

QUESTIONNAIRE
GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY 2014 ENDORSEMENT
DECISION

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1. Motivation – Why did you choose to run for city office? I am disappointed at the current leadership from the incumbent. She has let the district down after 12 years in office. I know I can do a better job at reducing crime by creating jobs and business opportunities for district 6 residents.
2. Program and Priorities – One of the first things I would do is personally pledge to:
 - Create bi-annually Town Hall meetings in three parts of the district to stay in touch with constitute.
 - Create a program in which police officers spend at least 4 hours per month in classrooms in community at schools where they patrol
 - Work with commercial property owners whose property are vacant and work improve them get them back on the market by having “pop-ups” for local small businesses.
 - Inspire youth and community based organizations to do monthly community clean-ups
 - Inspire youth to work in homeless shelters and elderly facilities so they can see what it’s like to be homeless and what it will be like if and when they grow old.
 - Work to create green jobs and inspire families to eat green for better health.
 - a. The main priorities for the city should be to:
 - b. Balance the budget
 - c. Work to create more jobs which would reduce crime
 - d. Improve the environment
 - e. Build more affordable housing
 - f. Improve the educational outcomes for OUSD
- Qualifications – I am a third generation Oakland native. I graduated from the public school system and received an AA degree in Community Social Services from Merritt College. I attended San Francisco State University for 1 year and went into business for myself. I have worked for the city of Oakland as a Service Delivery Supervisor and for the Port of Oakland as a Contract Compliance Office. I have worked in Washington DC for the National Center for Black Philanthropy and the National Marketing and Exhibit Director. I am a Block Captain where I lived in my home for more than 35 years.
- The only group I am in at this time is the African American Business Exchange and Black Wall Street because the critical need to help Black businesses grow and maintain its businesses.
- I formally coached baseball in the local Babe Ruth League.

- Budget – I would cut waste with overtime on OPD. I would find better ways to raise money by going after more state and federal grants. I would implement more Non-paid furlough days on voluntary bases to employees who want to assist the city to save money.
- Youth – If we don't inspire our youth to become self-empowering we've lost the battle. Many youth are basically good people in need of direction. The future will be bright for our youth if we:
 - Invest in them with social etiquette programs
 - Create more entrepreneur programs in middle and high schools
 - Have government mentorship programs designed for high school students to understand and work in all the city government agencies.
 - Ask those citizens who can afford it help fund these programs.
- Police – Our police have a very difficult job. If we continue to implement programs that get the police more involved in schools and classrooms within there schedule the partnership with community and police will improve. I believe we need more police who live within the city limits. I don't agree with militarizing local police forces. I support restorative justice programs.
- Development Projects – I am very hopeful of the West Oakland Army Base. Project. I grew up in West Oakland when the army base was a thriving operation and members of my family had jobs there many yeas ago. I expect that once it gets up and running it will pump life in our local economy. I can see it creating jobs and business opportunities for our youth for years to come. I am in agreement with the upper Broadway-Valdez Triangle project as long as affordable housing is in the mix.
- Police Misconduct – It is unacceptable period. Police are sworn to protect the citizens of our city not abuse them. Therefore, police should be held accountable for any violations of anybody's constitutional rights.
- Housing and Gentrification – I am a landlord with tenants in West Oakland who are on Section 8. My tenants have been with me for 8 and 10 years. I have only raised the rents once for cost of living so my tenants would not have to move their families. One of my tenants is a disable senior. I want Oakland to remain as diverse as possible without long term tenants being displaced.
- Environment – I am for an improved environment. I think the current city government is seeking was to improve recycling but can do a better job of preventing illegal dumping and clean air.
- Satisfaction of residents – Most residents I've talked to in district 6 are very dissatisfied with the current councilmember. The rating is about 20%
- Accountability – I would have an open door policy with Oakland residence and provide the best customer service they've ever had.

- Do we need an Oakland Progressive Alliance? Yes and progressive minded people and elected officials should be involved.
- Governance – What kind of relationship could you have with other office holders? Unlike the incumbent, I could have a very good relationship with my colleagues on the city council to solve problems and get things done.
- I have the endorsement of my neighbors of whom I have worked with on community safety projects and I have the endorsement of Black Wall Street Organization. Once more people hear my message I will get more endorsements. Since I've participated in endorsement meetings we have prevented the incumbent from getting endorsements from the Alameda County Labor Council and The John George Democratic Club. I endorse Kevin Blackburn in the District 2 race and my #2 is Shereda Nosakhare and #3 is Michael Johnson. I have not made a decision on the other races.
- I currently have \$8,000 and I expect to raise an additional \$10,000. The money will come from local community based donors. I will not accept corporate financing.
- Checks and Balances – I think it is a contentious relationship between the council and mayor. It appears the Auditor and City Attorney work well together.
- Money and Elections. – Oakland does need campaign reform to limit the amount of money that come from outside sources.
- I strongly believe I am the best candidate for Oakland City Council District 6 seat. I have the compassion and heart for the job. I am a third generation Oakland Native and I have raised four children in Oakland, all of whom are successful. I am a supportive son and part-time caregiver for my 84 year old mother and I am a committed community activist.
- I support the renewal of Measure Y
- I support the minimum wage proposal
- I am in favor of a police commission
- I support Councilmembers Kalb's proposal.
- I am in favor of receiving public complaints against police review board.
- I am in favor of using eminent domain to abate foreclosure.
- I do support Rank Choice Voting

- I am not sure about proportional representation. I haven't had the time to research it.
- I do support the restorative justice program. I wrote a proposal on it.
- I do support community choice energy aggregation.
- I do support more grey water systems.

Thank you for allowing me to answer these questions.

Respectfully,

James Moore