

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?

local business leaders, tech workers, tenant union members

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 haven't launch officially launched my campaign, but those who will mostly contribute to my campaign are members of a neighborhood group I am forming, "Emery Rising." Emery Rising is Emeryville's first neighborhood group that will sponsor Emeryville's first tenant union and merchants association and non-profit collective. My campaign will be corporate-free.

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

No one has endorsed as I have not announced my campaign.

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

None so far, but I will be forming a committee that will fundraise support for the slate of candidates I will be running with.

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

YIMBY/Real Estate Lobby, Prison Industrial Complex, Big Oil, Big Pharma, any organization that seeks to weaken CEQA and environmental protections, Gun Lobby and manufacturers, any company or organizations with ties to genocides in Gaza, Congo, New Caledonia, Sudan, and especially Haiti.

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 believe progressive policing is possible. Emeryville's police department is a great example of that. I work our police chief to ensure that appropriate training and guidance is provided to officers in and off the field. It is uncommon for a progressive to have a healthy relationship with law enforcement, but I believe that not only is it possible, but that public safety should be adequately addressed by progressives. I believe that no-pursuit/chase policies endanger lives. I believe that minors should not be prosecuted as adults. I support the reform of sentencing enhancements and support alternatives to incarceration.

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

IV. Immigration

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

I am a child of immigrants and support a path to citizenship from all immigrants, but particularly refugees and especially from nations negatively impacted by failed US foreign policies.

V. Infrastructure issues

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

Medicare for All in addition to Assembly Bill 2200 (Guaranteed Health Care for All – or CalCare)

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

Yes. I believe our banks have become too big and public banking would allow for banking products to be more readily available to everyone.

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?

The Living Wage Rate for 2024 (\$18.54) is lower than the Emeryville Minimum Wage Rate (\$19.36). The Living Wage Rate includes both wages and health benefits whereas the Minimum Wage Rate only includes wages. However there are still opportunities to improve our labor practices, especially our fast food workers.

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

I want to ensure that every worker is entitled to workplace protections and conditions that values their output and families. I am currently positioned against my city council colleagues on garnishing the wages of our SEIU and Camp employees to pay for social security benefits.

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

I do, however I don't believe in forcing contract workers be determined as employees. I believe that should be up to that contract worker. As much as it would weaken labor negotiations, we should never remove choice from our communities.

VII. Housing

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

Corporate housing stock, under-building by real estate developers, YIMBY urban planning that directly leads to gentrification.

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 have officially endorsed the Justice for Renters Act.

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.

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

rent control, rent stabilization, vacancy tax that reduces the number of AirBnB rentals,.

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

Yes to social housing.

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

I believe som charter schools can be bad actors while most are needed. However the existence of charter schools should divert funding or impede to prosperity of public non-charter schools. I support public charter schools.

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

I attended a free semester at Berkeley City College in 2022. I am supportive of no cost community colleges and some public colleges and universities.

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

Yes

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

Tax reforms

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Yes, as well as gender pay parity.

IX. Environmental

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

In addition to the recently added Green New Deal for Public Housing Act, there is: Reduce Gas Emissions to Net Zero, 100% Renewable Energy, Create Millions of Jobs, Bolster America’s Infrastructure, Weatherize America.

36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes

X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

Yes. As mayor I will introduce public financing to Emeryville's political process.

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

Yes. However, we do need to do a better job with voter education around RCV.

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?

Yes. I support a ceasefire and a withdrawal of Israeli interests from Gaza. I'm the only city councilmember on record that supports ceasefire.

XII. Anything else?

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

I've answered everything. I'm not a typical progressive, because honestly I believe the label has become too bloated by corporate interests. I am a Progressive Populist and support the abolition of poverty.

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