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County Board of Supervisor, District 2

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N/A

Campaign Manager *

N/A

Campaign Consultants (list all) *

N/A

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

\$40,000

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

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Self so far.

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. *

Developers, charter schools, Walmart, big oil, and business chamber. They don't have the people's interest at heart.

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. *

Sacramento County Board of Education-Trustee; Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee-Elected Member; DLC 762 President, SEIU 1000; Board of Director, SEIU 1000; Board Member, Fong Association.

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. *

1960s Peace and Freedom Party. About 4-6 years. Oppose the Vietnam War.

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 think so. The Peace and Freedom Party candidate for President.

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? *

Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee

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? *

27 years

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. *

Running to provide a progressive voice on the board. Focus on the issues that effect working families. Top 3 issues: building of affordable housing, youth and senior services, and homeless services.

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. *

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\$4 billion dollar budget. Revenue sources: property tax, sales tax, and utility tax. largest expenditure: General Fund (2.5 or the 4 billion), other internal services fund, and other special district and agencies.

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

Yes.

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

I believe I'm more progressive.

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

I would welcome their input and meet with them in person. I would have an open door policy for the community to see me.

What will you do to promote transparency and ethics? *

I will make my schedule public and make available county documents public. I will support ethics training yearly for all county employees and elected officials.

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

I will support the strongest protection for whistle-blowers policy,

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

Yes. Get special interest money out of politics. I support public funding of elections.

Civil Rights

What will you do to advance LGBTQ rights? *

I will ask the LGBTQ community to review the existing policy and to make recommendations to improve them.

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? *

Bullying and harassment of LGBTQ students is wrong. I personally alerted the LGBTQ community by emailing the County Board of Education's draft revised policies on this and ask them for their recommendations. I supported the election of the first LGBTQ trustee on the SCOE board.

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

When I see discrimination of this type I speak out against it. I will support increased funding to civil rights units in the county.

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 receive a 100% endorsement from Planned Parenthood in my last SCOE race. I support all of the above.

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

I will bring up this issue on the board and support a report reviewing our pay structure on the gender pay gap. Based on the recommendations, push for pay equity for woman.

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 support an amnesty program for immigrants already in the country and a clean separate DREAM ACT. I support undocumented immigrants having a path towards citizenship because we are a country of immigrants (Native Americans and African slaves being the exception).

What will you do to protect immigrant communities? *

I have participated in the immigrant rights groups and attend the trainings on know your rights and signed on as a person to call to investigate ICE activities in Sacramento County. I brought the issue up of protecting our undocumented students attend SCOE schools and introduced the resolution to make SCOE a Sanctuary district. The resolution was changed to a safe school resolution that addressed undocumented students.

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

No. Speech and assembly is protected by our constitution and there are laws that govern free speech, protest and picketing gatherings.

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 for gun and ammunition sales. Ban on assault rifles.

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

No. The best prevention and reform is a job that pays a living wage.

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. *

I support Black Lives Matter.

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

I believe sheriff and police should live in the community where they are hired. I support community policing. There should be a community oversight board on police activities.

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

Yes. As soon as possible.

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

I would request a review of all county buildings, services, and communications to be accessible.

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

These is technology on the market that can translate immediately in multiple languages and I would request that the county look into buying these programs. The content on the county website can also be translated to many languages using Goggle Chrome.

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? *

Yes. Pass SB 562.

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

I support the current law that give minor the right to make their own decision to terminate a pregnancy without parent notification.

What measures would you support to ensure adequate mental health services for all? *
Pass SB 562. Review the county's mental health to include services to every community. Have our colleges develop education and training for par professionals to some of the mental health prevention programs.

What will you do to help address high child mortality rates in the black community in Sacramento County? *
I attended a meeting that Supervisor Serna had at the Pennell Center on this issue. I support the plan that came out of those meeting.

Good Jobs for All

Describe your relationship with organized labor. *
I'm the president and job steward in District Labor Council 762 of SEIU1000 that represents about 4,000 state worker in the Dept. of Health Care Services and Public Health Department. I also member of the Board of Directors of SEIU 1000. Delegate to the SEIU International Conference in 2016. I was the site captain at my school site during the longest teachers strike at Sac. City USD. I'm a union member in every job (3) that was represented by a union.

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? *
There are over 20 unions/associations representing county employees. Largest being United Public Employee. Operating Engineers Local 39, AFCSME, Teamster Local 150. Sheriff Association and Probation Association. If elected, I will meeting with every president of our employee unions and associations to let them know I have an open door policy to them. I will also do a job day with a worker in each of the bargaining groups.

What is the role of the office that you seek in promoting good jobs for our region? *
appointing planning commissioner that cares about planning a community where the quality of life is supported for everyone that lives in the county. Support policies that provide a living wage for projects and developments in the county.

What solutions would you propose to solve budget shortfalls and how would you prioritize the needs of your constituents? *
I would protect essential services. I would support revising Prop. 13 and have split roles where business property paying their fair share of taxes.

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

Yes. I have picket McDonalds in support of Fight for 15. Increasing the minimum wage.

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 have a public emergency with the homeless issue. I would support more taxes that goes directly to solving this problem.

Under what conditions would you support the privatization of public or natural resources (i.e. water, publicly-owned buildings, schools, park lands, parking facilities)? *
none.

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

It depends on the definition. I'm opposed to this if it involves privatizing public assets like toll roads, bridges, and buildings to for profit or non profit companies. I support it if it is a shared service model where the county is unable or does not have the resources to do the job. A partnership with a local community based non profit to share the delivery of service might work.

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

Very very seldom and with lots of safe guards.

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

I support a model I read about in African counties provide loans for start up small business. Of course there is a vetting process involved.

Environment

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

No environmental reasons. Southeas connector encourage urban spraw.

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

When the developers are willing to build into the cost of home light rail connections to the new developments and mixed affordable housing and high density housing at ligh rail stops.

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

I support projects like the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. A regional approach to addressing issues related to urban development, habitat conservation and agricultural protection.

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

I will ask to have all county facilities for solar panels and are electric car friendly. Look at the new technology to burn waste that is going into the landfill to burn to produce energy.

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

Self education on land use planning. In the 1970 I fought the Capitol Area Development Authority plans to tear down low income house in the capital area to build new state building. Organize a tenant's union with the local church to stop the plans.

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

I read the executive summary and it all sounds good on paper. With developers being the biggest supporters of elected BOS members, they often have a heavy influence on development in the county.

Education

Do you support Restorative Justice and funding such programs? *

Yes

What role do you believe charter schools should play in public education? *
very restricted one.

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

No

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

County should work in partnership with school district to reinforce anti bullying programs.

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

Yes. I will use my experience on the county board of education to promote data driven programs to close the achievement gap for all students with a special focus on African American and Hispanic students. County libraries used for study hall and tutoring sites. School facilities used for the same thing.

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? *
yes.

Housing

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

I will support and push for a homeless housing emergency in the county. I will bring in the local experts and homeless community individuals to advise on how to address this emergency. The partnership with the city and county is a good start.

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

We need rent control.

Do you support rent control and just cause eviction? *

Yes

Do you support the adoption of inclusionary housing ordinances? *

yes. let bring it back and make it better.

What is your plan for funding affordable housing construction? *

Bring back the inclusionary housing ordinance.

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

yes. I would support a local or statewide law that would forbid landlords from refusing housing voucher sole on the renters source of income.

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

I would push for the county to declare a housing emergency. Push for rent control on the local and state level. Push to bring back inclusionary housing ordinance by the BOS or by initiative.

Transportation and Public Transit

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

No.

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 would use my role to advocate for tranportion project to improve the air quality in neighborhoods close to freeways, fix pot holes, and put in sidewalks. I would lead the board to work with VW to include low income neighborhoods to build electric charging stations. Also to work with car manufacturer to recycle older electric cars to these neighborhoods close to the freeways.

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

Extend light rail to Elk Grove and to the airport. Develop safe park and ride stops in high volume communities.

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

Improve the bus services. Priority project is to extend light rail to Elk Grove.