

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?

Friends, family, local businesses and labor unions.

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).

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

ACCE, SEIU-UHW, IBEW, Tony Thurmond-State Superintendent

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

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

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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?

I led the largest police reform legislative measures in Antioch's history including launching a 24/7 non police community response team, banning police techniques that can cause asphyxiations and a instituting a training framework that focused on de-escalation techniques.

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

Yes.

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

No opinion.

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

Yes and No.

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

No.

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

Yes. Once individuals have paid their debt to society we should work to reintegrate them into society including restoring their fundamental right to vote.

IV. Immigration

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

We need a sound immigration reform policy that leads to a path for citizenship for many individuals living in the shadows.

V. Infrastructure issues

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

Medicare For All.

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

21. Do you think public transit should be free?

Yes.

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 in a living wage, an amount of income a full-time worker should earn in order to cover basic needs and taxes to AVOID poverty. A living wage should account for cost of food, water, housing, education, healthcare, transportation, clothing, and other essential needs. The goal of a living wage should be to ensure that no more than 30% of a living wage is spent on housing costs.

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

While I support the right of private sector employees to organize, as mayor my role is to work with public employee unions. That being said, I have on many occasions private employee unions on the picket line in the fight for fair wage, safe working conditions and the right to organize.

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

As mayor, I would not have a mechanism to do so.

VII. Housing

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

I'm not an expert on housing policy, however, as a result of the crisis, as mayor I have pushed anti-displacement policies including rent control, anti-tenant harassment laws, just cause eviction and first time home buyers assistance programs.

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?

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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?

I do. The recent supreme court decision does not help. That being said, as Mayor I have championed homeless services including transitional housing, laundry vouchers, showers, and more. I also serve on a homelessness task for as part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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

By mandating it. Resenting we assisted in funding 122 new units of affordable housing in Antioch.

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

Yes.

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

They need to play be the same rules as regular public schools.

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

It should be free.

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

Yes.

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

By offering it through the K-12 system.

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Absolutely and it's under threat if Donald Trump gets elected President.

IX. Environmental

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

Most important aspect of any new green new deal is the opportunity to retrain workers displaced in the oil industry.

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?

No.

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?

I'm not familiar with BDS. I'm also not an expert on U.S. foreign policy. I generally believe there should be a two state solution. And, the occupation in Palestine needs to end.

XII. Anything else?

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

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