



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Age: 73

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Hometown: Panama City, Panama

Lived in Oakland since: 9/1964

Education: Merritt College 1968, AA Social Science, CSUHayward 1970, BA History

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Employer: Self Employed

Political experience: politically Involved in Oakland since 1982, participating in elections since 19XX

Notable affiliations: MGO (Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club), Beat 29X NCPC (Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council), NW (Neighborhood Watch) Steering Committee, CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board)

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

Deteriorating infrastructure, Lack of a sales tax base, Little to no economic development and jobs. Oakland has always been a Machine run City with developers making their money and taking it with them as Oakland flounders; attempting to make ends meet

while gauging the property owners to fill the coffers and getting little in return.

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

Bring the Districts together to strategies on how to move forward to build an economic base and bring jobs to a city that is in a strangle hold for lack of services and leadership. Businesses are moving to Oakland, but they are not bringing jobs. We have a couple of generations of youth that have grown up without hope and no future to look forward to. We have an educational system that fails to deliver which adds to the problems.

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

I have been involved in the politics of Oakland since 1982 and have worked over these many years on issues that have been formulated to bring positive change to our City. Unfortunately, since Henry Gardner left as City Manager, Oakland has gone downhill and the leadership has left a lot to be desired. I have fought to educate and empower residents to fight to bring about change. I run because I know Oakland; where we have been, why we are here and understand what it will take to make positive changes to rebuild this once bustling City and move us forward. Leadership comes with responsibilities and love for who and what you represent.

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 is both an asset and a boondoggle. Access to communication via the internet makes for instant discussion but does not bring about hands on involvement. Automation will not bring the jobs that are desperately needed by those who don't have the technical education and degrees. Drones and robots in the work place will be the root problem to more homelessness, suicides and reactionary actions that hopelessness epitomizes. We are in a Catch 22 situation where population growth is out of control at the

expense of climate control, crime, devastation of the planet through pollution, and culling of animals.

Those fortunate enough to have the education and knowledge will be comfortable but will it help Oakland to grow? For a time but won't solve the issues because Oakland is "third world country" compared to surrounding communities. Until the leadership changes and technology allows the basics to flourish nothing but the few will benefit at the expense of the whole.