

Candidate Questionnaire

Name and email address

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What Berkeley City Council District do you live in?

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Do you have any background in Berkeley politics or community organizing? Please describe.

HOA President @ 1801 University; Panoramic Hill Association Board Member

What local issues are most important to you?

Housing, Fire Safety, City Infra, Education, Common Space

Will you opt into public financing of your campaign?



Yes



No

What policies would you put forth/endorse regarding housing and rent control?

Need to study our rent control policy more; A policy that I would like to investigate is holding owners more accountable for the safety, upkeep, and quality of life.

What are your views on upzoning and support of local businesses?

Support local business at all cost. My biggest concern is new housing that tailors only to the wealthier Cal student, or a very transient resident... How can we drive a building policy that includes BMR, commercial, and shared spaces (garden / courtyards), Family-Sized Unit Minimums, Parking, and allows for owner occupancy.

How do you plan to make yourself available to and interact with constituents, particularly those that disagree with you?

Open up as many communication channels as possible; Host monthly Q&As at different locations.

What are your views on police accountability? Please discuss both surveillance and crowd control measures (Flock cameras, tear gas) as well as fiscal accountability.

I believe all city employees should be accountable. Cameras are less about manufacture or service provider, and more about data governance, sovereignty, and most important access control. Not sure what the fiscal accountability is in reference to. I would need to come up to speed on Berkeley's crowd control measure to comment more.

How do you view the role of the City Council in Berkeley's long history of standing up for international human rights? How will you deal with outside foreign lobby groups, such as the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council), when evaluating such concerns?

Human rights is not negotiable. While a vote by our city council may not offer material consequence, our emotional and spiritual support for those suffering is built into the fabric of this city. That is why I live here. Regarding foreign lobbies, I'm more concerned with Hopkins than Havana.

How do you plan to campaign? What are your strengths as a campaigner?

Lay out a clear and concise charter. Go door to door, and attend events like these.

Do you have any community, labor, etc. groups that you anticipate will endorse your candidacy?

Not at this time.

How can we help you with your campaign?

deliver a positive message of change.

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