



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: **Pamela Price**

Age: **62**

Family: **1 Daughter, 1 Granddaughter**

Hometown: **Dayton, Ohio**

Lived in Oakland since: **1978-81; 1997-2018**

Education: **BA, Yale College,
J.D. UC Berkeley,
Master's Degree, Jurisprudence & Social Policy, UC Berkeley**

Occupation: **Attorney at Law**

Employer: **Self**

Political experience:
**Elected Member, Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee,
Assembly District 18**

Notable affiliations:
**SF Bay Area Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Interim Executive Director,
Board Chair, Director of Special Projects - current member since 2004
Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA), State Board Member and
Political Education Chair (Richmond/Contra Costa Chapter)
Founding Member, Vukani Muwathu South African Freedom Choir (1986)
Athlete & Mentor, Team In Training, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

Consumer Attorneys of California - current member since 2012

Friends Foundation, International - current Board member since 2006

1. What do you see as the greatest challenges when it comes to providing residents with a livable, affordable and safe community?

As a result of failed policies of the current administration, we have a humanitarian homelessness crisis which has spiralled out of control. This situation undermines our ability to enjoy a livable and safe community. Costa Hawkins and the uncontrolled race to development has almost eliminated the affordability of housing in Oakland. The lack of police accountability and trust between the police and the community is the greatest challenge to our ability to have a safe community.

2. What is the biggest opportunity for your district or city during the next four years?

The biggest opportunity for our city in the next 4 years is the development of affordable housing and shifting the dynamics of the racial and income inequality that is destroying the fabric of our community. We have the opportunity to balance and prioritize our revenues to serve the immediate and long-term needs of our residents. My administration will also explore a path to bring soccer to Oakland and reform our police department to end the Negotiated Settlement Agreement.

3. Describe your commitment to your district or city leading up to your bid for office.

I came to Oakland more than 40 years ago to go to law school. I have been an active member of the community as a lawyer, an entrepreneur, athlete, participant and supporter of many great movements that started in Oakland.

As a civil rights lawyer, I have been fighting for justice for everyday people for almost 30 years, and getting real results for them. I want to do the same for our City. I founded my practice in Oakland in 1991 and have been doing business continuously in the City since that time. I purchased and occupied 2 buildings in the heart of downtown Oakland for more than 12 years. As an athlete, I have supported the Oakland Marathon since 2010, both as a participant and an Expo sponsor. From 1981 to 2008, I attended three churches in Oakland, working in the various ministries and served on the Board of Trustees at one church for 10 years.

In 2016, I ran for the Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee, representing Assembly District 18, and won by a landslide with 36,000 votes,

including 25,000 votes in Oakland. In 2018, 55% of the people of Oakland who voted in June voted for me. I share the City's desperate desire for change, genuine progressive leadership and accountability in our local government. I believe that I can fulfill that desire as the next Mayor of Oakland.

4. Silicon Valley and the Bay Area are at the center of global, technological advancement. How do you see technology's role in changing the lives of both longtime residents and transplants?

Technology has altered our lives in ways we could not imagine even 10 years ago. Smart phones have become hand-held computers that govern our daily lives. I cannot imagine the impact that emerging technology will have on all of our lives in the next 10 years.

I hope that we will be able to harness some of the developments to make our work more efficient, to improve how we provide services to our residents, how we protect our environment, to reduce our costs of providing services and to achieve measurable goals sooner than projected. One way that I would like to expand the use of technology to improve our quality of life is to support our gun violence prevention efforts in a more meaningful way. Another way will be in the fight against global warming, our reduction of greenhouse gas, improving our air quality and maximizing our waste reduction efforts. I will also strive to increase the public-private partnership to increase the number of "green jobs" in Oakland and take advantage of our proximity to Silicon Valley.