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Expected total Fundraising Amount: Have not a clue

Funds Raised To Date: none

While very good and comprehensive, filling out this survey defeats many purposes.

Make sure I - and all other candidates - are invited to forums to speak on these matters

with specific responses to specific questions. Make sure that the press give all equal coverage. If you create a web page to contrast candidates, make sure the process is transparent.

Please also remember to confine your discussion to the Constitutional/Charter responsibilities of a Councilperson and not spend time on issues outside their portfolio.

We have so many "new" residents and young people that have never had the opportunity to learn the history and legal parameters of several issues. So many are complex and cannot be resolved in two or three lines. Nor can they be resolved by one person; it takes the Council as a village.

I do have a set of goals and steps should I be elected and would be only too glad to share them at public forums. Thank you for a stimulating questionnaire.

General Questions

- 1. What is your background/experience in Oakland? Are you tired and fed up with the direction Oakland is going? Do you want true leadership? It is time to elect new leaders and take back rhetoric that does not deliver services, ongoing non-producing taxes, a lack of a solid infrastructure that does not promote small businesses, and where relevant education is desperately needed for both the public, elected officials and city staff. Having lived in Oakland since 1964 as a small business owner and community activist, living here has given me an in-depth knowledge of city governance, city ordinances, city policies and city politics. I have chaired the 29X Neighborhood Council (NC) for over a decade and have been a member of the Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) and the Neighborhood Watch Steering committee as well as many community groups that took on projects, completed them and moved on. I am known for being unafraid to make tough decisions and calling out those who engage in nefarious behavior. I know not to vote or endorse bad contracts, give away city resources or be exclusive to those who make up our diverse and dynamic community.**

We can and we shall be viable again.

- 2. What are the top two challenges facing Oakland today? What are the bright spots? Leadership and crime! Location and the residents!**
- 1. Why are you running for office and why are you uniquely qualified to fulfill the office you are running for at this time? My knowledge and I care! The truth needs to be told and voters/residents need to be educated on the facts!**

1. Prior to running for office, how were you involved in local government and/or your community? What were your biggest accomplishments? **I Chair one of the safest Beats in the City. Been going to council meetings since the 1980's. Helped to get rid of the boat races and fireworks on/near Lae Merritt to protect the oldest (first) Bird Sanctuary in the country. Closed down the 9th Street Animal Shelter and led the fight to get the New Shelter built and up and running. Member of the First Core program and helped to get the Fire Assessment District formed. My involvement has been constant as well as my extensive knowledge of who, what, why, and where of what makes up Oakland tick.**

Answering these questions cannot be answered without

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1. What specific and measurable improvements in public safety will you deliver for Oaklanders in 2 years? 4 years? Please describe how you plan to deliver these public safety improvements. **It will take a team effort to bring about change along with revamping the waste of resources in the formation of different programs that do absolutely nothing and are a waste to Oakland's finances and budget priorities.**
2. As part of your response, please:
 - Summarize what existing public safety investments you might **increase**, reduce or eliminate to ensure adequate resources for you to meet your goal. **OPD needs a full force; programs such as Beat Health need to be brought back. ABAT needs more staffing. Permits and inspections need to be fully implemented;. It is going to take the residents to get involved and hopefully the Council will stop it's cliquishness and work for their districts which in turn impact the whole of Oakland! All need to partner and team together to bring about change.**
 - Discuss your perspectives on:
 - The effectiveness of Oakland's non-sworn responses to public safety issues. Which ones (if any) are successful and should be continued? Which ones (if any) are not successful and should be discontinued?
 - The appropriate staffing level of sworn police officers for the city of Oakland (provide a specific number of officers you would like to see in place by December 2028). **Ideally, by professional standards, we should have 2,000 officers but would settle for 1200.**

- Your prioritized strategies for addressing various types of crime, including gun violence, retail robbery, bipping, residential burglary, traffic violence, and any others. **Prop 47 and other laws passed need to be revisited and revamped to justly addressing the different criminal activity and the consequences brought about by each. A crime is a crime and manipulating the laws does not resolve the issue.**
 - Describe the experience(s) from your past that should give Oaklanders confidence you can deliver on these goals? **Chair of Beat 29X for over 20+ years. Member of the Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) for a number of terms. Member of the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee for a number of terms as well as working with many residents across the city over many years.**
- 1. What specific and measurable improvements in Oakland's homelessness and housing affordability crisis will you deliver for Oaklanders in 2 years? 4 years? How do you plan to deliver these homelessness and housing affordability wins for Oakland? As part of your response, please:**

This is (constitutionally) a County issue and Oakland is not equipped to handle this. Millions have come into the city and where is it!

- Describe the biggest problems our city faces that keep us from solving the housing crisis. **See above statement**
- Summarize what homelessness/housing investments you might advance, reduce, or eliminate to ensure adequate resources are available to meet the goals you stated above. What trade-offs might need to be considered in distributing resources between different solutions?
- Discuss your perspectives on:
 - The respective roles of affordable (below-market-rate) housing and market-rate housing
 - The City's Housing Element and proposed zoning reforms
 - Oakland's Encampment Management Policy, implementation of it to date, and improvements needed moving forward
 - The City/County's approach to mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Describe the experience(s) from your past that should give Oaklanders confidence you can deliver on these goals? **Again, this is a County issue and State issue!! Oakland has received funds in the Millions and**

they are nowhere to be found. A high percentage of the homeless are not from Oakland!

- 1. What specific and measurable improvements will you deliver with respect to Oakland's public infrastructure in 2 years? 4 years? How do you plan to deliver these improvements? As part of your response, please:
This takes a team and resident involvement!!**

STAFFING and Mayor and Council directive!!!

- Summarize the biggest problem(s) Oakland faces, how we can address them, and what trade-offs might need to be considered (if applicable). **Crime and financial mismanagement!!**
- Discuss any specific improvements you expect to make during your 4-year term related to:
 - Blight, Litter and Dumping **Way over due to be addressed!**
 - Road repair & repaving **Hire a company that actually knows how to do this job which now entails slurring and pothole filling!**
 - Bike/pedestrian safety and public transportation. **This category has left a huge transportation nightmare throughout the city!**
 - Streetscape improvements (trees, parklets, etc) **Hire arborist of which there are none today.**
 - Stormwater management **Work with the County as they oversee the creeks which our storm drains flow into!**
- Describe the experience(s) from your past that should give Oaklanders confidence you can deliver on these goals?

Just drive down our street, I live by a creek and now the devastation, seen roads slurried and a mess after first couple of rains! Knowledge and staff is not there!!!

- 1. Please describe how you plan to address Oakland's immediate fiscal budget crisis AND long-term structural budget deficit. What specific and measurable improvements will you deliver in 2 years? 4 years? As part of your response, please:**

Outside audit, as this has never been done in Oakland. Charter does not allow fiscal audits, only performance. Until this is legally changed, nothing will happen. When it does, it should go back a number of years. There is no way one would know Oakland's real financial status until this is done.

- Summarize the largest contributors to Oakland's budget challenges and your understanding of why previous Councils/Mayoral administrations have not solved the issue(s). **Because individuals get contributions and are controlled behind the scenes!**
- Describe how you will reduce expenses (including cuts you would make to specific programs) that will free up resources that can be allocated toward addressing other budget priorities. **Way too many to list!**
- Describe how you will increase revenues to fund much-needed services, avoid painful cuts, invest in the city's future growth, and address the structural deficit. **Way to busy paying off debts due to poor management which has allowed the city to be saddled with!**
- Discuss your perspectives on:
 - Major sources of general fund revenues, and any recent trends or changes: **property taxes, grants, fed and state funding**
 - Major general fund expenditures, and any recent trends or changes: **Good question!! OUTSIDE financial Audit needed and long overdue!!**
 - Unfunded liabilities, including pensions and deferred maintenance, and any recent trends or changes: **Oakland owes a bundle to these...poor management and illegal speeding going on for years!**
- Describe how you will maintain objectivity despite pressure and specific budget asks by the groups and organizations that have endorsed you.

I work for the residents of Oakland and not on who donates!

- Describe the experience(s) from your past that should give Oaklanders confidence you can deliver on these goals?

I am willing to talk to or email with anyone who wants to know who I am: 510 635-2678 nannystu@sonic.net

- 1. Please describe what you plan to do differently from business-as-usual in city hall to ensure effective, efficient, transparent, and accountable governance in Oakland. As part of your response, please:**

I have been and still am available to anyone wishing to talk or need assistance and will continue to be there...Council needs to go back to meeting every week and committees should be meeting every week as well. Meetings should be both in person AND zoom. The committees should meet throughout the week and not

lumped all in one day! Council needs to go back to meeting at 6PM so the public has access!! Garage needs to be opened up again, so parking access is available.

- Describe in what ways the City of Oakland is meeting and/or not meeting your definition of good government. **Has not for over 20 years!**
 - Summarize what changes you would make in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of city governance and increase transparency. **Get personal agendas out of the picture/process!**
 - Answer how Oakland City Council can provide greater oversight and public accountability in contracting, grant-making, and outcomes/performance management. **Stop favorite picking on who gets the contracts and follow set procedure for this process!**
1. **For incumbents:** What is a vote you're MOST and LEAST proud of in the last four years. Briefly describe the issue, why you voted the way you did, and what you think now about that vote.
 1. **For new candidates:** What was the most impactful Council vote in the past four years? Briefly describe the issue, what you think of the Council's decision, and what you would have done had you been on the Council. **Defunding OPD and allowing the homeless to take over the city. Ignoring the issue that impact Oakland and instead filling the Agenda with Sacramento legislation and ceremonial items (this should be a separate meeting altogether).**

It was not the most impactful vote that matters; it was the inability to be honest and transparent about the true fiscal situation and several "projects".

Ignoring problems does not make them go away. Many situations have roots in prior times, but continuing to sweep them under the rug and fill vital council time with further mistakes is the most important non-vote with major impact.

1. What are the major challenges faced by Oakland businesses? What specific steps will you take to ensure that Oakland businesses can thrive and are able to create more jobs and improve the Oakland economy? **Each business area should have walking police officers as well as vehicle patrols. Getting rid of the Smoke and Gift Shops. Minimizing where alcohol is sold.**

1. **There are important ballot measures that are up for vote in November. How would you vote on the following and why?**

- Would you vote to Recall District Attorney Pamela Price? **(YES/NO)**
- Would you vote to Recall Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao? **(YES/NO)**
- Would you vote to pass the Oakland Measure Z renewal? **(YES/NO)**
- Would you vote to pass California Prop 36 (makes changes to Prop 47)? **(YES/NO)**