide more opportunities for people to enter the country and decriminalize

V. Infrastructure issues

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

Single payer insurance - as someone who has spent the majority of my life as low income, and even now as moderately getting by, insurance costs are out of hand. Healthcare should be a human right

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

Yes, it is an overall win for our communities

21. Do you think public transit should be free?

It should be - but it will require cooperation with other agencies. I'd love to talk more about this as I would take steps to get us in that position

VI. Labor

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

I believe minimum wage should be a living wage, meaning that people could support themselves, and that additional supports should be there to help single parents supporting a family

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

Expanding and supporting state and local protections

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

I believe that companies like Lyft and Uber are unfairly classifying their employees as contract workers. I would support any bill, proposition that recognizes workers rights and taxes companies that profit from this misclassification

VII. Housing

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

Artificially inflated real estate values, low paying jobs that exploit labor

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?

Expanding renter protections, including repeal or reform of Costa Hawkins to allow and encourage local governments to reduce the cost of housing

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

Absolutely - It's unfortunate that the supreme court decision and the state's current values have criminalized the unhoused - I have and will continue to advocate for ethical treatment and funding of supports for our unhoused

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

Rent control, building more affordable housing, more assistance for low income renters and first time homebuyers

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

Yes - and I'd like to learn more about ways to help implement it

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

I am vehemently against charter schools and as a public school teacher and union organizer, I am proudly in favor of public schools

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

I am a Pell Grant recipient, and it's the only way I could go to college but I also have a lot of student debt that is hurting my ability to ever be a homeowner. No cost public college and university would have changed that

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

Yes

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

A wealth tax

34. Do you support "strengthening" Title IX?

yes, including expanding protections for LGBTQ+ students and expanding support for survivors

IX. Environmental

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

We are in a climate crisis, and a green new deal must be equitable and include supports and jobs

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?

Leaning yes, I believe it can result in more fair representation and more minority representation, but I believe that there is a public perception that results are unfair and that needs to be addressed

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, and I have advocated for the city of hayward to divest from companies profiting from the war in Gaza. The US should support liberation and lasting peace in Palestine & Israel

XII. Anything else?

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

I believe I've answered all questions as best as I can

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