

Culver City Democratic Club - 2022 State Senate (28th district) Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share more about you and your platform with our community. We look forward to reviewing your answers and getting to know you further as a candidate. Please submit this completed questionnaire by Sunday February 20 at 10:00 PM in order to qualify for endorsement consideration. Feel free to email Bubba Fish (fish.bubba@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

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Personal and campaign information

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

I am a lawyer practicing consumer, civil rights, tax, business and real estate law. By having a law degree, I will be able to understand, propose and negotiate bills. I have over 20 years of experience representing, advocating for others and helping them find solutions to address their problems, and I can do the same for the constituents of this community. I have a long history of advocacy meeting with members of the legislature in Sacramento to give input on proposed bills involving consumer rights, criminal and civil justice and housing laws. I formerly serve as a State Commissioner tasked with managing a state agency that oversaw healthcare issues throughout the state of California. I was elected to the presidency of a major trade organization, and I also served as a chairperson of various state legislative committees. I have first-hand experience as a small business owner creating jobs; as a housing provider creating and managing housing; in the medical field keeping community medical clinics in compliance; as a civil and criminal rights attorney fighting for legal justice; as a former graduate student managing student loan debt; and as a representative for the area to the SCAQMD advisory council fighting against pollution and for clean air within our community. I also have a lifetime dedicated to public service within the district and the surrounding communities.

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

FAME Redevelopment Corporation- Executive Board Member; Community Action Mobilization Team-Legal Counsel, Apartment Assoc of Greater Los Angeles-Board Chair, State Committee Chair, NAACP-Community Counsel, New Frontier Democratic Club-Former Trustee, Democratic Voter Protection Team-Attorney, Lowe Foundation-Board Member, Neighborhood Association-Elections Chair and Former Board Member, Consumer Attorneys-Political Outreach Committee, Los Angeles Convention & Exhibition Center Authority-Vice-Chair of Commission

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

Approximately 100

How much money have you raised to finance your campaign? *

Approximately \$30,000

Who are your top three donors? *

So far, myself,

How many unique donors do you have? *

So far, less than 10.

How many unique donors do you have? *

So far, less than 10.

What is the average donation amount? *

\$100.00

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

Fossil fuel entities? *

Yes

No

Law enforcement entities?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Any corporations or their PACs?

Yes

No

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

I have not received any contributions from CAA or Blackstone, but I am familiar with them. I hope to have the support of small property owners since I personally know many of them.

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

Fossil fuel entities?

Yes

No

Law enforcement entities?

Yes

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)? *

Yes

No

Any corporations or their PACs? *

Yes

No

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

Please list significant endorsements you have received for this position. *

I just started interviews this past week.

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

Education, Homelessness/Housing, Jobs/Economy

Housing & Homelessness

For Yes/No questions, you may also select 'other' to elaborate if needed

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

Rental and Mortgage Payment Assistance during COVID 19, Public Housing, ADU Legislation, Housing Vouchers, Renters' Tax Credits, Tax Credits for Affordable Housing

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

Removing red tape and excessive permitting fees, up zoning, in certain areas, ADUs, Public Housing Funding and Creation, Tax Credits for Building Affordable Housing

What kinds of housing subsidies do you support? *

Section 8, Veterans' Vouchers, Homeless Authority, Affordable Housing Credits-All of them.

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

Yes

No

Other: Let's address our surplus before increasing taxes.

Do you support a vacancy tax? *

Yes

No

Other: This assumes that the property owner has control over all vacancies. a tenant.

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
- abolish parking minimums
- establish parking maximums
- reduce the minimum lot size for development
- Other:

Do you support a repeal of Costa-Hawkins? *

- Yes
- No
- Other:

Do you support Ellis Act reform? *

- Yes
- No
- Other: We have Ellis and it provides relocation benefits

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

Yes

No

Other: Let's discuss this.

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

Yes

No

Other:

What approaches to addressing homelessness do you favor? *

Direct Outreach, Intervention with the Mentally Ill or Drug Addicted, Public Housing Construction or Purchases, Housing Subsidies and Vouchers

Do you support local ordinances prohibiting street camping? *

Yes

No

Other: Once we have the ability to provide housing for all and it was offered..

Do you support a housing guarantee? *

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support penalizing landlords who refuse Section 8 tenants? *

Yes

No

Other: The outright refusal of Section 8 tenants violates the law.

Environment

For Yes/No questions, you may also select 'other' to elaborate if needed

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? *

Yes. Incentives for Solar power and Electric Vehicles, Updated Appliances, Carbon Capture. We have to use monitoring systems

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? *

Air pollution, oil drilling run-off and contamination, drinking water contamination, dumping sites. I will sponsor legislation to impose regulations and restrict emissions.

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

Yes

No

Other: Yes, soon. Let's make sure that people can afford new infrastructure.

Do you support a net zero or carbon negative standard? *

Yes

No

Other: _____

Do you support closing the Playa Vista natural gas facility? *

Yes

No

Other: Yes eventually, with a transition period.

Do you support a state takeover of PG&E? *

Yes

No

Other: _____

Do you support penalizing users of rooftop solar? *

Yes

No

Other:

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

Retrain them and give them good paying jobs that support and create infrastructure for a green economy.
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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? *

No. It is a natural resource. Increase regulations regarding water quality and run-off.
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What is your position on desalination? *

I support it with no harm to the environment.
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Healthcare

For Yes/No questions, you may also select 'other' to elaborate if needed

Do you support Medicare for All? *

Yes

No

Other:

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 would come up with a way to pay for it that is acceptable to everyone.
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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? *

Look for alternatives to incarceration that include mental health treatment. Mental health counseling and treatment should be provided as a preventative.
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What are the most important policies that can be enacted to improve child welfare and maternal health? *

Funding for childcare, pre-k12 education and after school programs. Low Cost or Free Medical Care to support maternal health or covered care requirements for health insurers, nutritional support with subsidies
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How should California strengthen its paid family leave program/policies? *

It was already expanded but California can provide funding for more extended leave.
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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? *

By providing legislation that expunges the convictions by a date certain.

Do you support safe injection sites for drug users? *

Yes

No

Other: I have to think about it.

Transportation

For Yes/No questions, you may also select 'other' to elaborate if needed

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

We've passed several measures to raise taxes to build light rail and we receive funding for transportation from the federal government. We can allocate some of those resources toward free or reduced cost to ride public transportation, bikes and scooters.

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

Yes

No

Other:

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

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support decriminalizing jaywalking? *

Yes

No

Other: It should be relaxed.

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

Yes

No

Other:

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

Yes

No

Other: If it provides for safety, beautification and ADA access, then yes.

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

Yes

No

Other:

Criminal Justice

In Yes/No questions, you may also select 'other' to elaborate if needed

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? *

Shared civilian oversight, Notification of multiple excessive force claims, Increasing Hiring Age Requirements to establish officer maturity, Community Policing/Interaction Requirements, Review of the Sentencing Guidelines, Bail Reforms, Exculpatory Evidence Reforms, Alternatives to Incarceration

Do you support removing armed officers from traffic enforcement? *

Yes

No

Other: I'm thinking about it, but there may be instances where it's necessary..

Do you support ending qualified immunity at the state level? *

Yes

No

Other:

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

Yes

No

Other: Some

Election Reform

For Yes/No questions, you may also select 'other' to elaborate if needed

Do you support enfranchising all convicts currently serving prison time? *

Yes

No

Other:

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

Access and paid time off for voting, mail-in ballots verification of accuracy of digital voting machines, reduced filing fees for candidates, set limits on campaign expenditures with government assistance.
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Do you support legislation to remove corporate contributions from elections? *

Yes

No

Other:

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

Increase the signature requirements for recalls.
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Education

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

i am willing to reallocate the budget towards funding for education and supplement those areas that have a lower property tax base for educational funding.

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

We must work with the local boards, faculty, administrators, school employees and their union representatives to conduct a complete review of school facilities and allocate funding and begin the updates.

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

Charter schools should follow the same rules and provide employee protection as public schools.

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

Parents should have a choice where they send their children to school. Reallocate the budget towards funding for education.

Other

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

The questionnaire was comprehensive. I ask for your endorsement.

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