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Sacramento City Council - District One

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Occupation \*

Councilmember

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Coming Soon

Campaign Manager \*

Not Yet Selected

Campaign Consultants (list all) \*

Josh Pulliam

What is your anticipated budget and how much have you raised to date? \*

Estimated to date: \$100,000+, Anticipate: As needed

What are your primary sources for fundraising? Please list your top three campaign contributors.

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Community members, and political action committees (unions).

Will all your campaign materials be printed by a union printer? \*

Yes

Do you voluntarily decline contributions from any particular contributor or class of contributors (e.g., Big Oil, Walmart, developers, lobbyists, charter schools, etc.)? If so, list who they are and why. \*

I have declined contributions in the past for a variety of reasons.

Please list your top five elected or appointed offices currently/previously held and any key affiliations, clubs, or community organizations. Please include your role and a contact name and phone number for reference. \*

City Councilwoman, Vice Mayor x2, Mayor Pro Tem x2, SAFCA Chair x2, Library Authority Chair x2, LAFCO Chair, President of the Downtown Sacramento Revitalization Corps x7 (more positions and appointments available upon request).

Have you ever been registered to vote as a member of a political party other than the Democratic Party, or No Party Preference? If so, please state when, why, and for how long. \*

No, registered as a Democrat at the age of 18.

Have you ever endorsed, contributed to, campaigned for, or otherwise supported a candidate for election or appointment to a partisan or nonpartisan office that was not a member of the Democratic Party? If so, who, for which office, and why? Please be specific. \*

I have a strong record of supporting and campaigning for Democratic Party candidates and causes. I have however, made three exceptions when I endorsed Peter Tateishi for State Assembly, Susan Peters for County Supervisor, and I joined all of my colleagues in unanimously endorsing Anne Marie Schubert for District Attorney.

Are you a dues-paying member of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County? \*

No

Do you plan to purchase a ballot statement? \*

Yes

What will your ballot designation be? \*

To be determined.

Have you read the Platform of the California Democratic Party? It can be downloaded at

<https://www.cadem.org/our-california/platform> \*

Yes

Have you read, and will you adhere to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices distributed by the Sacramento County Elections Department? It can be downloaded at

<http://www.elections.saccounty.net> \*

Yes

Have you ever been the subject of sexual harassment/abuse/assault allegations investigated by law enforcement, governmental institutions, businesses or any other organizations? What was the result of any such investigation? \*

I have never been the subject of these type of allegations (and never will be).

Is there anything in your history on the subject of sexual harassment/abuse/assault which, if revealed, would bring you, your proposed office, or the Democratic Party into disrepute? \*

No.

How long have you lived in the district you seek to represent? \*  
15 years, as boundaries are currently drawn.

Out of the last five elections, how many have you voted in? \*  
All five.

Why did you decide to run for your position and what do you hope to accomplish during your tenure? List your top three issues. \*

I ran for City Council because I love Sacramento. We have made tremendous progress over the last 7+ years and I would like to capitalize on that momentum. My number one priority continues to be public safety (police, fire, flood, emergency preparedness). I will also focus on jobs and the economy (housing, economic development, education, and transportation) and quality of life (parks amenities, arts, entertainment, experiences).

If you are an incumbent, what have you accomplished during your tenure? \*

8 years of accomplishments including: lifting of a federal building moratorium, build out of parks, recruitment of large and small businesses (including, Centene, a fortune 100 company looking to add 9000 high wage jobs), and establishment of community events. Key amongst my accomplishment are city-wide improvements to good governance including: independent budget analyst, oversight committee for police, ethics commission, ethics code, sunshine ordinance, and enhanced sexual harassment prevention requirements. Also, key to my leadership has been championing gender equity. This effort has included annual reports, audits, bias training, pay modifications, national partnerships, and bridging public/private expectations for advancement of women in the workplace. It has also produced improvements such as zero women in the City Managers executive team to 3 of 4 now being female. Also, both police and fire departments had zero women in top tier executive leadership roles, there are now 3. Additionally, I am very proud of my award winning youth programs that boast over 500 participants annually and focus on community engagement, education, and career pathways for young people. Two important initiatives were successfully approved by voters, one to save libraries and one to build three new schools and modernize all others in the Natomas district, both passed under my leadership (Measures J and B).

### **District & Governance**

Are you familiar with the budget(s) for which you will be responsible, if elected? If so, state how large it is, what its principal revenue sources are, and what its largest expenditure categories are.  
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Yes I am very familiar with the City budget, and serve on the City's Budget and Audit Committee as Vice Chair. The total City budget is currently 1 billion dollars. The largest expenditures across all categories of budgeting in the city are employee compensations.

Will you support moving to by-district elections (rather than at-large) where they are not held now? Please explain. \*

We currently have by-district elections.

What sets you apart from other candidates for this office? \*

As the filing period has not yet opened we are unaware of other candidates.

How will you work with community advocates? What will you do to be accessible to community members and other stakeholders? \*

I routinely hold town hall forums, community events, and make myself and my team available in unprecedented fashion using all available forms of communication.

What will you do to promote transparency and ethics? \*

I spearheaded the City's transparency and ethics efforts over the past three years which resulted in the City of Sacramento boasting the greatest package of good governance reforms in the State's history; which includes an ethics commission, ethics code, independent budget analyst, and a sunshine ordinance. Moving forward, I will champion a ballot measure to make the independent auditor a chartered position, protecting future council's from corruption and waste.

What whistle-blower protections should there be for public employees who expose corruption, sexual harassment, or other illegal/unethical activity? \*

While on the council we created a whistleblower hotline, overseen by the Budget and Audit Committee of which I am the Vice Chair. In establishing the hotline we put in place important protections for employees, enabling them to come forward without fear of retaliation.

Do you believe that current campaign finance rules should be changed? If so, how would you change them? \*

Yes I believe that campaign finance reform is an important discussion. There is room for improvement.

### **Civil Rights**

What will you do to advance LGBTQ rights? \*

I strongly support equal rights for the LGBTQ community including supporting marriage equality, employment protections, and anti-bullying efforts. I am proud to be an active ally, including: helping campaign, support, endorse, and fund the election of the first openly gay member of the Sacramento City Council being elected into office, having hired several members of my team (election and in office) who are proud members of the LGBTQ community, having donated time resources, my name, and efforts to homeless youth programs that target members of the LGBTQ community. Having supported important financing for HIV research funding, as well as supporting policies to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. I am a proud member of and endorsed by the Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento.

Discuss your feelings about the bullying and harassment of LGBTQ students because of their real or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity. How will you help promote a safer environment in schools for all students? \*

As noted above, I am an advocate for anti-bullying efforts and believe this to be a key issue for anyone working with our youth in any capacity. I will continue to make this a focus of my efforts for as long as I am an elected official or in any capacity I may have that could be helpful.

What will you do to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in education, employment, and housing? \*

As noted above this has been a primary focus of my tenure. I have laid out above a thorough answer to this question. From my standpoint at the only woman, for now over 4 years, this issue falls squarely on my shoulders. I have and will continue to fight for women in every capacity. What is your position on a woman's right to comprehensive healthcare, including the right to choose and access contraception, and the right to obtain a medically safe, legal abortion? \*

This is a critical issue to me I am absolutely pro-choice, and have and will continue to fight to protect a woman's right to choose. I have not only supported Planned Parenthood health care affiliates and other organizations that provide safe procedures for women but have served many times as a keynote speaker, sharing my own story about making tough decisions, formerly being a single mom and fighting for my family.

If elected, what will you do to close the gender pay gap? \*

See above for what I have already accomplished and what I will continue to do.

What is your position on immigration? Do you support an amnesty program for those immigrants already living in the United States? Do you support a clean DREAM Act, without any enforcement funding attached to it? Should undocumented immigrants have a path towards citizenship? Why? \*

I am a strong supporter for creating pathways to citizenship particularly for Dreamers. I have worked closely with Mexican Consulate which is housed in my district. I have partnered with the Consulate on healthcare, education (including the Dream Act), employment, citizenship forums, and various town halls. Also, at the consulates request led the City of Sacramento to it's first Sister City relationship with Mexico. That relationship is based on missions to help families, commerce, trade, and social justice on both sides of the border. More recently under the current federal administration I have been a part of the local effort to bring recourse to the table for families facing unreasonable threats of deportation particularly Dreamers (Sacramento Family Unity, Education, and Legal Network for Immigration - FUEL Network).

What will you do to protect immigrant communities? \*

See thorough response above for what I have accomplished and what I will continue to do.

Should there be limits on free speech or assembly in public places, such as protesting or picketing? Please explain. \*

Public expression that does not present a risk to public safety is absolutely vital to our democracy. As a speaker at both the 2017 and 2018 Women's March in Sacramento I can honestly say that I have never seen a time in my life where our first amendment rights were more critical than right now.

Do you support background checks for all gun and ammunition sales? What other restrictions on firearms do you think are appropriate? \*

Yes, I support background checks for guns and ammunition sales to individuals. I believe background checks are a reasonable safeguard to protect individuals and honor the second amendment rights of gun owner. Gun violence is happening at an inexcusable rate in our country, something must be done.

Do you feel the criminal justice system is just and fair to everyone? If not what reforms would you like to see? \*

I do not believe that the administration of justice is done equally and fairly in this country. Whether it is unintentional or not, it's not secret that poverty plays a huge role in predisposing a person to incarceration in our society. From the top down - from sentencing minimums to filing kids in school - minorities and individuals in poverty are more likely to end up in our criminal justice system and once they get there it's incredibly difficult to get out. That's why I've worked on numerous partnerships with housing agencies, local governments, and local law enforcement to create a wrap-around reentry program for offenders returning to their community. We must do better at combining resources and working together to rehabilitate offenders and provide them with more opportunities. Additionally, we have to provide for strong community support for our kids from the beginning, which is why every summer my office provides numerous activities and events for kids to enjoy and stay out of trouble; and why we have worked so hard to establish the largest youth committee of any local office to build programs for high school student that include volunteering in our parks (an award winning program) and prioritizing a safe and sober graduation for every young person in our district.

Do you support capital punishment? If so, please explain when you think its appropriate. \*  
State law currently allows Capital punishment and I believe that the law should be upheld and enforced. However, I personally do not approve of capital punishment – if we are to administer the law as it is codified now, it should be reserved only for the most extreme and heinous of circumstances.

Please share your views on the Black Lives Matter movement. \*

I am supportive of the national Black Lives Matter movement. In fact, I endorsed St. Louis Treasurer Tishaura Jones in her bid for Mayor of St. Louis. Treasurer Jones was one of the founders of the national Black Lives Matter Movement in the immediate aftermath of the Ferguson shooting. Though she came in second in the Mayor's race, Treasurer Jone's is a leader in her City and in the nation on this subject.

How will you work toward greater police accountability? What role would the community play in that? \*

As answered previously, I led the efforts to create and implement an oversight committee for the Police Department which is made up of members from the community and is Chaired by my appointee, Basim Elkarra.

Do you support the universal use of police body cameras? When is it appropriate to release police body camera footage? \*

I support the use of police worn body cameras and made the recommendation for us to proceed with them as the appointed council member to the public safety committee. I wrote the policy implementing and creating standards of operation for body worn cameras in Sacramento. The policy is based on recommendations from DOJ, under the Obama administration.

What will you do to make your community more accessible to people with disabilities? \*

During my time on the City Council, I have worked with the City to provide access for people with disabilities, in all forms, to participate in civic engagement including making appointments through our Personnel and Public Employees Committee to the Disability Advisory Committee. In my district I have focused on modified equipment installation, allowing for recreational opportunities that meet specific needs for a variety of disabilities. For example, my district hosts the regions only "Bank Shot" court. A basketball style recreational amenity designed for children with autism. We have also installed dozens of swings, slides, and climbing equipment designed for children with physical impairments. Finally, my youth committee is known for its inclusivity of children with special needs.

What will you do to ensure that non-English speakers can fully participate in public meetings and access public services? \*

This is an area where the City can and should do better - particularly as it relates to public meetings. In terms of outreach with surveys or important information, the City of Sacramento has robust translation services.

Healthcare

Do you believe that healthcare is a human right? If so, what do you believe is the most effective way to provide quality healthcare for all? \*

I support universal coverage and healthcare choices for patients. I believe people's health and economic needs are best met in a system in which government sets the ground rules, and where private industry can innovate. Thus, I support a government financed health plan - the Public Option - while still allowing private insurance options for those who choose them. I support full implementation of the Affordable Care Act and have worked with the City and in partnership with Senator Dr. Richard Pan's office to enroll individuals in the exchange (including co-hosting a Town Hall forum on the this topic at City Hall).

What is your position on parental notification prior to a minor terminating a pregnancy? Please explain. \*

We should be doing everything we can as a community to foster environments where a girl can talk to her parents and seek their advice, help, and support before any serious medical procedure. However, that is not the case for every girl and household. Parental notification laws can be devastating for at-risk girls who are not living in a safe, supportive environment. A 16 year old girl should never have to terminate her pregnancy without the guidance of her family, but unfortunately sometimes the situation arises. I believe those girls should have access to medical treatment that is safe, should they have to make that decision. This is of particular concern for young girls in foster care, kinship placements or who have runaway. Finding a caring adult is the single most important factor in the life of a child, but when that person is not a parent, the girl should not be penalized.

What measures would you support to ensure adequate mental health services for all? \*

I support increasing mental health services. There remains much work to do in this area. It is important that we do all we can to educate, inform, treat and destigmatize mental health.

What will you do to help address high child mortality rates in the black community in Sacramento County? \*

I supported the partnership between the City, Sierra Health Foundation, Sacramento County, and the Child Abuse Prevention Center to reduce child mortality rates in the African American community. I will continue to support these efforts moving forward.

### **Good Jobs for All**

Describe your relationship with organized labor. \*

I am a champion on our council for our city employees and have worked hard to make sure they get fair contracts. I have also worked with trade unions on many large projects, including the PLA we approved for the Golden 1 Center - ensuring the workers were all unionized. The Laborers and Teamsters have also reached out on occasion for help and i have always answered the call. Most recently, at the request of the Teamsters Local 150, I reached out to the management rep for the 7-Up workers in Del Paso Heights, who were on the verge of a strike. I served as a key voice in support of paying the workers a better wage and improving work conditions. I stood with the union, and after a hard fought battle, we did prevail. and the contract was used as a precedent across California for other Teamster unions facing similar challenges. I have also been called upon in key negotiations with the Natomas teachers union and the classified employees in the Natomas Unified School District. In each instance I helped negotiate to resolution, preventing work stoppages.

Do you support the right of workers to unionize by card check? \*

Yes, I support the right of workers to unionize, including support for unionizing by card check.

Have you attended the Sacramento Central Labor Council Candidate Academy? \*

Yes

Do you support project labor agreements? \*

Yes

Which labor unions will you be interacting with in your role? What is your plan for building collaborative relationships with union and nonunion employees? \*

I have extraordinary relationships with the key city unions - SEIU, Fire (522), Police (SPOA) and Plumbers and Pipe Fitters. Fire and Police have both already endorsed my reelection to the council. I believe strongly in supporting them and working with them on a variety of issues in service to our city.

What is the role of the office that you seek in promoting good jobs for our region? \*

Members of the City Council should be champions for our city when it comes to business recruitment, retention, and expansion. We must make it a priority to ensure a climate conducive to high quality job creation and take the lead on promoting policies that attract high paying jobs to Sacramento.



What solutions would you propose to solve budget shortfalls and how would you prioritize the needs of your constituents? \*

We do not currently have a budget shortfall, though I have served when we did. It was exceptionally difficult, but we made the lives of our constituents our top priority in every budgeting decision. We also made the decision to create an economic uncertainty fund to avoid such intense cuts for future councils. We have exceeded our goal in the reserve.

Do you believe income inequality is an issue in your community? If so, what steps would you take to address it? \*

Yes, access to education, employment, housing, healthy food, exercise, and health care is not equal across our region. Supporting studies like the black infant death mortality rate, creating the housing trust fund, identifying incentives for development of key resources - such as grocery stores in Del Paso Heights, have been strategies I supported on this council and will continue to support moving forward.

### **Local Economy & Public Resources**

Under what circumstances would you support raising revenues by means of taxes or fees to support public services and why? \*

We will be reevaluating Measure U this year and I am open to the conversation. Any time we need to consider going to the voters for an increase we must have a robust discussion, transparent goals and then a vote.

Under what conditions would you support the privatization of public or natural resources (i.e. water, publicly-owned buildings, schools, park lands, parking facilities)? \*

It is a tremendous responsibility to be entrusted with the decision making capacity to advance a public good by investing in resources into our community. Any decision to even consider privatization, public sale, or even a public/private partnership should require deep scrutiny, copious evaluation and ample public input prior to implementation. Often these layer of review will lead to a decision not to advance any such effort, but there should be an opportunity to engage in the conversation for the rare occasion where such an instance might provide undeniable opportunity for the public. I believe we missed an opportunity to better control rates related to trash and recycle when we lost control of our transfer station to a private business. Had we made a larger investment in that facility, we would have been able to control rates for our customers and better streamline costs attributed to fee-increase justifications.

What is your position on "public/private partnerships"? \*

We have had some tremendous success with public/private partnerships, that said, it is not a uniform solution and must be considered on a case by case basis.

When is it appropriate to use public money or tax incentives to subsidize private business? \*

When the rate of return for the people of Sacramento is greater than the investment of the people's money and when the investment has been thoroughly vetted with ample public discourse.

What is your plan to support and encourage local small business development? \*

I am a small business owner and have championed a voice for small and emerging businesses in Sacramento. We have addressed fees and city partnerships to create opportunities for small businesses to succeed. We can do more with incubator space and small grant programs. All of which are priorities for the council as we move forward. We did some this year with a focus on art and they appear to be a success thus far.

### **Environment**

Do you support the construction of the Delta tunnels and the Southeast Connector? Please explain. \*

No

When is it appropriate to expand the urban growth boundary? \*

I have had some experience with this one and it is important to engage the right partners, such as ECOS, Friends of the Swainsons Hawk, Sierra Club, et al. I have done so routinely, even negotiating on their behalf. I have enjoyed strong support from the environmental community throughout my career as a Councilmember in large part because I value and support programs like the Natomas Basin Conservancy - which uphold high standards for environmental protections and responsibilities.

Please describe your position on regional habitat and working lands conservation. \*

Projects like the yolo bypass that make use of land for a multitude of desirable outcomes (flood mitigation, farming, environmental protection and education) are ideal and should be the gold standard. I support them and look for opportunities to create, protect and expand them.

What will you do to address climate change in your role? Please be specific. \*

Sacramento has signed on to the Mayors challenge, which is an effort to find areas of climate change policy at the local level that can create the desired outcomes we should be achieving at the national level. I support that effort and have voted to support our Climate Action Plan at each update and modification.

Please describe your education and/or experience with land use planning. \*

As the council member for the new growth area I have spent the last 7 and a half years doing land use planning. I have also served on the LAFCo board (including as the Chair) for several years. That board hears and determines all regional land use issues. I have also participated in land use decisions on the flood control board (SAFCA) which I have chaired twice in 7 years and served on continuously for my entire time on council.

Have you read the General Plan and do you agree with its vision of future development? If not, what changes would you propose? \*

I have read it and voted on it numerous times. I do not agree with all aspects of the plan. It is a voluminous document, broad ranging in its policy implementation. I do not think our housing goals, nor our community specific plans are as accurate as they should be. We have not had the resources to keep them updated as quickly as I believe we should. Therefore, often a plan previously adopted and not updated, but included in the general plan can reflect goals of the past, rather than cutting edge future. That said, it is an imperfect process and one we must make work.

I have proposed changes to the plan as needed when projects call for a variance or communities ask for a modification.

## **Education**

Do you support Restorative Justice and funding such programs? \*

Yes I believe in restorative justice. as a private consultant I worked for SCOE and CDCR to create a parole reentry program based on the principles of restorative justice. The program (SCBC) enjoys a very low recidivism rate and is in all accounts a success. I have written such programs and supported agencies, such as City of Refuge, that are built on the principles of restoration to individuals and communities.

What role do you believe charter schools should play in public education? \*

I feel fortunate to represent Natomas for many reasons, but one of those reasons is that the community has done a very good job integrating charter schools and traditional public schools. They work together. They all have equally high standards and they are all doing very well. I have seen charter schools that do not work and are not good for children. Fortunately, I have not had them in my district.

Do you support reforming teacher tenure, due process protections, or teacher salary and benefits? Please explain. \*

I believe in supporting teachers and putting children first.

What will you do to minimize bullying and promote tolerance in school? \*

We can minimize bullying by setting the example for our kids, as adults, coming together to address the tough challenges we face. It is imperative that our children be taught that our differences can be our strengths, and are a point of pride, to be embraced I believe that starts in our community. I am proud to represent one of the most diverse communities in the country (the most diverse school district in the nation) where I have the opportunity to see first hand everyday why fostering inclusivity as a community is important. I firmly and adamantly support anti bullying programs to promote tolerance in our schools.

Is there an achievement gap in your school district? If so, what will you do to close that gap? \*

There is a gap, though NUSD has done amazing work to improving that gap. I offer support in a variety of ways. Here are a few examples: 1. I funded a Boys and Girls Club on the campus of Inderkum High School. 2. I am championing a career pathways public safety school on the campus of Inderkum (the first in our region). 3. I host a robust youth program serving some 500 youth annually - providing adult support and community engagement. 4. I coordinate a large scale marketing of the libraries Summer Reading program which has placed the relatively small North Natomas branch squarely in the number one performer seat for three straight years, meaning more children and families read books in North Natomas than any other branch in the region. 5. I have provided scholarships and championed school bonds, provided critical funding for programming and supported teachers.

For school board candidates: Please explain LCFF and LCAP in three sentences or fewer.

NA

Do you believe that public adult education, colleges, and universities should be tuition free? \*  
NA

## **Housing**

What is your plan to address homelessness in your community? \*

Homelessness is a challenge for Sacramento, however we are focused on creating triage opportunities, expanding access to mental health services, building affordable housing and doing wrap around outreach. Our challenge is not, knowing what to do, our challenge is funding and establishing the right partnerships to ensure success. We know that comprehensive wrap around service models are needed. it is incumbent upon us to find mechanisms for implementation.

What is your plan to relieve the rental housing crisis? \*

We have a housing crisis. We must continue to build housing at every level in the continuum, with a focus on affordability - particularly where transportation and employment create opportunity. I have studied several of the bay area models for rent review boards, which may help greatly here in Sacramento to stabilize rates - and prevent landlords from unfair rate hikes. I am open to the discussion currently happening and look forward to engaging in robust policy dialogue on this issue in the year to come.

Do you support rent control and just cause eviction? \*

I am open to a discussion on stabilization of rents and tenant protections.

Do you support the adoption of inclusionary housing ordinances? \*

We have had them in the past and they did not produce the desired outcome. I am open to a restructuring of that policy that would be more effective (and inclusionary).

What is your plan for funding affordable housing construction? \*

We need to find additional funding resources for our housing trust fund and it needs to be used exclusively for affordable housing. There are also opportunities through creative funding sources, such as the Downtown Revitalization Corps, to partner on affordable housing projects in our urban core. Also, SHRA needs to be able to use their vouchers for project based funding to build new units - this is particularly helpful for housing that will include wrap around services.

Would you support a local ordinance to end Housing Choice Voucher discrimination (Section 8)? Please explain. \*

I would need more detail, but I certainly do not support discriminatory practices in the allocation of resources to those in need.

What is your plan to ensure that working class people have opportunities for home ownership? \*

This is why it is important that we continue to add a variety of housing options in our city. I will continue to push for such variances - creating opportunities for families to become homeowners.

## **Transportation and Public Transit**

Would you support a local sales tax measure to fund transportation and public transit? Please explain. \*

Most likely - but timing is important.

If you are seated on the board of SACOG, STA, or Regional Transit, how would you use your role and what would you prioritize? \*

NA - I am not on any of these boards

What is your plan to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled in the region? \*

I support expansion of the light rail system as well as neighborhood shuttles (which are extremely successful in my district). I also support bikeable and walkable communities - and have prioritized such projects in my community.

What is your plan to improve local and regional public transit? Please describe a priority project.

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The line through my district is my priority, though RT must invest in cleanliness, safety and modernization in order to be relevant.

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