

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?

Winter 4 Wastewater 2022

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).

Friends and Unions

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

John Gioia, Javonka Beckeles, and Gevoveva Calloway so far

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 will not accept money from Businesses, Corporations, or the Republican Party

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 police are not the judge and jury in our Justice System therefore they should never use deadly force to achieve compliance. The use of deadly force to stop a homicide is the only exception I would consider as appropriate. Non-lethal force should be used only in situations where an arrest would be thwarted by an arrestee's physical force or non-lethal weapon.

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

Yes. Profit has no place in Criminal Justice.

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

Not completely. The judge should take into account the damage done to society, the likely hood of flight, and the ability of the person to make bail when setting bail.

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

Yes. I do not support the lifting of societal disapproval. It is not ok for people to harm themselves or be victims of crime because they are vulnerable when drugged.

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

Yes. Certain violent sociopathic people need to be removed from permanently from society not killed. Victims and their families do not deserve vengence, they deserve justice.

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

I have mixed feelings about this. Prison inmates are not free and could be influenced to vote against their interests by their captors. Once they have served their time and or released into society they should recover their voting rights unconditionally.

IV. Immigration

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

We need as a Nation immigration to remain strong and resilient. We need to fund more immigration judges and Courts to handle the current influx caused by extreme poverty and the effects of global climate change. Help improve economies of immigration source countries.

V. Infrastructure issues

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

Single Payer, Medicare for All, or National Health Service

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

Yes. Every government agency has to keep reserves. That amounts to Billions of dollars in deposits in private banks. A State Bank can loan money for Capital Project Construction based on those deposits and pay interests on those deposits. It can pay competitive interest and charge lower rates on loans.

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?

\$30/hr min in CA and US. In Richmond, CA the median rent is \$2,600. If rent should be 1/3 of income than \$93,600/yr is a livable wage.

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

Get rid of reverse unions which supply "Independent Contractors" to other business. Make it illegal to replace employees with contractors.

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

Companies must pay health, retirement, and income tax on any worker that works for them.

VII. Housing

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

Government unable to supply subsidized housing people can afford. Corporations are allowed to purchase residential property. Return marginal tax rates in California to levels of the 60's and 70's and use the increased revenues for housing subsidies. US Bailout of Banks who made fraudulent loans and sold them to wall street who the FED loaned money on the worthless securities. Then had the nerve to enforce Austerity on the workers. .

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?

Repeal Costa Hawkins, support rent control on the local level. Support subsidized rent paid for by State paid for with higher marginal tax rates..

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, repeal such laws. Provide temporary villages with shelter, food and medical services and build highly subsidized housing built with Federal and State Government Money that would come from higher marginal income tax on high incomes.

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

Build highly subsidized housing built with Federal and State Government Money that would come from higher marginal income tax on high incomes.

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

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VIII. Education

30. What is your opinion about charter schools?

No.

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

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

Raise marginal income tax rates at the State and Federal Government. Bring them back to levels in the 60's and 70's. A fixed Corporate tax of 5% on revenues at the State and Federal Level

34. Do you support “strengthening” Title IX?

Yes.

IX. Environmental

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

Laws that require the manufacture of energy efficient products with energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions built in US and for US consumers. Require solar powered micro-grids be part of every home new or old, subsidized by government spending. Require all power utilities to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels to none by 2030. Require all plastics created from fossil fuels have chemical formulas that will allow them to be recycled into plastic when their usefulness is over by 2030. Reduce the use of the single person commute vehicle by expanding public transportation, smart growth (infill housing). Make climate change a National Emergency. Make sure there is a Just Transition so that workers profit from the Green New Deal. Make GND focus on racial and economic justice,.

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

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. Justice and Fairness require a 2 State Solution with enough land and security for both Nations.

XII. Anything else?

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

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