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1. Why are you running for city council?

I love this community. My family has called South Berkeley home for four generations, and I consider myself bonded to it. The people of this neighborhood taught me the value of inclusive communities, and the necessity of empowerment.

Now, our City is undergoing powerful changes, and as an unintended consequence, many of our neighbors, including seniors and students, are being injured. This is not acceptable. What's needed is a seasoned advocate to deliver innovative policy solutions, and shape Berkeley into an ethical, prosperous home for us all.

I am that advocate. From Boards and Commissions to pure neighborhood activism, I have helped win numerous victories for South Berkeley. Now its time to take this brand of service to the next level.

I am running for City Council in order to bring honor to this community, and to demonstrate that even in the midst of change, our values remain.

2. Why do you think you'd make a good council member?

I consider myself to be a pragmatic progressive. The issues I have chosen to solve—and the people I have pledged to protect—require a creative person with the ability to look beyond differences and hone-in on solutions.

I would make a good Councilmember, because I have forged personal relationships with each member of the Council, the Mayor and key staff members. This allows us to negotiate without anger, seek commonality and find solutions.

My relationships also extend to the community. My network of people and organizations in South Berkeley runs deep. This allows me to be aware of issues as they arise and form coalitions to find real, sustainable solutions.

Currently, there are no attorneys on the Council. As an attorney, I would bring an informed perspective to help the city avoid legal missteps in drafting laws.

As a Council member, I would leverage my skills and network to bring further innovations to the City, like Public Wi-Fi to bridge the digital divide, Urban Farming to drive health and sustainability outcomes, and Ferry Commuter Service to ease traffic gridlock.

3. What are the key issues that the City Council should address?

Solving the Affordable Housing Crisis; increasing Early Childhood Education; enhancing Job Training opportunities for low income youth; and planning for the closure of Alta Bates Hospital.

4. Do you support the mission statement -- YES

a) Is there anything you would add? Yes____ No__x__

What would you add?_____

b) Is there anything you would not support? Yes____ No__x__

Which Items would you not support?_____

Housing:

5. Do you support The Berkeley Progressive Alliance's Affordable Housing Platform?

Yes No

6. Do you support our proposed funding sources for affordable housing?

Yes No

a) Is there anything you would **add**? Yes No

What would you add? _____

b) Is there anything you would **not support**? Yes No

Which Items would you not support? _____
(Please limit your response to 250 words)

Our affordable housing platform:

After carefully reviewing BPA's housing platform, I am very much in agreement with it. I commend you for outlining a comprehensive, progressive agenda for housing that is also sustainable and pragmatic.

The issue of predevelopment funds is not addressed in your platform. I would promote the increase of predevelopment funds for affordable housing projects to \$150K.

I would also leverage state and federal Disaster Resilience funds to help fund affordable housing for First Responders.

I would also fast track the Berkeley Food and Housing project's homeless housing and services development downtown.

7. Will you commit to **supporting the candidates for Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board** chosen at the Tenant Convention on April 24? Yes No

Ballot Measures:

8. Will you support the **ballot measure to increase the Berkeley minimum wage** to \$15 in 2017

and provide paid sick leave? Yes No

(See pdf attached to e-mail for info.)

9. Will you support **the ballot measure to increase the business license tax** paid by landlords with five or more units to pay for affordable housing, with an increase sufficient to generate

\$4 million a year? Yes No

Info here: <http://www.fundaffordablehousing.org>

10. Will you support **a ballot measure to implement public financing** of local elections for Mayor and

City Council? Yes No

Info about this proposed initiative:

<http://records.cityofberkeley.info/Agenda/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=178&doctype=1>

See Item 12, with supporting documents in the April 5 Council agenda.

(Please limit comments, if any, to 75 words on questions 9, 10 and 11)

11. Berkeley has a rich history of being a community that is economically and racially diverse. What do you think the city could do immediately **to stop the displacement** of African-Americans and other people of color?

As addressed in my housing plan, the City could assist non-profit agencies via loan guarantees to purchase buildings housing distressed, at-risk populations, and remove them the market. This would generate affordable housing units and prevent displacement, now.

The City could also provide funds for fixed-income senior homeowners and other vulnerable populations to help cover property tax shortfalls.

(Please limit comments to 75 words or less)

12. How will you campaign in your race?

a) If you run, will you **knock on doors** and talk to voters? Yes__x__ No_____

b) Will you **call and e-mail people** and ask them to contribute money to your campaign? Yes__x__ No_____

c) About how many **hours a week** would you devote to campaigning between Labor Day (Sept 5) and Election Day (November 8)?_____40 to 50 hours a week personally, plus volunteers_____

(Please limit response to 11. to 75 words)

How to submit your responses to the Questionnaire: Type your responses; they may be in a separate document, using the question numbers. Be sure to include your name, contact info and what you are running for. Then e-mail the completed document containing your responses to: berkeleyprogressivealliance@gmail.com

Deadline for submitting completed questionnaires: Friday, April 22