

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?

In the midst of launching campaign

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).

Building Trades, Central Labor Council

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

Waiting for endorsement interviews and confirmation from other elected officials

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

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

Not accepting donations from any organizations or special interests that will impact my ability to make decisions on behalf of my constituents. In the arena of water, this has not been an issue.

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?

The use of force is only appropriate when there is a clear and present danger to the person or community. Non-lethal methods should always be used first.

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

Yes, there should not be any profit from incarceration.

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

Yes, the cash bail system disproportionately hurts the poor and communities of color.

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

I support decriminalizing all drugs but not legalizing. These are two different options. By decriminalizing you remove the criminal sanctions and you can redirect offender to rehab programs.

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

I believe the punishment should fit the crime but there should always be an opportunity for becoming a productive human being.

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

Once the felons have paid their debt to society they should have the 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?

Immigrants built this nation. I think a path to citizenship should be available to working people that work and pay taxes.

V. Infrastructure issues

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

Single payer - everyone deserves healthcare, regardless of status.

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

With the proper oversight and regulation, I am in favor of public banking. People should be in control of their community money not large corporations.

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?

A living wage means I can live in the community in which I work.

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

Unionize.

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

Yes by taxing their profits.

VII. Housing

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

Greed and unchecked development.

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'm not too familiar with the rental laws but I support long term rental agreements (5-10 years)

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

Continue to provide services to the unhoused until they get on their feet.

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

Retrofit existing empty buildings and create affordable housing.

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

I support housing for working families in whatever form that may take.

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

As a graduate of the public education system, I support public schools.

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

I support free education for all.

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

Yes

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

I don't have the answers but we need to provide more money to pre-K programs.

34. Do you support "strengthening" Title IX?

Any additional language that protects human beings from each other, I support.

IX. Environmental

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

Opportunities for our children to thrive and the provision of a better future.

36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes

X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

Yes - we need to level out the playing field.

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

Ranked choice voting has its drawbacks and could be more expensive. I don't see that working for the office that I am seeking.

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 think what is happening in Palestine is horrible and I don't have the answer.

XII. Anything else?

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

I answered the questions honestly.

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