

OREB Endorsement 2024-7

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I. Campaign information

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II. Campaign finances and support

7. Who has contributed to your campaign?

No one yet.

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).

Labor Unions - Alameda Firefighters, Building Trade Council

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

Alameda Firefighters, Building Trade Council

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

Alameda Firefighters

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

Realtor Groups, Anti-Environmental Groups, any Hate Groups

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 think use of force should be a last resort AND done without bias.

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

Yes. This is tantamount to slavery. Incarceration should never be incentivized.

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

I do. This disproportionately affects low income households.

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

Yes. This money would be better spent in recovery centers.

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

Yes. Our criminal justice system is imperfect. Innocent people will die. And the death penalty is not an effective deterrent.

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

I think previously incarcerated felons should be granted the right to vote. I do not have an opinion about prison inmates voting; it's likely I would support this though.

IV. Immigration

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

Any immigrant I've ever met has worked their tail off to get here, and works their tail off to contribute to our communities. This is a complicated issue but I strongly support human rights and will fight to help immigrants obtain legal status.

V. Infrastructure issues

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

I support a Medicare for All system. Medical care is a human right. Insurance companies should not decide the level of care we need.

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

I do. Big banks tend to overcharge the people who are least financially stable.

21. Do you think public transit should be free?

This would be amazing. I'd love to see more information about how to do this effectively.

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 to me means that one can pay for the necessities like rent, food, clothes, medical bills and be able to save AND take a holiday. Minimum wage should at the very least pay our rent and bills. One job should be enough.

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

I would support all endeavors for them to unionize and collectively bargain. I would support all endeavors to improve their safety and working conditions.

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

Yes. These companies use our roads and court systems and we educate their workers. They need to contribute their fair share.

VII. Housing

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

From what I understand, corporate developers have taken such a foothold in real estate that everyday workers can hardly compete. We have working people living in their cars or in tents. This is a reflection of bad policies and not of hard-working citizens.

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?

We need to repeal Costa Hawkins. I don't begrudge anyone making a profit off an investment...unless it infringes on basic human rights. Working people deserve the peace of mind of growing roots in a community.

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. Homelessness reflects the values of our communities and the policies we vote for. I believe corporations need to pay more taxes and that we should invest this money in programs that have proven track records of keeping people housed and safe.

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

I think we need to better regulate corporate development. We need to build more homes. We need to create opportunities for working individuals and families to own homes

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

I do. For one thing, it mitigates the problem of concentrated poverty, by creating mixed-income neighborhoods. We create this by both community and corporate investment.

VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

I am a public school teacher and I have a very low opinion of charter schools. We need to investv this money directly into the neighborhood school in our communities.

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

This would amazing. Too many of us soend decades paying off student loans. I support no cost university education wholeheartedly.

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

Yes!

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

One thing we can do is Prop 13 reform. Corporations need to pay their fare share. The Federal Government Ashley needs to fully fund IDEA - I am currently working with NEA to make this happen.

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Yes.
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IX. Environmental

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

Investment in renewable energy and great paying union jobs.
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36. Do you support banning fracking?

Yes.
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X. Election

37. Do you support public financing of elections?

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

Yes.
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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. The US should support a two-state solution. AND the US should demand the cesation of settlements, abd of course call for an immediate ceasefire.
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XII. Anything else?

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

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