

# 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?

Small donors - friends and family

### 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 take donations from any individual, group, union, or business that is aligned with my personal values and platform.

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

Friends of Adeline, Anne Campbell Washington (former Oakland City Council member)

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

n/a

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

I won't take any corporate money, developers, police union, or anyone doing business in front of the planning commission.

## 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?

As Chair of the Berkeley Police Accountability Board I called for a review of Berkeley PD's use of force policies. Force should be used as a last resort. Police should be guardians, not warriros.

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

Yes. Private prisons reduce people who have incarcerated to chattel and it harkens back to the Jim Crow and antebellum south. It's also why, as a Black man, impacted by the devastation of the private prison industrial complex, I support Assm. Lori Wilson's proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November.

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

Yes. Cash bail places an undue burden on poor people and people of color by creating situations that lead toward predatory lending by bail bonds people.

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

I support decriminalizing all drugs, legalizing some drugs such as psychotropic drugs that help to alleviate veterans with PTSD. I am one of the original cannabis entrepreneurs in the Bay Area. I helped to form policy in the legalized cannabis market before, during, and after Proposition 64.

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

Yes. I don't believe in state sponsored revenge.

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

Yes, convicted felons should be granted vote. Once you've served your penance, you should be fully reintegrated into society.

#### IV. Immigration

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

I support immigration. It is the bedrock of our nation. We need immigrants as our country grows older. Anything - as a city council member - I can do to support our state and federal elected officials, I will do.

#### V. Infrastructure issues

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

Health care is a right, not a privilege. I believe in a single payer health care system.

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

Yes, I support public banking in principle. I believe that the government does have a role to play in supporting those who are unbanked, however, I believe that this a broader issue of equity; more needs to be done to ensure that all people have the ability to secure their money regardless of whether or not the government is involved.

21. Do you think public transit should be free?

Yes. After speaking to the head of the Water Emergency Transit Authority there is a clear need for government intervention and subsidies in public transit overall.

## VI. Labor

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

I support Proposition 24 in November which raises the minimum wage to \$18/hour. A "living wage" means that you don't just survive. You can thrive for the individual and community.

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

As a city council member, I have limited control, however I can work with colleagues across the council to craft legislation that mirrors workers protections on a national level.

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

It depends on the type of work, the contractual agreement between company and worker, and the good faith relationship between company and employee.

## VII. Housing

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

There are multiple causes of the housing crisis. For starters, California has underdeveloped for approximately 15 years, historic redlining practices that have artificially kept certain areas higher valued, high cost of living coupled with high interest rates all have contributed to the housing crisis.

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?

Have a more robust rent control program that brings new development into the rent control fold without driving away new development.

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

Yes, I support not criminalizing being unhoused. I will continue to work with council to enhance housing first principles.

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

As a Planning Commissioner, I am proposing for the Ashby BART development to become a community land trust that will allow subsidized housing for low-income community members and African-Americans that have been priced out of the community. This is my right-of-return program that has been backed by Congressional Candidate Lateefah Simon. I would also make this housing available to our teachers, municipal workers, firefighters, and police officers. This will help with retention and community diversity. Families will be able to create generational wealth.

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

See above.

## VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

I believe in public education and equitable public funding.

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

Higher Education should be free but not at the expense of trade schools and apprenticeships.

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

As a student at the Goldman School of Public Policy, yes.

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

Fully fund the programs at the state level.

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Yes.

## IX. Environmental

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

Funding, political champions, science based, corporate support

36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes

## X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

Yes, which is why I opted in to the City's Public Financing program for this election.

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

Yes.

## 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 the only cease fire candidate in this election. I support BDS.

## XII. Anything else?

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

n/a

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