

Personal and campaign information

What in your life or work experience qualifies you for this office?

Raised by a single mother, I have the lived experience of being from a working family who moved to California in search of better education, good union jobs, and a pathway for self-determination. As I built my career at SEIU Local 1877, I learned of the history of power in the labor movement that shaped the working conditions and livelihood of American workers. I am a daughter of labor, and my life's work is centered around empowering workers and transforming industries through community unionism organizing. I fight to make sure vulnerable workers have good union jobs, strong collective bargaining rights, and political power that advances the interests of BIPOC and other hardest-hit communities. I created the LA Black Worker Center as a space for Black workers to develop bottom-up strategies to reverse the unemployment and underemployment in our communities. I decided to run for Senate District 28 in particular because District 28 has been my home for 20 years and the place where I'm raising my children. I know the needs of the people of this district.

My primary interests and priorities include workers' rights, criminal justice, and healthcare, and I believe the legislature is able to make a broad impact in these issue areas. My expertise and policy advocacy throughout my career has been focused on state issues, so I feel that I am well-qualified and capable of representing my constituency in the State Senate.

As the leading candidate for Senate District 28, I am committed to putting worker dignity, racial equity, safety, and justice front and center by understanding what working communities need now. And I will work toward equitable COVID recovery, long-term solutions to the housing crisis, affordable and accessible healthcare and higher education, equitably funded school districts, protecting workers rights – particularly the right to collectively bargain – and a greener and cleaner environment for vibrant communities.

What community organizations in your district have you worked with prior to starting your campaign? For how long and in what capacity?

LA Black Worker Center, Black Worker Hub for Regional Organizing, National Black Worker Center, Build Back Better for All Coalition, Working Families Partnership, LA County Workforce Development Board, LA Mayor's Employment Equity Commission, AFL-CIO Worker Center Partnership, Culver City YMCA, Building Healthy Communities South LA, Inadale Block Club, AYSO South LA Soccer League. I have been involved with all of these organizations for over 10 years. I've served as a volunteer, advisor, and member of their board of advisors. I have volunteered my time and skill set in nonprofit management, community organizing, and workers' rights to guide the goals and functions of these organizations.

How many signatures did you turn in to qualify for the ballot?

I am currently in the signature collection phase of my campaign and have not finished my signature collection efforts.

How much money have you raised to finance your campaign?

I have raised \$20,000 to date.

Who are your top three donors?

Assemblymember Isaac Bryan

Valerie Lynn Shaw

Noah Zatz

How many unique donors do you have?

The campaign has a total of 75 contributions, all from individuals.

What is the average donation amount?

My donors contribute various amounts from \$15 to the max of \$4900. The average donation amount is \$125.

Have you pledged to neither seek nor accept campaign contributions from the following?

Fossil fuel entities?

Yes

Real estate developers and their landlord interests (California Apartment Association, the California Association of Realtors, and real estate investment groups such as Blackstone)

Yes

Any corporations or their PACs?

Yes

If you would like to explain any of your answers to the above campaign contribution questions, please do so here.

I will not accept campaign contributions from law enforcement, corporations, real estate developers, or the oil industry. I want to be held accountable to the working families in my district and have the autonomy I need to support or oppose legislation affecting these special interests. I will accept campaign contributions from small Black and Brown owned businesses in my district. I will not engage with nor accept contributions from corporations, which have largely demeaned workers' rights and created vast economic inequity in our state. I am focusing my fundraising efforts on small and individual donations to ensure my campaign is community-funded and grassroots.

Will you seek or accept the endorsement from any of the following?

Fossil fuel entities?

No

Law enforcement entities?

No

Real estate developers and their landlord interests (i.e. California Apartment Association, the California Association of Realtors, real estate investment groups such as Blackstone)?

No

Any corporations or their PACs?

No

If you would like to explain any of your answers to the above endorsement questions, you may do so here.

I will not accept endorsement from the aforementioned groups as I am committed to not accepting their campaign contributions, and I need to be free to oppose their policy positions if elected. I intend to remain accountable to my district and working families, so I must only accept endorsements that align with my values.

Please list significant endorsements you have received for this position

Senator Sydney Kamlager

Supervisor Holly Mitchell

Assemblymember Isaac Bryan

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities and how would you go about achieving them?

The three most important things I hope to accomplish overall during this term are passing progressive justice reform bills, enhancing the right to collectively bargain, and devising sustainable housing solutions that will fully address our statewide housing crisis. We are currently facing a great regression, meaning, many of the hard-fought victories we achieved on progressive justice reform are being attacked and dismantled. Our two most progressive District Attorneys are fighting recall, and progressive justice reform bills in the legislature like SB 731 (Durazo) and AB 1127 (Santiago) did not have enough votes to get signed into law. As State Senator, I plan to author progressive justice reform bills that focus on: reentry after incarceration to give formerly incarcerated people a fair chance at rebuilding their lives, ending arbitrary sentencing, and limiting sentencing enhancements. I will build broad and robust coalitions that make these bills feasible and strong enough to pass in both houses. I will protect the right to collectively bargain in our state, starting with the state itself. I will pursue legislation that limits the government's ability to outsource labor by utilizing temporary contractors that destroy good union jobs and diminish unionization within the public

jobs sectors. Finally, I am committed to finding solutions to pass housing policy at the state level. There are so many political standoffs between lawmakers, business owners, developers, and labor organizations that arrest progress on housing legislation. We need to act, and we need to act now. We cannot continue to fail Californians by allowing the housing crisis to grow. I will build coalitions between entities that typically do not work together, to figure out where the common ground is, and how we can share that common ground to move housing policy forward. My interests within housing policy will be coordinated around free services for all Californians on the streets, streamlining the funding process for affordable housing projects, and holding cities accountable that do not meet their affordable housing stock quotas annually.

The state is facing a housing crisis. What specific policies and bills do you support to address supply, stability, and affordability?

I support an array of policies and programs that address supply, stability, and affordability. First, we must address homelessness and the unhoused population directly. I support policies that provide integrated wraparound services to unhoused Californians to ensure that service delivery is consistent, effective, and accessible. Unhoused Californians need housing and services, and the state should engage in better coordination with L.A. County and the City of Los Angeles on provision of services and housing. Over the last five years, the state has sent billions to municipalities to address housing stock and coordinated services, and there is not much to show for it. I support bills like AB 215 (Chiu), which strengthens the ability of California's Housing and Community Development Department [HCD] and the Attorney General to enforce housing laws, prosecute violators, and hold municipalities accountable. Our housing crisis is statewide, and all cities must do their part to expand our housing stock. I also support AB 1398 (Bloom), which revises the penalty for cities who do not meet their housing element plans. I support AB 447, which expands the low-income housing tax credit, will promote homeownership for working families, and provide adequate tax incentives to them. As a daughter of labor, I am a strong supporter of workforce housing. I supported AB 787, which makes it easier for municipalities to have deed-restricted or workforce development housing projects and count those units toward their housing element goals. I believe housing policy and environmental justice go hand-in-hand, so I am a strong supporter of AB 345, which requires the Natural Resources Agency to create an environmental justice program, reinforcing setbacks and giving environmental justice organizations a role in rulemaking around environmental standards for housing developments. We need changes in zoning laws, reinforced rent

control, and more transitional housing to thoroughly address our housing crisis. I plan to address all of these issue areas as State Senator.

How can the state support cities in creating affordable housing supply?

I am fully qualified and ready to address California's housing crisis. I am staunchly opposed to the culture of inaction and avoidance that has emerged in the state legislature and at the local level. I support changes in zoning laws that will make it easier to develop housing, particularly multifamily housing, in all parts of California. California's zoning laws earmarked far too much of our housing stock as single-family and far too little as affordable multi-unit housing. This has proven to be antithetical to the state's housing needs. I support increasing the amount of transitional housing available to house the homeless. I will support legislation that also provides funding for wraparound services for the unhoused population, because we need to pair housing with services to set our unhoused neighbors up for success. I staunchly oppose policies that make it impossible for transitional housing to be built in neighborhoods across our state, due to NIMBYism. I will support policies that enhance local and state control to build transitional housing projects in a fraction of the current time it takes. I will be a strong supporter of rent control that is proven to keep renters from slipping into homelessness. I am very opposed to luxury housing being the only types of projects that can get quicker approvals, as this hikes the rents of the neighboring developments. I believe a mix of rent control and guaranteed income is critical to enhance our social safety net and keep our renters housed.

What kinds of housing subsidies do you support?

I support Section 8, low-income public housing and the low-income tax credit. These subsidies are critical to the survival of low-income, Black, Brown, and queer communities. If elected, I will work to protect and expand these housing subsidies and also consider creating new ones at the state level. Housing is the most expensive and recurring expense working families face, and we must provide government programs and resources to make it easier for families to remain housed.

Do you support split roll legislation? (use 'other' if you wish to elaborate)

I support split-roll legislation, and I was a strong supporter of Proposition 15. Prop 15 would have assessed commercial properties at their market rate instead of their purchase price to generate new revenue for schools. It is time to close the corporate tax loophole, which leads to corporations not paying their fair share into the funding mechanisms for public schools. If elected, I will work to uplift the ideals of Prop

15 and will support future state legislation that create split-roll systems to fund our schools and diversify funding streams into the General Fund.

Do you support a vacancy tax?

I would support a vacancy tax. With the rise of foreign and corporate investment in our state, it is critical that we collect tax revenues on vacant units and lots and sufficiently fund affordable housing projects. The devastation of our housing crisis is far-reaching, and we should not allow vacant lots and units to go undeveloped and uninhabited. I believe a vacancy tax that doesn't exempt commercial property is one appropriate way to address the affordable housing emergency working families face today.

Select the following land use reforms you pledge to support even if residents in your local community are opposed? *

end exclusionary zoning

rezone single family home communities

mixed income housing: **support**

abolish parking minimums: **support**

establish parking maximums

reduce the minimum lot size for development: **support**

Other:

Do you support a repeal of Costa-Hawkins?

Yes

Do you support Ellis Act reform?

Yes

Do you support municipalities using mechanisms within SB9 and SB10 to opt out of the upzoning mandated within them?

No. I support state-mandated upzoning, however, I believe these mandates need to be equitable. It should not just be Black and Brown communities that are expected to adhere to zoning laws that create more housing stock by upzoning. I support mandatory inclusionary housing in wealthy, majority-white neighborhoods. I also support requiring developers to include below market-rate units or contribute to an

affordable housing fund. Limiting how much inclusionary housing and multifamily units can be developed in wealthy neighborhoods drives up property value and increases social, racial, and income inequity. All communities should bear the weight of these solutions to our affordable housing crisis, and affordable housing should be developed in affluent neighborhoods with equal urgency. I will support upzoning policies only if there are reinforcements built in that do not leave BIPOC communities as the only communities burdened by upzoning to address the housing crisis.

Do you support a ballot measure that would completely restore all zoning authority to municipalities?

I would oppose a ballot measure that would completely restore all zoning authority to municipalities. Municipalities should have partial authority over zoning decisions, but the state must also protect its ability to enact housing policy in broad strokes. And we need better coordination among state, county, and city governments.

What approaches to addressing homelessness do you favor?

As a labor organizer, I have fought to end California's housing crisis that disproportionately impacts working families, particularly in BIPOC communities. I have advocated for workforce housing, increased wages to meet the cost of living, and pathways to homeownership for first-time buyers and working families. As a State Senator, I will support changes to zoning laws that allow for more multifamily developments, increasing state and local funding for affordable and public housing projects, identifying vacancies and unused land, implementing minimum percentage quotas on affordable housing units for new development, and speeding up approval processes to get housing built. I will work with local governments to figure out a more efficient way to fund affordable housing projects that currently require up to six different funding streams and red-tape approval processes. I will champion expanding tenant rights, preventing landlords from hiking rents, and ensuring these efforts are enforced within municipalities. I will build coalitions to create more family-sustaining jobs and to protect skilled labor in the construction workforce and their union memberships. We must expand the infrastructure for transitional housing to get unhoused people sheltered as quickly as possible. I will also support making sound investments in wraparound supportive services to ensure people receive adequate treatment and mental health services. I will advocate for vigorous and robust discrimination enforcement against housing and employment practices that fuel the housing crisis in our communities.

Do you support local ordinances prohibiting street camping? *

Y/N

Do you support a housing guarantee?

Y/N

Do you support penalizing landlords who refuse Section 8 tenants?

Y/N

If you support the Green New Deal, what GND policies could you implement in your district? What tools would you use to set targets in line with science, and to make sure targets are hit?

To make urgently needed headway on environmental policies, I support a California Green New Deal that prioritizes environmental justice and workers' rights. I believe California should take the lead on President Biden's Justice40 initiative, which promises 40% of federal investment in climate and clean energy to benefit hardest-hit communities. Some of these communities are in my district and could benefit from this federal and state investment. The state can leverage these federal dollars to fund a statewide Green New Deal that centers the needs of Black and Brown communities that often have the closest proximity to industrial polluters. I would support the creation of a statewide task force with community members, agency heads, and labor representatives tasked with providing a concrete phase-out plan to guarantee the state delivers on decarbonization benchmarks. I would work to ensure members from BIPOC communities in my district are on the task force and have an opportunity to participate. I would utilize the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) and make budget requests to fund organizations and programs in my district that directly combat environmental racism, particularly around the Inglewood Oil Field. I would work to phase out urban oil fields like the Inglewood Oil Field as well as the Playa Vista natural gas facility. I support the City of LA's motion to phase out oil drilling in the city. Most importantly, I would work to create urgency around climate legislation in Sacramento. On environmental policy, we keep kicking the can down the road for other generations to address, and we are falling further behind on climate goals. I will push to move phase-out deadlines to be the fastest possible deadlines legally allowed and demand that we are not wasting time on bureaucracy.

What issues of environmental racism affect your district, and how would you attempt to correct these historical injustices? How will you work to protect frontline communities?

The greatest environmental racism concern in SD 28 is the Inglewood Oil Field, which is the largest oil field in an urban area in the country, with 1 million people living within 5 miles of its boundary. This extractive activity poses significant health risks to all the residents who live in fenceline communities near the oil field. I support an end to the destructive environmental practices of oil drilling that pollute both urban and rural neighborhoods and cause life-threatening and chronic diseases to the community. I support 2,500-foot setbacks from homes and workplaces that will ensure our hardest-hit communities are protected from the worst effects of oil drilling's dangerous pollution. If elected, I will work alongside STAND-LA, a coalition fighting to shut down and clean up as fast as possible the Inglewood Oil Field. As a labor organizer, I support a just transition for all workers at the Inglewood Oil Field, to ensure working people aren't left without a source of income and that those workers are upskilled to work in sustainable industries.

Do you support electrification of residences? (removing gas appliances, etc.) (use 'other' to elaborate if needed)

Y/N

Do you support a net zero or carbon negative standard?

Y/N - I support a net zero standard, however, it must include a just transition for all workers.

Do you support closing the Playa Vista natural gas facility?

Y/N

Do you support a state takeover of PG&E?

Y/N - I support a state takeover of PG&E, but this plan must protect and not displace workers.

Do you support penalizing users of rooftop solar?

Y/N

How would you support a just transition to a green economy without penalizing workers?

I support measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in all communities and by all polluters. Greenhouse gas emissions disproportionately impact workers of color and communities of color. As State Senator, I will support policies that aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions in all industries and also ensure that workers are transitioned to the green economy. I will support policies that move quickly to meet the immediate environmental needs of our state and also provide a strategic plan to transition jobs for workers. I will work to create a statewide Just Transition Task Force, similar to the one created by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, focused on priority

employment of displaced workers. I believe we can move into the green economy without losing a single job.

Do you oppose the privatization of the water supply? What policies should be implemented right away to address water shortages, privatization, and guarantee safe and clean water for all communities?

I staunchly oppose the privatization of water supply. I support legislation that creates additional oversight over local water boards, which have proven to be increasingly unethical and lack transparency. We must pass more water recycling mandates, especially in the agricultural industry. We must provide incentives to businesses of all sizes to recycle their water supply. I support creating more water recycling systems for residential properties, especially in urban centers. I support expanding rainwater catchment in both the public and private sectors, to make more efficient use of what little rain we do get. Water privatization will exacerbate our climate crisis and destroy good union jobs.

What is your position on desalination?

While desalination presented as a sustainable solution to the water crisis, many studies have shown that its adverse effects outweigh its positive impacts. Desalination could lead to increased greenhouse gas emissions and fossil-fuel dependency. While we do need immediate solutions to the water crisis, I do not believe desalination is one of them. The named adverse effects outweigh the good of the practice, and could once again introduce polluting activities that will need to be phased out.

Do you support Medicare for All?

Yes

Given the lack of action on Medicare for All at the federal level and recent failure of AB1400, what role do you think California state representatives should play in providing universal health care to people living in California? If yes, what will you do in the Assembly to help convince other members to support universal healthcare in CA?

I am in favor of a publicly administered, universal healthcare system. If elected, I will be a "yes" vote on a bill like AB 1400. As a labor organizer, I believe it is time to remove healthcare from the negotiating table, and transition California to a single public program that is funded through progressive taxation. I support AB 1400's progressive taxation, as it removes the tax burden from working families who are already subsidizing healthcare for the entire nation. As State Senator, I will be a loud and ardent

champion of passing California single-payer healthcare for all legislation and I will use my voice and my vote to ensure passage and thorough implementation of the law.

The LA County Jail is the largest mental healthcare provider in the nation. How would you work to replace this punishment apparatus with prevention and treatment?

The first step is to stop criminalizing poverty. Poverty often manifests in an array of mental health issues leading to severe dysfunction, depression, and drug addiction. I will support policies that place care over cages and make incarceration the last resort. We must rebuild our mental health infrastructure by investing in mental health practitioners in all communities and all specialties. Rebuilding our mental health systems will create good union jobs and expand access to mental health treatment in working communities. We must also implement universal healthcare, as lack of insurance coverage is the top barrier to receiving mental health treatment.

What are the most important policies that can be enacted to improve child welfare and maternal health?

The best way to improve child welfare and maternal health is to focus on Black working families and Black prenatal, childbirth, and postpartum care. We must end the practice of ripping BIPOC families apart and not providing them the services or resources needed to support healthy environments and family reunification. As State Senator, I will support audits of county child and family services departments to determine disparities in outcomes between Black and non-Black families. We must hold county departments accountable for adopting an equitable framework to social work and family services. We must create more accountability measures for negligent clinicians that do not provide safe treatment to people in childbirth and also provide more education to women on how to protect themselves and their children from poor birth experiences. As State Senator, I will fight for funding for doula and assisted birth programs that are proven to create better birth outcomes and lower Black maternal mortality.

How should California strengthen its paid family leave program/policies?

First, we must make paid family leave programs and policies longer and easier to accrue. Families in need of paid family leave often need it for at least six to eight weeks, and many employers do not offer it at that duration. We must also expand the events that can qualify someone for paid family leave, such as deaths, illnesses, disabilities, and births. As a labor organizer, I view paid family leave as a critical component in compensation packages, and I will work to expand it as a State Senator.

The legalization of cannabis has not been accompanied by expunging marijuana convictions, reparations to the victims of the drug war, or an equitable distribution of commercial cannabis opportunities. How would you balance social justice and medical concerns while ending the drug war?

We must remain committed to ending the War on Drugs and its lasting impacts on Black communities. If elected, I will work alongside the Attorney General to hold county courts accountable for not processing cannabis expungements in a timely manner. Many Californians with cannabis convictions have waited over 120 days after petitioning the court for expungement. These convictions impact housing, employment, education, and access to financial resources. We must be diligent in our pursuit of justice and equity and hold lagging courts accountable. I will author policies that ends arbitrary sentencing for drug offenses.

Do you support safe injection sites for drug users?

Yes

How will you work to improve equitable access to non-car modes of transportation in your district?

Access to clean, safe, and affordable transportation is critical for working communities. With Los Angeles being a heavily car-dependent region, we must work at all levels of government to create and expand protected bike lanes, fix sidewalks, and engineer a statewide high-speed rail system. Private vehicles are often unaffordable to working families, especially when the cost of gas and maintenance are factored in. Also, we face unbearable and unsafe amounts of traffic and a warming planet directly worsened by fossil-fuel-burning vehicles. The state passed legislation to create and build a high-speed rail over ten years ago, and we are just now seeing approvals on environmental impact documents. If elected, I will support additional funding to the California High-Speed Rail Authority and work alongside its board to ensure the jobs that are created from the high-speed rail are good union jobs. I will work to ensure that the authority's project development tasks are in line with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and that the state never abandons its commitment to building a clean and green high-speed rail system. Most importantly, I will make transportation a priority.

Transportation policy does not receive enough attention at state and local levels, and I will work to utilize federal dollars coming down from the Build Back Better deal to create infrastructure for clean transportation modes including trains, bicycles, and buses throughout our state.

Do you support tax incentives and rebates for being car-free? (similar to those for purchasing an electric car)

Y/N

Do you support the prohibition of all freeway widening in California?

Y/N - I understand the displacement and pollution that comes with all freeway widening projects. However, we must first provide a just transition to the workers and ensure not a single job is lost before we implement a prohibition.

Do you support decriminalizing jaywalking?

Yes

Do you support Calbike's proposal for a \$500M investment in a bicycle and pedestrian network grant program?

Yes

Do you support proposals mandating that municipalities implement complete streets redesigns?

Yes

Do you support making public transportation and bike-share free?

Yes

What are your plans for criminal justice and public safety? What actions do you think should be taken at the state level to reduce police violence?

My vision for community safety includes alternatives to policing and incarceration. I do not believe our current criminal justice and policing systems are protecting our communities or preventing violent crime. We are subjected to high amounts of overpolicing and surveillance across California, and, as a result, many Californians of all backgrounds do not feel safe in their communities. I support assessing all law enforcement budgets and reallocating funds to programs and policies that are proven to curb crime, including guaranteed income, housing, good job creation, and investments in public education, from free universal preschool through free higher education. Law enforcement accountability is a critical piece in pursuing justice and fairness, and we must become committed to holding abusive law enforcement accountable. My vision for community safety includes drastically transforming and reimagining law

enforcement and our courts in order to reduce crime, end mass incarceration, protect people and families, and save lives. I believe we can achieve these goals by sharply narrowing what is considered acceptable use-of-force policies for law enforcement, reallocating law enforcement budgets to community-led alternatives, ending arbitrary sentencing, and creating coordinated reentry systems for formerly incarcerated Californians.

Do you support removing armed officers from traffic enforcement?

Yes

Do you support ending qualified immunity at the state level?

Yes

Do you support reallocating municipal budgets from law enforcement toward social services?

Yes

Do you support enfranchising all convicts currently serving prison time?

Yes

What do you think are the most important actions to take to keep California elections free and fair?

California has the most free and protected elections in the nation, and we must fight to advance protections of our election processes. I supported California becoming a vote-by-mail state, which has proven to increase voter turnout without also increasing voter fraud. We must combat allegations of voter fraud that are often meant to attack the democratic process. If elected, I will be proactive about ensuring Black and Brown communities have an equitable number of polling places and ballot boxes to remove barriers to voting and combat disenfranchisement. As State Senator, I will support consistent and thorough auditing of election clerks, to ensure accuracy of documents, vote counts, and election protocols.

Do you support legislation to remove corporate contributions from elections?

Yes

What, if any, changes would you make to California's recall, referendum, and ballot initiative process?

I believe the threshold of only needing 12% of the last vote for the office to trigger a recall is far too low and should be raised. We are fortunate to have beaten the Newsom recall effort, but it was too close of a possibility that we end up with a treacherous Republican Governor elected by a small minority of California voters and not representative of the will of the people. As State Senator, I will strongly support legislation that raises the threshold to qualify signatures for a recall election.

Schools have been underfunded for decades. What investments are you willing to make to build resilient schools that can overcome future crises?

For decades, Prop 13 curbed our ability to fund needed social services, and I strongly support repealing it in order to end the windfall of tax breaks granted to wealthy corporations. I believe property tax should fund our schools, but we must diversify the funding pool across the state. This old and flawed system of funding education creates inevitable inequities between high-earning communities and working-class communities. I will not support any new funding policies that allow corporations to get away with not paying for education in California, as this creates vast achievement gaps for BIPOC and working-class communities.

Our schools are in need of maintenance. What is your plan to update them?

We must first adopt a split-roll tax, like Proposition 15, to ensure that we have a more equitable education funding stream, which would support school maintenance. We must create a federal, state, and county partnership between legislators and school boards to determine funding needed to make large investments in our school infrastructure. I will work to ensure these investments create good union jobs, including input from faculty, classified employees, parents, and students. I will also work to prevent school displacement, particularly in Black and Brown neighborhoods, to ensure renovations do not disrupt the academic schedule.

What are the pros and cons of charter schools and how should the state regulate and support greater accountability for them?

Charter schools once presented themselves as a strong alternative to failing public school systems due to widespread divestment. But we've seen how charter schools fail to fulfill the promise of stronger student achievement and outcomes and, even more importantly, fail to welcome all students or unionize teachers and staff. The state should place a freeze on the opening of all new charter schools and immediately focus on fully funding our community public schools.

What are your feelings about school choice? How do you plan to increase funding for education?

I am opposed to school choice programs and I will work to phase them out in California. These programs divert taxpayer dollars out of public school districts and fuel the privatization of education. These programs also reduce the good union jobs available in the public school system.

Are there any issues not mentioned that you would like to speak to?

My life's work is centered around empowering working families to leverage their power and influence in electoral politics. I have many personal and professional ties to Culver City, and I am committed to working alongside the club to pursue progressive policy change that protects and uplifts Culver City and all of Senate District 28. If elected, I will be a strong ally in the Capitol to the Culver City Democratic Club, and I will remain committed to being available and accessible to all of the club's members. I would be honored to earn your endorsement.