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Background & general questions

1. What is your background in Oakland? How have you been involved in local government? What specific experiences do you have across housing, homelessness, public safety, public infrastructure, budget, and good government?

ANSWER I have run for State Assembly # 18 and for Oakland City Council At Large. I am the only candidate for Mayor, who publicly and fully campaigned for the recall of BOTH Mayor Thao and DA Pamela Price. The vote on the recall of both was over 60% supporting each recall. I am in tune with those hundreds of thousands of voters, other candidates are not.

2. What are the top two challenges facing Oakland today? What are the bright spots?

ANSWER- The top two challenges are 1. The Dark Ages of the Drug Plague that must be acted on now. 2. The Oakland Budget Disaster and the Brink of Bankruptcy. We cannot cut anything at all among police and fire services for all of our people. This can be accomplished by forcing the bankers to take a haircut on their speculative gains. Cut the useless spending on the NGO's, Green New Deal and DEI programs. The bright spot is that the people of Oakland are tired of the washed up politicians who supported Sheng Thao like Barbara Lee who was and still is a strong supporter of Sheng Thao. We don't need to replace Sheng Thao with another Sheng Thao.

3. Why are you running for office, and why are you uniquely qualified to serve in this position?

ANSWER- I am the only candidate who fully backed and played an important role in electing President Donald J. Trump. As Trump just demonstrated in his visit to Los Angeles on Friday, January 24th he is serious about rebuilding the cities of California that have been destroyed and neglected by the failed policies of the degenerate decades of Democratic leadership who have engineered the road to hell for Oakland that only my leadership as Mayor with President Trump in the White House has a fighting chance to reverse. This is not a partisan question, this is a leadership question. It is not about Republican VS Democrat. I also understand the power of a fully productive economy and will bring back industry, manufacturing, and business to rebuild a beautiful safe and productive Oakland Again. That is the only way, if Oakland does not grow again, our Oaklanders will be sacrificed at the altar of the budget.

4, This special election is for a shortened term, making it crucial that the winning candidate can be effective immediately. What concrete steps are you taking to prepare, and what will be your strategy for making an impact in this shortened time frame?

ANSWER I will demand an immediate implementation of a declaration of emergency in the City of Oakland and reopen the fire stations 25 and 28 that have shut down. The four stations slated for shutdown in February must stay open. Also, I will fully empower the Oakland Police Department by suspending the powers of the Federal Oversight Boards and remove the Oakland City Ordinances that have prevented the police from doing the job that the citizens of Oakland need and in fact demand. I will initiate an outside audit of the entire Oakland finances and budget.

Public safety

*The following questions ask for your perspective on improving **public safety** in Oakland.*

5. What specific and measurable improvements in public safety will you deliver for Oaklanders over the next two years? What existing investments would you increase, reduce or eliminate to ensure adequate resources for you to meet your goal? Stop the insane Oversight boards that waste everyone's time and money. Get the police out policing and not wasting hours writing useless reports

ANSWER First of all, it is necessary to rid the police of these oversight boards and remove the Oakland City Ordinances that are prohibiting the police from doing their duties. Which will help free up the police from doing hours of useless reporting and

trying to defend themselves against Internal Affairs Investigations. We need to form a special unit of the police for “high speed pursuit” which is trained and qualified. Right now, our police can not go over 50 miles per hour without permission and they are also liable for any damage, this is insane. We need to talk to our police patrols and get them updated equipment that they know they can use. They know best what is needed to do the job, bureaucrats do not. The funding is there if we reorganize the debt of Oakland, stop funding the NGO’s and DEI and other wasteful programs.

6. Please speak to the effectiveness of Oakland’s non-sworn responses to public safety issues. Which, if any, are successful and should be continued? Which, if any, are not successful and should be discontinued? Not sure .

ANSWER- The non-sworn in are not a replacement for our police. Yes, they can help in situations. However, what I have seen so far is they are ineffective for the most part and the police end up doing double duty. We need to see how to make these programs more effective, not to say some are, but we need an overview of all the programs, I would bring the police patrols in on the discussions.

7. What is the appropriate staffing level of sworn police officers for the City of Oakland?

ANSWER -We could use 1,000 police officers on the street and more in special units. We are totally underdeployed right now. Our police officers are stretched to the limit. My hat is off to them for the great work they are doing, under the conditions they are working. I would be in dialogue with the police on exactly how many are needed. There are major concerns with shifts and other activities to be taken into account. However, we must change the city ordinances and get rid of the oversight commissions. If we don’t do that, their hands will be tied. So, while we need to increase our numbers and at the same time make the necessary changes I just indicated. We also need to re-open our Police Academies, to train our new policemen and women. This, is insane that in the last round of budget cuts the 2 police academies were shut down.

8. What strategies would you prioritize to address crimes like gun violence, retail robbery, sex trafficking, bipping, residential burglary, traffic violence, and any others?

Answer-

The most important step to address all of these crimes is to wipe out fentanyl and the other drugs that have pulverized our people. In close partnership with President Trump

we can wipe out the drug money laundering and the offshore markets that have nearly destroyed Oakland. Trump has already declared the drug cartel as terrorists and has committed to wiping them out. I support that 1,000 percent. This goes in conjunction with everything I already said.

9. Taking into account Oakland's governance structure, what specific steps would you take to align OPD, the City Administrator's office, the city council, the community, and other stakeholders around your public safety priorities?

Answer- I would have an open door policy as Mayor and not only be willing to meet with all of these people mentioned above, but I would welcome every single citizen to come and sit with me and talk. This is what the great Republican President Abraham Lincoln did when he became President in 1861. I would do the same for every citizen here in Oakland.

Homelessness and housing affordability

*The following questions ask for your perspective on **reducing homelessness and improving housing affordability** in Oakland.*

10. What specific and measurable improvements in Oakland's homelessness and housing affordability crisis will you deliver for Oaklanders over the next two years? How do you plan to deliver these homelessness and housing affordability wins for Oakland? What investments might you advance, reduce, or eliminate to ensure adequate resources are available to meet your housing and homelessness goals?

Answer- One of the keys to dealing with homelessness is to make Oakland productive again. With the support and collaboration with President Trump, we can bring home prices down, starting with substantially lowering energy prices and removing excessive regulations. Using tariffs that will protect and spur on domestic production of materials for housing construction will also help. Ending the scam known as the green New Deal will also be a big part of this. Ending so called DEI and Sustainability initiatives also added on unneeded and wasteful irrational costs. We also need a Homeowners and Bank Protection Act to keep people in their homes and stop foreclosures while we restructure hyperinflated mortgage bubbles. At the same time, we need to protect the state and federal chartered banks that hold these mortgages so they can keep their doors open. As we do this we can bring new industry, manufacturing, businesses back to Oakland, creating a skill and training for our homeless and others. For those two destroyed by drugs, we shall provide medical centers and care that is needed. No one will be left on

the streets. Homelessness is not a lifestyle, it is a result of deliberate policies over many decades.

11. Please discuss your perspective on the following topics:

- a. The respective roles of affordable (below-market-rate) housing and market-rate housing
- b. The City's Housing Element and proposed zoning reforms
- c. Oakland's Encampment Management Policy, implementation of it to date, and improvements needed moving forward
- d. The City/County's approach to mental health and substance abuse treatment
- e.

Answer-Oakland Encampment Management Policy has failed. Look at the streets of Oakland, Look at International Blvd. We must make Oakland a productive city again. I think in the 21st century we could be doing a great job of picking up trash, and yet we have not. Why, because it is intentional. So this is why we need leadership in Oakland, if we don't break the same people controlling the city, you will get worse results. The Bontas, Barbara Lee, Gavin Newsom dynasty control must be stopped NOW!

Public infrastructure

*The following questions ask for your perspective on improving Oakland's **public infrastructure**.*

12. What specific and measurable improvements will you deliver with respect to Oakland's public infrastructure over the next two years? How do you plan to deliver these improvements?

ANSWER- As I said before we need to do a complete outside audit of Oakland's finances. We need to stop with all the bond measures and taxing our citizens, which is a way to cover up the debt over generations. We need to face the music, clean out the debt, DEI, NGOs and other such wasteful programs. I will work with the help of the Federal Government of President Trump, we can get Federal help to finance new industry and manufacturers to come into Oakland and rebuild. We need to support new infrastructure projects to rebuild East Oakland to greatness again. For Oakland Hills we need new improvements in roads, and fire protection, so we don't have a replay of the Oakland Hills fire of 1991. We need to ensure, working with the State, that we have adequate water for emergencies and daily use. We need to upgrade our internal communications systems between all agencies for emergency use. I have a vision for creating Oakland Ports to become even more of a center of export.

13. What are the biggest problem(s) Oakland faces when it comes to public infrastructure? How might we address these challenges, and what trade-offs, if any, might we need to consider?

ANSWER-THERE ARE NO TRADE OFFS-OAKLANDERS COME FIRST! I will not sacrifice our people at the altar of debt, corruption or incompetence.

14. Please discuss any specific improvements you expect to make during your 4-year term related to:

- f. Blight, litter and dumping
- g. Road repair & repaving
- h. Bike/pedestrian safety and public transportation
- i. Streetscape improvements (trees, parklets, etc)
- j. Stormwater management

ANSWER- As I answered above, we need to increase our sanitation worker numbers to clean up our streets. This is the 21st Century, there is no reason, except corruption, deliberate mismanagement to either a higher financial political power or incompetence. The same is with road repair and repaving, a no brainer, any city that wants a healthy life for its people will do those things. Same for Streetscape and stormwater management.

Fiscal issues & budget

*The following questions ask for your perspective on **addressing Oakland's immediate fiscal crisis and long-term structural budget deficit.***

15. How do you plan to address Oakland's immediate fiscal crisis AND long-term structural budget deficit? What specific and measurable improvements will you deliver over the next two years? Please discuss your specific perspective on:

- k. How you might increase general fund revenues
- l. How you might reduce expenses (specifying any cuts you might make)
- m. How you might better manage unfunded liabilities, including pensions and deferred maintenance

ANSWER Oakland needs an independent outside audit. Basic American economics, is you need to grow your real physical economy, with new scientific breakthroughs, which advance your society. This is why I insist on bringing in new industry and manufacturing as Oakland once had. You can not continue to TAX the Population. This is killing our Oaklanders. We need to lower the taxes and give tax incentives to companies to come into our city. Also, hurting Oakland badly was getting rid of all our sports teams, which help generate revenue for our city, as well as jobs.

As to our pensions, they are not our problem. Our problem is the amount of debt service and speculation that over years have burdened our pension system. Also, the lack of any real productive growth in our city.

As for cuts,I would cut out the speculation and debt service that is killing us. Cut out the useless NGOs, DEI, green agenda, CO2 funding.

16.What are the largest contributors to Oakland’s budget challenges? In your opinion, why have previous Councils/Mayoral administrations failed to address these challenges?

ANSWER As I already answered, the speculation and mismanagement whether deliberate or not. Our city council and previous Mayors over decades have not understand of building a productive city,

17.How will you maintain objectivity on fiscal matters in the face of pressure and specific budget asks by groups and organizations that endorse you?

ANSWER-I WILL PUT THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND FIRST. I bend to no interest, but the good of the people. I have had 50 years of political experience and I know where the enemy lies.

18.Given the mayor's role in proposing but not controlling the final budget, how would you build consensus around your fiscal priorities? How would you work with the City Administrator to ensure effective implementation?

ANSWER- I will have an open door policy to discuss everything out. No more pay to play or favoritism. The people of Oakland come first. That is why I am the candidate of COMMON SENSE

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19.Oakland businesses are an important contributor to the local and regional economy, and — directly and indirectly — to the city’s financial resources. What are the major challenges faced by Oakland businesses? What specific steps will you take to ensure that Oakland businesses can thrive, create more jobs, and improve the Oakland economy?

ANSWER- I answered this in previous questions. However, I would work to ensure for our local small and medium businesses that Oakland is safe. This is why I will work closely with OPD, and remove the burden of these oversight commissions, and city ordinances. Again, this is why I will work with President Donald Trump to go after the Drug Cartels, and Human Traffickers, which are one entity. This includes going after the offshore money markets, which would take working with the Federal Government. Lastly,

we need to give our OPD back up with whatever federal help they need to go after the gangs in Oakland, and the illegal Cannabis grows in the city.

Governance

*The following questions ask for your perspective on **improving governance** in Oakland.*

20. To what extent is the City of Oakland meeting or not meeting your definition of good government? As mayor, what changes would you make to improve government effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency in Oakland?

ANSWER- Oakland is not meeting its responsibilities in good government. Look at the whole network involved with Sheng Thao, which is why I supported her recall and DA Price recall. As we see, the entangled web of people involved with Thao is greater than Thao herself. This city has been embroiled in decades, yes, decades of this corruption. This is why I am running for Mayor, I am not part of this network. I ran for State Assembly against Mia Bonta. The Bonta dynasty and Barbara Lee and Newsom and more must not be elected to office anymore.

I want Oakland to be a shining example for the country. That we can rebuild a city where there is a future for our children, where we become a beacon of liberty for all. Time to make Oakland Safe and Productive Again.

21. More specifically, how might the city provide greater oversight and public accountability in contracting, grant-making, and outcomes/performance management? The city needs a full outside audit. No more pay to play, no more favoritism and all in the family as we have now. We need a merit system and bring in the best of the country in industry, manufacturing, and innovation. Oakland would do well to have an investment bank to attract these innovators.

22. Oakland has a unique hybrid governance structure where power is shared between the mayor, council, and city administrator. How would you provide effective executive leadership within this structure? Please give specific examples of how you would:

- n. Set and drive citywide priorities by aligning the council, staff, and community around shared priorities
- o. Build productive working relationships with city council
- p. Manage and empower the city administrator
- q. Ensure accountability across departments

ANSWER- As Mayor, my first priority is the people of Oakland. As I said earlier, I would have an open door policy. We need to work together, this is not about party or any other ideology. This is about getting to the root cause of decades long problems, and sitting

down and having some hard talk. As Mayor, I know you can not have any other agenda and have to listen, advise and make sure new and bold solutions. As Mayor, I am accountable to the people of Oakland, and I believe in regular discussions with them. Transparency to our Oaklanders is crucial.

23. As Oakland's mayor, you would be the city's most visible leader but would need to work through others to implement many initiatives. How would you do the following (and please provide examples from your experience that demonstrate these capabilities):

- r. Use the platform of the mayor's office to advance city priorities?
- s. Build and maintain coalitions to achieve your goals?
- t. Represent Oakland effectively in regional discussions?

ANSWER - In 50 years in political work across the country, working from New York, to the midwest, to California. I have experience in working with many different people in all sectors of life, in all different political parties. I have always put the principles that founded this nation first, as it says in our US Constitution.

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”.

The Mayor's office is a unique place because it does demand your responsibilities to our Oaklanders and to do that you need to work with other cities, the State Legislature, and the Federal Government. I have talked with people through the state of California and around the country, so I have an understanding of the dialogue that is needed. God created us in his image to do good, and with a beautiful creative mind to solve all problems. Now, you know my intention and where I am coming from. Building

coalitions is important, I have a history of doing this. Bringing people together is important. Time for Common Sense.