

Democratic Party of Sacramento County - Central Committee: Candidate Questionnaire

Note: The answers to the questionnaire will be shared with the members of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County and local Democratic clubs and may become public.

The DPSC Candidate Questionnaire contains questions from many subject areas that you may feel are not pertinent to the office you seek. We ask these question because: candidates may go on to other offices, we use one questionnaire for all candidates, and we share the questionnaire with our many clubs which have broad interests. Please answer to the best of your ability. Thank you!

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Office Sought *

Sacramento City Council

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Occupation *

N/A

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N/A

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Andrew Acosta

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

Anticipated Budget: \$85,000 Raised to Date: \$13,185

What are your primary sources for fundraising? Please list your top three campaign contributors.
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My primary sources of funding are individual donations. My top contributors are: -Kevin McCarty, \$1650.00 -Soomer Lowry, \$1650.00 -Steven L'Ecluse, \$1000.00

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. *

Yes. I decline contributions from organizations, businesses, entities based on practices which conflict with my personal and political values. This includes, but is not limited to: California Charter School Association, Walmart, Oil, Pharmaceutical, Police Officer Associations, Realtor Associations, and entities who follow practices that work against social justice and equality for residents, labor, and small businesses.

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. *

President, Oak Park Neighborhood Association Contact: Joany Titherington, Acting President 916-704-2843 Sacramento Promise Zone Resident Council Contact: Julius Austin, 916-449-6212 Governing Board Member, California Montessori Project Contact: Carrie Klagenberg, Administrative Assistant, 916-971-2432 Board Member, Women Democrats of Sacramento County Contact: Tracie Stafford, President 916-296-2650 AD7 Delegate, California Democratic Party Contact: Terry Schantz

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

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. *
No

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? *

Early Childhood Educator

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> *

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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? *

12 years

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

5

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 want to use my experience as a neighborhood leader and teacher to lead our city in protecting the quality of life for residents despite their race, gender, ability, or socio-economic level. I want to increase protections for renters, improve community-police relations, and work with city and county officials for improved health and human services for all people.

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

N/A

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. *

Yes, I am familiar with the city budget. The FY2017/18 Approved Budget for the City of Sacramento totals \$1 billion from all funding sources. The City's overall revenues are based primarily on taxes and fees/charges (including impact/development fees, service fees, regulatory fees, rental fees and fines). Property and sales taxes make up half of all General Fund revenue. About half of expenditures are made for personnel costs and approximately one-quarter of expenditures go towards services and supplies, which include outside contracts and equipment. https://www.cityofsacramento.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/Finance/Budget/2017-18-Budget/Approved/FY18-Approved_Final.pdf?la=en

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

As other cities in the Sacramento area grow, by-district elections will give communities the power to elect representatives who are a better advocates resources for their needs. By-district elections reduce the power of special interests and strengthen our democracy by making sure representatives are accountable to the people who are directly impacted by their decisions. I support by-district elections for these reasons.

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

My background and experience give me a unique perspective and skill set for resident-focused leadership. As an educator, I value diverse ideas and desire to include meaningful dialogue with all stakeholders. As a parent of young children, I feel opportunities for children to grow in safe, thriving communities with resources that help them to improve their cognitive, social, and emotional development is a priority. As an individual who witnessed my mother struggle to maintain housing, transportation, and access to healthy foods, I want every family to have the resources they need within their communities.

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

Community advocates are experts in their fields. Whenever possible, I will trust and make decisions fairly by taking all perspectives into consideration. I plan on having a district office for constituents to bring concerns directly to me and my staff. I will be cognizant of the accessibility of this future location based on transit routes, centrality, and ADA compliance.

What will you do to promote transparency and ethics? *

I believe that true leadership is based on the trust you build and maintain with the people you are elected to serve. I support policies which enhance city transparency and ethics across all departments. I look forward to leading and supporting independent audits to ensure we continue to provide an ethical and transparent process for all policies. I also understand that following laws of governance means disclosing any conflicts of interests and recusing oneself from voting on decisions that can be potential conflicts.

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

Complying with CA Whistleblower Protection Act, any employee is allowed to be a whistleblower without threats, retaliation, or defamation of character. I support and will follow the whistleblower protection laws as an elected public servant, as will my staff and anyone acting on my behalf.

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

I believe we need to move toward removing special interests from city elections, while creating a more level playing field for new candidates to viably compete with established politicians. I support campaign finance reform in Sacramento that decrease the challenges to a fair and democratic election process.

Civil Rights

What will you do to advance LGBTQ rights? *

I have fought for LGBTQIA rights for the past 20 years including supporting equal marriages, employment, and service opportunities. As an elected official, I will further LGBTQIA advancement by improving representation of all individuals in City government and departments, advocating for anti-bias policies, improving data collection measures to include LGBTQIA and non-gender conforming individuals, and supporting affordable housing measures which disproportionately impact LGBTQIA members of our community.

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? *

According to CDC data, children facing bullying due to their real or perceived sexual orientation is more prevalent for lesbian, gay and bisexual children than heterosexual children. In some areas, results show LGB or unsure students were 2-3 times more likely as heterosexual students to have been in situations of violence in schools. Although the CDC does not collect data on transgender or questioning/queer children, my personal experience in schools demonstrates that they are also at high risk for bullying and exposure to violence in school. Exposure to violence has negative impacts on students' mental health and contributes to higher truancy rates among LGBTQIA students. By working with school district officials and administrations, I will support policies that foster non-violent communication, education, and counseling for children and families facing these discriminatory acts. However, many acts of violence aren't limited to schools. Approaches to non-violence and anti-bias methods must extend to the family, community, and media to improve social-emotional development for our children and youth. (Referenced Report: Sexual Identity, Sex of Sexual Contacts, and Health-Related Behaviors Among Students in Grades 9-12 – United States and Selected Sites, 2015 <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/pdfs/ss6509.pdf>)

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

I do not believe one person can end discrimination, but by collaborating with human rights advocates, I will continue to play my part in reducing discriminatory practices across education, employment, and housing systems, including lobbying county and state officials for increased protections for LGBT Sacramentans.

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? *

I believe and support a woman's right to comprehensive healthcare and reproductive justice.

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

The recent report on gender and pay equity is flawed and could be more comprehensive. I am a member of the Sacramento Women's Advancement Coalition and after reviewing the report we approached the city auditors with the data-collection flaws we were concerned with. As an elected official, it is imperative that we provide information to the public that is gathered thoroughly and language allows for identifying our shortcomings especially for LGBTQIA people, and all women of color. As an elected official, I will continue to inspect and critique findings in a fair and meaningful way. I will work with EEOC and HR staff to ensure we create measurable goals to reduce the gender pay gap. I believe in leading by example and will be sure that my staff and appointments reflect the gender and racial diversity of Sacramento.

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 believe undocumented immigrants should have pathways to citizenship and I support amnesty programs for residents currently living in the United States. When my grandmother arrived from Jamaica (which was under British rule at the time,) she came to have a better life and opportunities that were otherwise inaccessible. Immigrants contribute to our economy and society daily from the food we eat, to the ideals we are privileged to have. DACA recipients are not bargaining chips. They are young residents who deserve the opportunity to be permanent residents without fear of deportation, intimidation, or criminalization in the process.

What will you do to protect immigrant communities? *

I support Sacramento's sanctuary city declaration and will continue to work with colleagues for safe communities for all residents.

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

Free speech, assembling in public spaces, and carrying out protests against injustice are our right as members of a democratic society. I reject any laws or ordinances that threaten those rights. I

have attended protests against City ordinances that threaten these rights, and will not support any challenges to our constitutional rights. I believe that protests of violence toward a group or groups of people are unacceptable, and proper precautions should be taken by the city to discourage violent acts towards residents. However, freedom of speech, assembly in public spaces, and protesting is the right of every American even if I don't agree with their message.

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

I support background checks and limitations to the quantity of gun and ammunition sales. I support a universal firearm licence and registry process, as well as regulations on gun and ammunition dealers. I would also support thoughtful legislation limiting gun shows and expos within the city.

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 think the criminal justice system is fair for everyone. Criminal justice reform is slowly making its way mainstream, thanks to the work of Anti-recidivism groups, human rights groups, and social justice advocates, but more needs to be done. First, I would like to see more focus on rehabilitation services for people experiencing homelessness than criminalization. I would like better oversight and independent audits of the training programs and performance of officers. I think that returning to a community policing model works better for building trusting relationships between residents and law enforcement. Currently, I am working with our newest captain to plan ways of building those relationships. For criminal justice reform to improve crime and incarceration rates in Sacramento, alternatives to policing must be a top priority. Criminal justice reform has to take on a multi-disciplinary approach, from root causes of crime such as poverty, challenges in the education system, flaws in the foster care/CPS system, mental health services, and lack of economic opportunity. For true criminal justice reform to take place it requires intervention across many systems, and the focus must change from reactive policies to proactive, restorative solutions.

Do you support capital punishment? If so, please explain when you think its appropriate. *
No, I do not think it is ever appropriate.

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

I think all movements towards inclusivity, justice and equality for disenfranchised groups and communities should be met with more conversation, willingness to listen, and working together to find solutions.

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

As in my previous answer, I think regular independent audits of training and police performance should be directed and required by the city council. Having a community policing commission can bring positive outcomes with accountability if they are truly independent, have grounds to

look at our law enforcement system with a critical lens, and be able to recommend reform policies that are supported by city council leaders, that California state law allows.

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

I support universal use of body cameras, and believe that body camera footage should be released when an arrest results in the injury or death of an officer or civilian. Appropriate release of videos depends on the nature of the incident and the individuals involved, but if a situation warrants a release, many factors need to be taken into consideration, including the completion of thorough investigation, evidence collection, and proper notification to family members. I do not believe edited body camera footage should be released if such edits cause a biased perception of the incident or the parties involved.

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

I will work with residents and city staff to ensure we are compliant with ADA and accessibility laws. I will collaborate with accessibility advocates to ensure we are providing inclusive opportunities for all community members.

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

According to 2016 estimates from the American Fact Finder, 37% of residents within the city speak a language other than English. In the South Oak Park neighborhood alone there are over 50 languages spoken (data pulled from www.statisticalatlas.com.) I would work with faith leaders and higher education systems to work on decreasing language barriers, as well as investigating technological solutions and sources of funding. I think our city does a good job of providing written materials in select languages, when requested, but we can always be more inclusive and innovative in our approaches to facilitating democracy in one of the most diverse cities in the United States.

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 believe healthcare is a human right and quality healthcare should be guaranteed to all residents. We are overdue for a single-payer system. I support legislation and leadership advocating for a state and nationwide healthcare reform that protects patients and reduces the influence of the profit-driven healthcare determining our public policy.

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

Once a woman is able to become pregnant, it is up to her to make the choice of whether to keep or terminate a pregnancy. If the woman is a minor, the ramifications of telling unsupportive parents or guardians can lead to negative outcomes for the woman and unborn child. I believe a

pregnant minor choosing to terminate should be able to opt-out of parent/guardian notification and be encouraged to participate in counseling and/or support services .

What measures would you support to ensure adequate mental health services for all? *
Mental health services is controlled by the county. My role as a city councilmember will be to advocate for robust mental health services and supportive systems that all residents have access to.

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

From July 2016-July 2017 I worked as a program manager under the Greater Sacramento Urban League. My work specifically on the Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC.) Although I voluntarily resigned from the Urban League, my support of the BCLC remains. I will work with the community stakeholders, health systems, and government entities to ensure all systems are working cohesively. I will continue attending BCLC events, trainings, and meetings. I will advocate for continued funding from Sacramento County BOS, and I will continue to monitor progress and encourage policies that further the mission to reduce African American child mortality 20% by 2020.

Good Jobs for All

Describe your relationship with organized labor. *

I was a member of UFCW 8 (previously UFCW 588) as an employee of Albertson's supermarkets in the late 1990s. Since then I have marched, picketed, and rallied with other workers unions in solidarity.

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

Yes

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 will be interacting with unions whose contracts are determined by the City of Sacramento, such as fire, police, building and construction trades, plumbers and pipe fitters, and engineers. I will likely interact with unions who don't necessarily bargain directly with the city, but whose quality of life directly affects its members. Fair policies and consistent practices will help foster collaborative relationships among union and non-union employees. I support small local franchises, businesses, and organizations that provide living wages, benefits, and reasonable pay with opportunities for promotion

What is the role of the office that you seek in promoting good jobs for our region? *
Ensuring a fair bidding process as well as increasing community training and education opportunities will be a role I play as a council person.

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

Surveys and community meetings to collect resident input will help guide any deciding budget changes as we make up for short-falls. Placing power in the hands of voters with potential ballot measures to honor the democratic process is of great value. We will face budget challenges, but ensuring that we honor our values, to sustain the community and residents' needs is of the utmost importance.

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

I do believe income inequality is an issue in my community as well as other communities throughout, especially those neighborhoods with more ethnic diversity, language barriers, and poverty. My support for union labor, rent stabilization, translucency in governance, and expansion of participatory democracy will help to ensure that economic advancement as well as representation in government are shared equally regardless of background.

Local Economy & Public Resources

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

My main priority is that taxes and fees be levied in a progressive manner that doesn't exacerbate already existing wealth and income inequality. In order to provide for our residents' basic needs and the upkeep of public infrastructure we may need to advocate for a raise in taxes or a restructuring of development fees, but I understand that this will need to be carried out delicately, managing relationships within a political environment unfriendly to public investment.

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

Public utilities should be expanded not contracted. Privatizing public resources would be a difficult decision to make. I would not support privatization of services that take employment or economic opportunities away from citizens. I reject privatization of natural resources as well. When a proposal to privatize public lands, buildings or resources or facilities comes forth, my decision would weigh heavily on the consequences those proposals pose towards people, our environment, and our economic stability.

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

Public/private partnerships most often create private profit at taxpayers' expense, however there may be circumstances within our political climate in which they are the only avenue available to

create a necessary public good and should be considered, but never without ensuring true public benefit.

When is it appropriate to use public money or tax incentives to subsidize private business? *
If the business is providing a public service that benefits and is accessible to all community members despite gender, race, religion, ability, mobility and socio-economic status, I may explore the possibility. These factors alone will not necessarily determine my support for tax incentives or subsidies.

What is your plan to support and encourage local small business development? *
My plan is to decrease barriers within city policy that discourage small-business ownership, such as excessive fines and outdated zoning restrictions that restrict locals from investing and thriving within their communities. I will work with CBOs and local governments to ensure that education and opportunities for success for Sacramento, and particularly District 5, residents are paramount.

Environment

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

No, the construction of those projects will put unnecessary burdens on northern California residents and creates risks to our natural habitats and wetlands.

When is it appropriate to expand the urban growth boundary? *
When infill development is at capacity and there is a plan in place to provide city services and inclusionary housing further from the urban core.

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

What will you do to address climate change in your role? Please be specific. *
Increasing affordable housing stock through a variety of mechanisms will decrease carbon emissions in our region by allowing people to live closer to where they work and play. Additionally, I look forward to strengthening our bicycle and public transit infrastructure. New developments should be walkable, infill should be prioritized, and we should abide by the environmental development standards established for our region.

Please describe your education and/or experience with land use planning. *
Most of my experience in land use and planning was developed during my time serving on the Oak Park Neighborhood Association board. We reviewed proposals for development and planning changes. At times I would meet directly with developers to engage in dialogue regarding the effects of their proposal on residents and the communities culture. Occasionally, I would testify at planning and land-use hearings in support or opposition of proposals.

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 the general plan and am in agreement with its visions and goals. In looking at implementation actions, I am cautious of joint partnerships with the private sector. I would like to know what boundaries these partnerships will be within and would like to see a criteria matrix developed to be sure we are consistent and fair in our policies.

Education

Do you support Restorative Justice and funding such programs? *

Yes

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

As a trained Montessori educator and I believe in holistic models of education. However, that kind of innovation should primarily take place within our public school system so that all students benefit, teachers maintain their union representation, and democratic mechanisms accountable to the will of voters hold preeminence. I believe that districts which lack a unique, whole-child philosophy such as Montessori, should be considered in public education even as a public charter.

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

No, I believe in supporting teachers and their unions in creating stable jobs wherein students and teachers are allowed to thrive.

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

The city council holds very little power over schools and I have no interest in challenging that division of powers. As a city official I will strive to be a model of tolerance and work with our school leaders to make tolerance and inclusion a community effort.

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

Yes. I support enrichment, before/after school, and "recess" programs that reduce the achievement gap. These gaps are primarily found in neighborhoods and households where other barriers are facing their primary caregivers. Supporting the success of kids and youth in education includes providing positive opportunities for the individuals within that child's circle of influence.

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

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

N/A

Housing

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

Rising rents and the lack of affordable housing are the primary drivers of homelessness in Sacramento, and the solution to homelessness is a home. I would support the creation and preservation of deed-restricted affordable housing tailored to meet the needs of people experiencing homeless and at risk of experiencing homelessness, including permanent supportive housing and housing targeted towards those with extremely low incomes. I would prioritize public land for the development of emergency shelters and permanent affordable homes. I would explore the possibility of providing a safe, secure place for people and families living in vehicles to park, sleep, and receive supportive services, potentially in a City-owned lot or structure. I would work to repeal the ineffective and unjust camping ban. Your answer

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

I will support the construction and rehabilitation of deed-restricted affordable housing for Sacramentans on limited budgets. I would advocate for affordable housing projects to receive expedited planning review to ensure it is brought online as quickly as possible. I will advocate strongly for rent stabilization to protect residents as our city experiences the strongest year-over-year rent increases in the nation. I will work to restore an inclusionary housing ordinance in the City of Sacramento. I will also ensure that while market-rate housing construction supports affordable housing construction through an inclusionary housing ordinance or meaningful in lieu fees, it is not unduly encumbered by barriers such as out-of-date zoning designations.

Do you support rent control and just cause eviction? *

Yes

Do you support the adoption of inclusionary housing ordinances? *

Yes. Inclusionary housing ordinances are one of our most effective tools for producing affordable homes and creating mixed income, inclusive neighborhoods.

What is your plan for funding affordable housing construction? *

I support the use of local sales tax revenue for affordable home construction. I will also advocate for the passage of the statewide housing bond in November and work to ensure the Sacramento region is competitive for available statewide funding, and that residual redevelopment revenue that returns to the City is dedicated to affordable housing. I would also explore the possibility of a local bond or other means of generating local revenue for the construction of affordable homes.

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

Please explain. *

Our region's Section 8 vouchers are one of the most valuable tools we have for ensuring lower income residents can live in areas of opportunity, but only if private landlords accept them. People who receive housing choice vouchers shouldn't have to spend months finding a place to live. I would work to ensure that participation in the voucher program does not create an undue burden for property owners and support the passage of an ordinance to prohibit discrimination against people who are using housing choice vouchers as a source of income.

What is your plan to ensure that working class people have opportunities for home ownership? *
I will advocate for housing that is designed to meet the needs of our residents, including homes affordable to first-time homeowners. I will work to ensure the City's affordable housing trust fund receives revenues commensurate to the need for affordable homes, including both rental and for-sale housing.

Transportation and Public Transit

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

I would greatly prefer another mechanism of funding since sales taxes are notably regressive. However, our region deserves clean, safe, and adequate transit services, and so I would take into consideration a sales tax to meet those needs.

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

My top priorities would be to defend environmentally sound and economic, gender, and racially equitable policies on any body I sit.

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

Rent stabilization, inclusionary infill development, and reinvestment in public transit that serves commuters and residents.

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

Sacramento needs to return to pre-recession services and staffing in all our departments and agencies, particularly public transit. I believe the first step toward this is an audit of current expenditures.

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