

**RainbowPAC Nonpartisan Candidate Questionnaire  
2016-FINAL : Entry # 76****Campaign Committee Name:**

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Air Pollution Specialist

**Office You Are Seeking:**

SMUD Board Director

**Specify District/Seat/Ward Number or Indicate At Large:**

Ward 1

**Estimated Campaign Budget:**

75000

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45000

**1. Do you support the mission and purposes of Rainbow PAC, as outlined on the PAC web page? How have you helped or will help to achieve RainbowPAC objectives?**

Yes I believe that pro-equality policies improve the business climate in Sacramento. I am pro-business and understand that businesses are essential in ensuring a good quality of life. Equality and business must go hand in hand to be sure everyone's rights are respected. A small example is that my park district has built gender neutral bathrooms.

**2. Are you a current member of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce? If yes, since when? And, are you or any of your staff or key volunteers openly LGBT?**

No I am not a member. I am unsure if any of my key volunteers are LGBT. Many supporters are.

**3. Describe how you would support/oppose the use of programs to insure equal opportunities, policies, laws, and/or ordinances that protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the workplace.**

I fully trained on protected characteristics and committed to promoting a workplace free of discrimination and harassment. Everyone should have equal opportunities. For example, annual diversity training is an excellent tool to make sure everyone understands the rules and policies.

**4. Describe your position on gender-neutral restrooms in public schools and public facilities.**

My Park District has recently constructed gender neutral bathrooms at our main facility. I believe it is important everyone is allowed to express themselves appropriately at they see fit.

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**5. Would you support mandatory diversity training that includes LGBT issues for public employees, law enforcement personnel and correctional peace officers? Why or why not?**

Yes. Annual training reduces the incidence of problems and reduces risk to employers and employees.

**6. What is your position on funding for HIV/AIDS services, including, but not limited to, needle-exchange programs?**

These are critical programs that I support

**7. What is your position on age-appropriate public school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and anti-bullying?**

I am supportive of this.

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I believe that women have the right to make their own reproductive healthcare choices. It is not the Government's business.

**9. Explain your position of support/opposition to comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship.**

I am supportive of immigration reform and a path to citizenship. It must carefully balance the need to uphold the law and fairness to those waiting through the legal process with an understanding of the important role immigrants play and our country's great compassion.

**10. Describe your community involvement. List specific organizations and roles.**

I am President of the Environmental Council of Sacramento and coalition of non-profits that represent tens of thousands in the Sacramento region. I am also elected to the Fair Oaks Park District.

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**11. Who has endorsed your candidacy? Please be specific.**

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### SMUD Endorsements

Nancy Bui-Thompson, SMUD President  
 Bill Slaton, SMUD Vice-President  
 Genevieve Shiroma, SMUD Director  
 Rob Kerth, SMUD Director  
 Dave Tamayo, SMUD Director  
 Gregg Fishman, SMUD Director  
 Michael Picker, Former SMUD Director & Chair of the CPUC  
 Larry Carr, Former SMUD Director & Sacramento Mayor Pro-Tem  
 Susan Patterson, Former SMUD Director  
 Peter Keat, Former SMUD Director

### Local Official Endorsements

Dr. Richard Pan, State Senator  
 Ken Cooley, State Assemblymember  
 Jim Cooper, State Assemblymember  
 Kevin McCarty, State Assemblymember  
 Darrell Steinberg, Mayor-Elect, City of Sacramento  
 Steve Hansen, Sacramento City Council  
 Phil Serna, Sacramento County Supervisor  
 Patrick Kennedy, Sacramento County Supervisor  
 Ernie Sheldon, Folsom City Council  
 Donald Terry, Vice-Mayor, Rancho Cordova  
 Zak Ford, Vice-Chair, Folsom Cordova School Board  
 Jay Hansen, Vice-Chair, Sac City School Board  
 Lucinda Luttgren, San Juan School Board  
 Paula Villescaz, San Juan School Board - Elect  
 John O'Farrell, Chair, Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District  
 Rand Jacobs, Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District  
 Ralph Carhart, Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District  
 Kathy Stricklin, Vice-Chair, Fulton El Camino Rec. & Park District  
 Michael Seaman, Fulton El Camino Recreation & Park District  
 Warren Harding, Chair, Arden Manor Recreation & Park District

### 12. What are the most pressing issues facing our region and how do you propose we resolve them?

For SMUD the biggest issue is how to integrate distributed generation resources into it's portfolio while reducing carbon emissions and keeping rates affordable. This can be accomplished through careful planning and sourcing flexible generation and storage.

### 13. What is your vision to attract major businesses/Fortune 500 companies into our region?

I would like to see SMUD be a leader in emerging transportation fields like electric vehicles. As the primary fuel supplier SMUD can encourage widespread EV adoption so that Sacramento truly stands out in the country. This will attract a talented workforce the companies desire. SMUD should also keep energy costs low so large employers will find Sacramento desirable.

### 14. What are your ideas for mitigating the impacts of burdensome regulations and unfunded mandates on small businesses?

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With so many levels of government regulations are burdensome. SMUD can review it connection rules and policies to make sure they are essential and make sense. We should ask whether this can be combined with something else. In a larger context, there should be a one stop shop for all rules that impact businesses.

**15. How do you envision expanding and improving our local and regional mass transit system?**

I would like to see Regional Transit properly funded. The way our sprawling community has been built providing quality, affordable transit is difficult. I would like to see cuts during the Great Recession restored. Also RT needs to provide safer and cleaner vehicles.

**16. Describe your position on Community Benefit Resolutions, Living Wage Ordinances, and Project Labor Agreements?**

I fully support the principals of community workforce and benefits agreements, local hire requirements and living wages. These help protect all parties by making sure everyone plays by the same rules and promoting the community.

**17. Do you support increasing the minimum wage, locally and/or statewide? Do you support a \$15 minimum wage? How would you propose to mitigate the impact of a minimum wage increase on small businesses?**

Yes. Raising the minimum wages helps families and grows the economy. I also recognize the impact this change has on organizations and their costs. Giving plenty of lead time and making sure everyone is compliant can help with success.

**18. What is your position on in support/opposition to the Affordable Care Act and requiring employers to provide health care insurance to workers and families?**

The affordable care act has made great strides to improve healthcare and access. However I believe healthcare is not conducive to a strictly market base solution. Universal healthcare would help with cost and quality. I also believe in order to lower the cost of healthcare we need to increase the supply of doctors and other professions by expanding the health care education system. Giving the insurance commissioner the ability to reject excessive rate hikes makes sense.

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