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

\$120,000/\$65,000

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

IBEW, Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, Sacramento Association of Realtors.

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 not taken campaign contributions from oil or tobacco companies or Walmart. (Walmart Foundation has contributed to youth programs I developed in Oak Park)

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 Council (current), SACOG Chair (current), Library Board Chair (current), Regional Transit Board Chair (past, 2 years), Sacramento City Unified School District (past), President of Congregation B'nai Israel (past)

Please attach your biography, a list of current endorsements, and any campaign literature or social media information as a single file. Please name your file: lastname/office sought. *

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, I am a lifelong Democrat

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 recently joined the Mayor and all of my Council Colleagues in endorsing Ann Marie Shubert. I did not support her in her first election and I have never campaigned for someone who was not in the Dem Party.

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

Yes

Do you plan to purchase a ballot statement? *

Yes

What will your ballot designation be? *

TBD

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? *

No.

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? *

38 years

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

ALL

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

Continue the work I have begun. Homelessness, jobs, youth.

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

See attached brochure

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. *

Yes. About \$1 billion in all funds. Property tax, sales tax, fees. Largest expenditures are policy, fire, parks.

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

Generally, I support the idea of district elections, and supported their creation in the Sacramento Unified School District. I'd have to look at the specific circumstance and reasoning.

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

My experience and track record of accomplishments. I am not afraid to tackle hard issues or take public stands on controversial items.

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

I have always been 100% percent accessible and will continue that practice. I hold public office hours, community meetings, write a monthly newsletter and communicate with my constituents in multiple venues.

What will you do to promote transparency and ethics? *

Please see all of the work the City has done over the past three years in promoting transparency. I have been involved and supportive of all, including developing the 'Schenirer rule' around public posting of contracts over \$1 million for at least 10 days.

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

The City has instituted a whistle blower hot line at the City which has proven very effective.

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

For the City, I believe they are generally fine. I share the general concern over campaign finance reform and would like to study public financing options.

What will you do to advance LGBTQ rights? *

I have always been a strong ally, am proud of the City's record with a 100 point rating on the Municipal Equality Index and will continue to fight for LGBT rights, particularly youth. I have raised well over \$20,000 for Nor Cal Aids service providers.

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 the parent of a gay son who was harassed in school, this is also a personal issue for me. I am not on a school board so have no purview over the schools other than using my position as a bully pulpit and letting the Board of Education and superintendent know this is an important issue. I can however, help set policy for after school and non-school hour programs run or funded by the City, as well as training for those running programs, to promote a safe environment.

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

The City has taken an aggressive stance on these issue of which I am 100% supportive.

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? *

Fully supportive

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

City has embarked on an aggressive initiative around this issue.

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? *

My synagogue is a Sanctuary Congregation. My City is a Sanctuary City. I am second generation of family surviving or those who perished in the holocaust. This issue is personal and political and I will do everything I can to support the DREAMers and rights of all immigrants. I am ashamed of our federal government on this issue.

What will you do to protect immigrant communities? *

Whatever is necessary.

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

Other than safety and public health, no.

Do you support background checks for all gun and ammunition sales?

What other restrictions on firearms do you think are appropriate? *

Yes. I have led the fight to tighten gun shop restrictions in Sacramento.

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

No. Not even close. Let's talk about it.

Do you support capital punishment? If so, please explain when you think its appropriate. *

No.

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

It's an important movement. I look forward to working toward a more positive future.

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

The City has taken large steps towards more accountability and transparency. I feel that we are on the right track. With our new police chief, the police culture is changing for the better.

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

Yes. Always, unless it puts someone in harms' way.

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

I am currently working on an initiative around handicap placard abuse.

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

I have always sought to provide translation in meetings where it is needed and also translate many of my flyers and community announcements. I think overall, the City can do a better job in this area and I will support increased translation services.

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? *

Yes. Single payer.

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

This would be a barrier for health care for young people, so I have always been opposed

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

This is a major concern in Sacramento, and statewide. Ultimately, this is a county responsibility, but counties are underfunded in this area. As advocates for mental health, our Council is working closely with any and all stakeholders to provide on mental health services for homeless individuals, and others in need of care.

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

The City is supporting the Black Child Legacy Initiative.

Describe your relationship with organized labor. *

The labor movement has been at the forefront in the fight for social and economic justice. As an elected official, I have always listened to the concerns of labor organizations and sought to work on policies and programs that support working people and those most in need.

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

Generally, although I would prefer a secret ballot.

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

Yes

Do you support project labor agreements? *

Yes – I am leading the effort for a city-wide PLA in Sacramento and have voted for PLA's in the past

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 excellent relationships with the building trades, which have endorsed me and supported my campaign financially and with human resources. I have a good relationship with ATU and with various SEIU locals

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

Critical.

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

I've gone through this both at the School Board and the City. First, we must always ensure that our dollars are well spent so that voters trust us when hard times hit. Second, look for additional revenues. Then hopefully cut without reducing services. Meet with city unions to discuss workload and service impacts. Use polling data about what is most important to the residents of the City.

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

Yes. I have put a tremendous amount of work and resources into improving schools in Oak Park. I believe quality education is the answer.

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

One example is I supported Measure U, and will be supporting it's continuance this November.

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

I think there are certain businesses the City should not be in (golf) but generally believe that public agencies are better stewards of these types of services.

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

Very important as the City will never have the resources necessary to meet the needs of its residents. However, we must also hold our partners responsible for behaviors and outcomes .

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

When there are mutual benefits, defined expectations, and measurable outcomes..

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

The City has put together an initiative to catalyze small business in the neighborhoods with an initial capitalization of \$500,000. We had over \$7 million in requests. Need to put additional dollars into this program in the next budget year.

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 am a supporter of infill.

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

I have no specific response to this question, except that we must all be stewards of the environment in our decisions.

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

The City has adopted a Climate Action Plan which I support. We are also working on the electrification of busses. In my role at SACOG, this is an issue I am working on in an ongoing basis.

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

As a Councilmember, I have had many land use decisions come before me. I try to work with neighborhoods and developers for win-win situations. This is not always possible and I always remember who I represent.

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

Yes.

Do you support Restorative Justice and funding such programs? *

Yes I am supportive.

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

Happy to discuss at length. While I am an unwavering supporter of quality public education, some of the best schools I have ever seen were the Green Dot Charter schools in Los Angeles, which operate under a union contract.

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

This is a school board question, although I would be happy to discuss.

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

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

This is a school board question, although I would be happy to discuss

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

I am also happy to discuss this question.

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

Yes.

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

I have been working on this for 7 years. Happy to discuss the City's efforts and my role in that work.

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

We need to implement a rent stabilization program. I am working on this.

Do you support rent control and just cause eviction? *

We need to find solutions to people losing their homes due to the increasing cost of housing. I look forward to working with anyone, and most specifically our unions, to find long term solutions.

Do you support the adoption of inclusionary housing ordinances? *

Yes

What is your plan for funding affordable housing construction? *

Project vouchers. Possible ballot initiative or housing bond.

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

Would have to read the initiative.

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

The first thing I would do is work with unions to invest pension funds in affordable housing.

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

Yes. Helped lead the last effort.

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

I am chair of SACOG and was chair of RT for two years. Happy to discuss.

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

Provide an excellent public transportation system.

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

Happy to discuss my role in RT's turnaround over the past three years and my work with stakeholders, the unions and management to make a difference.