

OREB Endorsement 2024-6

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I. Campaign information

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6. Campaign website

In progress

II. Campaign finances and support

7. Who has contributed to your campaign?

Friends neighbors

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).

The unions are waiting for the court decision of one of the candidates who received a insufficient number of signatures according to ROV, I am not sure since we are grass roots

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

Councilmember Janani Ramachandran, Council member Kevin Jenkins, Councilmember, BBBON , Raymond Lankford, Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Bart Board District

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

None at this time

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

Corprate polluters, NRA, Right wing, organizations opposed to women's right to choose, charter schools that oppose

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 current protocol allows an officer to use their own discretion once they self determine. However, the protocol is command stick, taser, and then gun.. the only time the protocol suggest something differently is when the officer has determined that he is in eminent danger

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

Yes, I support banning private prisons

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

I support abolishing cash bail for minor crimes, but for crimes that are more serious such as rape or murder there should be a separate process

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

I support legalization to stamp out the black market which has become the gateway to so much violence in our neighborhoods

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

I am opposed to punishment

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

They are Citizens and should be allowed to vote

IV. Immigration

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

V. Infrastructure issues

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

Healthcare for all

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

I support public banking. I was being recruited for the efforts that are moving forward in Oakland.

21. Do you think public transit should be free?

I believe public transit should be free or greatly reduced in price, especially for school aged children

VI. Labor

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

as part of the bargaining team for my union. I do believe that wages are important way for institutions to show how they care for their employees nationwide. I don't think we can have a blanket minimum wage because the cost-of-living is different in different cities, I would not want to burden a city that has extremely high living cost with a minimum wage, that would be working somewhere in adequate for people who live in the south and do not have the same cost of living, but I think that it should be reflected in the cost-of-living increases that align

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

Advocate for laws that extend protections and rights to all workers, including those outside of the scope of national labor relation framework. This could involve pushing for amendments to existing laws or introducing new legislation because of relationships with state officials I would work at a state municipal level to implement Regulations that offer protections to workers, including minimum wage laws, workplace safety, standards, and anti-displacement policies. In addition I would encourage the formation of support for worker advocacy groups, unions, or nonprofits that can provide resources, legal assistance, and representation for those workers.

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

VII. Housing

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

One of the issues that complicate the housing crisis is the collapse of redevelopment funds to nonprofit builders. additionally, I believe the language that we use to describe homelessness does not include a public health component. Our Public Health municipalities have a direct impact on residents that are suffering from addiction, severe mental health, crisis, undiagnosed, mental health, crisis, substance abuse, and other issues that also are the underlying causes of homelessness, we need our county partners to partner around the health needs of all residence and work in an inclusive way with municipalities

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 the Ellis act. is the silent monster in the room, crafting mitigating legislation at the local level for tenant protections has been part of the answer, but I do believe we cannot stop chipping at the state to repeal the Alis act and other such state legislation that freely allows properties to be subdivide turned into TIC and then move into condos that have become the loophole from many landlords and created massive evictions in the bay area

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

Aside from working hard to create access to ffordable housing by investing in an expanding deeply affordable housing for extremely low income, resident and supporting initiatives that prevent eviction. I would also call on my county partners to establish and locate services in that are most impacted

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

we do our best to bring back redevelopment. This will help nonprofit developers Garner the development cost needed to build housing while they put together state and federal funding we need to continue to have the conversation about redevelopment dollars coming down from the state with an intentional carve out for deeply affordable housing and all 9 Bay Area counties should participate or be sanctioned by the state

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

Yes, I do support social housing, I have seen this model work successfully in cites like sf. I would want to move forward with participating members to ensue the integrity of the model is customized for Oakland residents by Oakland residents

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

Against privatization of public schools, I was one of the founders of slap, which is an organization that is made up of schools and labor against privatization

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

It should be free or deeply reduced tuition

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

Yes

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

There are so many opportunities to make pre-K free first of all public schools have started this process in addition community Headstart, our training, their leadership to host pre-K in homes with funding from local government,

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

YES

IX. Environmental

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

I think we need to ensure that the Greene new deal has sustainable industry jobs, including manufacturing, renewable energy and environmental conservation with the focus on providing training and support for workers transitioning from fossil fuel industries. Investing in renewable energy sources, such as wind solar to replace fossil fuels, aiming for carbon renewal, energy sector. Expand in modernize public transportation systems to reduce reliance on personal vehicles and decrease greenhouse, gas emissions.

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, with an emphasis on educating our senior population that do not understand right choice voting. I also believe that our neighborhoods that I've been disinvest in should have access to training and understanding how this systems gives opportunities to work a larger range of candidates without raising obscene amounts of money.

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?

Cease fire.

XII. Anything else?

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

I believe I answered all questions, however in trying to correct some of my responses it was a bit difficult. I am turning this in later because I was only here in the late afternoon and could not find the questionnaire. I also submitted a questionnaire but realized it was from 2023

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