



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Single

My Whole Life

Nursery K-12 OUSD/Merritt/ SFSU

Electronics Systems Design and Integration / Swim Coach

Self Employed

I have worked within the OUSD School District as a Contracted Employee

Providing Swim Instruction for our Students and Community Partners

In East Oakland since 2010 with East Oakland Swim Club, a Organization I started to address the disparity of Swimming amongst Children of Color. I have engaged with City Hall the last 10 years in the effort to bring more awareness for this resource for our Children of Color. Having observed the dysfunction up close and personal In both these Agency's is what burdened me to run for Office. I cannot sit by as an able bodied God fearing Man an watch the demise of the City I was Raised in and love.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated

East Oakland Swim Club

Partner USA Make A Splash Foundation

The biggest obstacle to making Oakland a more affordable livable and safe place is City Hall. The lack of leadership and direction has cost the city dramatically, under the current administration, OUR homeless situation has doubled. The Commitment to the percentage of Affordable Housing has not been kept yet the Construction Boom in Oakland is thriving and these Buildings are going Market Rate, as much as 8k a Month for a 3 Bedroom Apartment/Condo. We need more regulatory effort on making sure Oaklanders are benefiting from the Economic Boom with Jobs. It is a basic Human Fact that Crime goes down when Folks have Basic Sustenance, if people are Starving Crime goes up. We need to employ some good ole Fashioned Common Sense practices for Fair Equity for all and keeping promises made to the Community because everyone is not making \$200,000 Annually. We need to level the playing field. Find our Humanity again.

The biggest Opportunity Oakland has in the next (4) years is to find herself again. To find the Oakland that was is and has been about Community. A Rich Diverse Community welcoming to all. The Opportunity to build a New Relationship with The OUSD School District to Prioritize our Children's Success. It sounds Cliché , but it's true, The Children are our Future, we must do better by the least of us. Oakland has the Opportunity of Leading the Way in Solar Power Energy as a City to improve Air Quality and Emissions. Opportunity to improve our Water ways for Recreation. The Opportunity to not follow the trend of division amongst the people of Oakland but to come together as One Village and Collectively, Practicality and Expeditiously get some things done, the next generation is counting on us.

I am (1) of (7) Children. Oldest Son. Since 1966, it has been my obligation and Duty to look out for the Younger ones. When my Younger Siblings grew to have their own Families is extended to that sense of obligation extended to my Niece and Nephews. Now that most of them are grown on their way it extended to my Community. From being a Captain for the Area of 73rd and MacArthur with "Black Men First" a Grassroots Effort of Men in the Community who came together to offer resources to cats on the Street dealing with Homicides Violence and Drug Dealing and Use. We would go into these areas with resources from City Hall, The Clergy, Private Sector etc to give these Young Men (and Women) Resources another opportunity for positive change. Unfortunately, Black Men First Disbanded for Political reasons that had nothing to do with saving lives which is why we came together in the first place. I wanted to do something as an Individual, so I started East Oakland Swim Club in 2009 to give back a resource that was given to me. It helped to fulfill my sense of purpose and obligation of giving back to a Community that has to an me so much. The Elders had a better Oakland for me as a Youngstar, now, it's my turn to give back to these Youngstars.

I have been an Electronics Technician the last Thirty – Five years. The Bay Area is the Hub of International Technologies used World Wide. It should be an Attribute to our Community not a Detriment. Smart Planning in Zoning and Infrastructure, Practical Fair Equity in Affordable Housing , making sure we are always considering Environmental Issues as we are growing. Like the Six Million Dollar Man Show, and them saying “ yes, We can build it Better, Stronger, Faster (Now Smaller)” yet is it really better for all party's involved – Community, Environment, Land Use, Fair Equity Employment opportunities , etc.

Technology is or should be a way of making life more convenient, it should however not be a replacement for the Human experience which we see today. Viral Videos of Folks walking off the curb or worse looking down at their Phones. We used to greet each other. Everything in moderation, we have to keep a close watch on how we keep the balance of Technological Advancement, and just being Human. I believe the Tech Community and the Existing Oakland Communities can coexist harmoniously with Practical Reasonable approaches with all parties having a voice at the table, this is Oakland, we can do whatever collectively we decide we want to do.