

# OREB Endorsement 2024-4

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## I. Campaign information

1. Name

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2. Preferred Pronouns

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3. Position Running For

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Xavier Johnson.vote

## II. Campaign finances and support

### 7. Who has contributed to your campaign?

As of the moment I am the sole contributor to the campaign due to issues with act blue.

### 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 not be seeking donations from any entities other than individuals.

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

Kate Harrison, Adena Ishii, soli Alpert, Leah Simon weisberg, Jovanka Beckles

### 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.

Police, fossil fuel polluters, landlords/realtors

## 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?

Police should only use deadly force when absolutely necessary to protect against a threat to their lives or others

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

I do. We need a system that doesn't traumatize but empowers people to change.

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

Yes. Bail is often a tool of holding those in poverty to remain in poverty.

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

Yes, we should regulate and tax drug sales making it safer for individuals

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

Yes, everyone deserves a second chance

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

Yes, if they have served their time they should have the same rights as everyone else

#### IV. Immigration

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

We should have open borders

#### V. Infrastructure issues

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

I believe healthcare should be fully funded by the government with no one turned away for lack of funds

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

I support public banking because it empowers community and can invest responsibly

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?

It needs to change with the times but I believe it should be at least \$20 now

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

I would consult with plaintiff side labor attorneys and ensure that as a rent board commissioner they still have avenues to voice their needs.

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

I would, and I would consult with the appropriate attorneys to devise a way to do so

## VII. Housing

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

Capitalism and a lack of investment in affordable and deeply affordable housing

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 believe we need to repeal Costa Hawkins in its entirety, we need billions of dollars invested in affordable housing, and we need to ensure every existing home is protected under rent control and just cause protections

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. We first need to stop by not raiding encampments for cleaning. We need to allow people to shelter in whatever places they need to for safety reasons

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

We expand the cities bond capacity to focus on affordable housing

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

I support it, it needs to be funded with public funds

## VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

They suck resources from public schools and segregate education

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

I support it

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

I support it

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

I do

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Yes

## IX. Environmental

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

I would defer to the progressive experts in the field but generally it must contain investments to get us off of fossil fuels, and incentives to transition employment from fossil fuel based companies to green alternatives

36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes .....

#### X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

I do .....

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

I do .....

#### 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 do .....

#### XII. Anything else?

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

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