



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: ***Joseph Tanios***

Age: **51**

Family: ***Married, 2 beautiful daughters Juliette 14 and Margaret 10 yo.***

Hometown: ***Oakland***

Lived in Oakland since: ***1994***

Education: ***Engineering and Construction Management, Computer Science and Airplane and Power Plant, and Private Pilot***

Occupation: ***Construction Inspection Manager***

Employer: ***City of Oakland, Public Works Agency***

Political experience: ***10 years***

Notable affiliations: ***2016 – Present, President of City Hall Chapter for Mangers and Supervisor of IFPTE Local 21.***

2014- 2016 Vice president of Local Local-21 IFPTE

2012-2014 Director of Political Issues

2016-2018 Former Executive Board member of Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club

2018-Present East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club

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

A livable community for residents intersects with affordability and public safety concerns, however, livability also means good jobs, reliable transportation access and infrastructure, and access to public resources including clean and cared for public spaces.

An affordable Oakland will comprise of building new housing for each economic class of residents and ensuring access to good paying permanent jobs. We can do this by partnering with both public and private employers.

Public safety will come with greater community policing efforts, where our public safety officers are focused on crime prevention and not only on responding to crimes that have already occurred. We can and must do better than the current status quo.

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

District 4 encompasses a diverse and vibrant area of Oakland. We are an attractive area for investment in infrastructure and new business. We can bring about greater access to economic opportunities, jobs and housing, by partnering with existing stakeholders in the area, and bringing in new and smart investment from outside of our district.

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

My family and I have resided in District 4 for the last 24 years. Of those 24 years I have been a public servant at the City of Oakland for the past 19 years. I started as a construction inspector, ensuring that improvements constructed within the City are safe for our residents. I was promoted to Senior Inspector, then Resident Engineer, Supervisor and Senior Supervisor. I started at the bottom and worked my way up at the City, and I have decades of knowledge that can only be earned through hard work and commitment serving our residents. I know how the City works and therefore I will be able to make the changes that we need.

I am committed to serve our community, district 4 and the City of Oakland. I have a passion and love for this great City and I look forward to continuing to serve and fight for positive change that will bring with it open and transparent government.

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?

Efficient use of limited public economic resources is key to bettering our community and residents' lives. We must ensure that we are utilizing current technology in a way that will improve our ability to deliver greater access and opportunity to residents in an efficient way. Our position in a global technological center provides us with a unique opportunity and imperative to ensure we are harnessing solutions for the betterment of Oakland and its stakeholders/residents.