

**RainbowPAC Nonpartisan Candidate Questionnaire
2016-FINAL : Entry # 77****Campaign Committee Name:**

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Director of Educational Services

Office You Are Seeking:

Trustee, Washington Unified School District

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

At large election, 3 open seats, 2 incumbents running for re-election, 5 candidates

Estimated Campaign Budget:

15000

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4000

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 do support support the mission and purposes of Rainbow PAC. As an life-long educator and an advocate for LGBT youth, I have attended 3 of the Annual Awards & Scholarship dinners hosted by the chamber in order to raise funds for the scholarship fund. Together with Alfonso Sanchez, I have recruited friends to purchase tickets and attend the dinners as well. Furthermore, as an educator, I have devoted my professional career to serving inner-city youth and being the advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

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?

Yes, I am a current member of the Chamber. I have joined in August of this year. Both myself and one of my key campaign volunteers, a former teacher in the district and a foster parent, are openly LGBT.

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.

When elected to office, I will advocate for full protections and equality of LGBT staff and students by taking the following steps: (a) working with school principals to train school staff and provide them with tools to prevent bullying in schools (AB 9, Seth Law); (b) update school district Board Policies and Administrative Regulation with the current language pertaining to LGBT non-discrimination as suggested by the California School Boards Association; (c) implementing and following guidelines advocated in Welcoming Schools, a HRC initiative for public schools.

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

I am fully in support of gender-neutral restrooms in public schools and public facilities. I was glad to learn that Governor Brown signed AB 1732, sponsored by Phil Ting, into law. Providing gender-neutral single-use toilet facilities will protect dignity and civil rights of all Californians and will be of especial benefit to LGBTQ youth in public schools.

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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?

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Yes, I would support mandatory diversity training that includes LGBT issues for public employees, law enforcement personnel and correctional peace officers. I would like to add teachers, school staff (bus drivers, cafeteria staff, etc.), and school administrators to this list. With California population becoming more diverse every year and with more youth identifying as LGBTQ earlier in life than ever, the ability and skills needed to address the unique challenges facing our community are urgently needed and required of all in support roles.

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

I support funding for HIV/AIDS services including counseling, testing, needle-exchange programs, distribution of condoms, and enrollment in HIV Prophylactic programs. I applaud Cares Community Center for their work. Our region would benefit greatly from having safe, clean, and non-judgmental facilities for HIV/AIDS testing, treatment, and needle exchange. Similarly, a large part of West Sacramento along Capitol Avenue (located within the district's boundaries) will benefit immensely from locally funded HIV/AIDS and needle-exchange services and programs due to large homeless and transient populations.

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 support age-appropriate public school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and anti-bullying. As an educator for 12 years, I believe that such curricula may be effectively implemented without offending the sensibilities of more conservative parents.

8. Explain your position of support/opposition the right for a woman to access reproductive healthcare.

I believe that access to high quality healthcare is a human right and that women should have access to reproductive healthcare.

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

I am a firm supporter of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform. I believe that all undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States who do not have a criminal record deserve a clear and achievable path to citizenship. In light of vitriolic discourse from the Republican side during this election cycle, the need for reform is greater than ever.

Undoubtedly, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform will not only benefit the undocumented community, but will also benefit the business community by providing legal pathways to hiring highly qualified and dedicated employees.

I fully subscribe to and endorse the five central priorities for immigration reform articulated by the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus: (a) Provide a roadmap to citizenship for aspiring citizens; (b)

Support America's long-standing tradition of family-based immigration; (c) Strengthen the U.S. economy and workforce; (d) Promote the integration of new Americans, and (e) Establish smarter, more effective enforcement.

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

As an educator, I am deeply involved in all aspects of public education in California. I am also a member of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento and the Association of California School Administrators.

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

I have received multiple endorsements including the following:

Organizations:

California Democratic Party

California School Employees Association

College Democrats at Sac State

Asian Pacific Islander Democratic Club of Sacramento County

Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento (PAC recommendation, general vote pending)

Individuals:

Norma Alcalá, Trustee, Washington Unified School District

Irene Eklund, Former Trustee and Board President, Washington Unified School District

Jim Koerwitz, Former Trustee, Washington Unified School District, Longtime West Sacramento Resident

Alex Gallardo Rooker, First Vice Chair of California Democratic Party

Jay Hansen, First Vice President of Board of Education, Sacramento City Unified School District

Don Saylor, Yolo County Supervisor, District 2

Dennis Mangers, Board Chair, Sacramento Region Community Foundation

Carlos Alcalá, Chair of Chicano Latino Caucus, California Democratic Party

Steve Ly, Vice Mayor of Elk Grove and Former Washington Unified School District Employee

Cyndi Thompson, Retired Principal of Elkhorn Village Elementary School

Jeannette Ali, Parent, Realtor and Bridgeway Island School PTO President

Michael Owen, Retired Yolo County Sheriff

Don Stauffer, Longtime West Sacramento Resident and Educator

Daisy Po'oi, Parent, Stonegate Elementary School

Jen Garcia, Teacher at Westmore Oaks Elementary School, Resident of West Sacramento

Matt Wilkins, Former Washington Unified School District Teacher, Resident of West Sacramento, Parent

Tony Bracy, Realtor and 3rd Generation West Sacramento Resident

Thom Lewis, Past President of West Sacramento Historical Society

Cecilia Vasquez, West Sacramento Resident of Over 25 Years

Jen Loscotoff, Teacher at Westmore Oaks Elementary School

Kathryn Batson, Washington Unified School District Employee for Over 22 years

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

To me, as an educator, the most pressing issues facing our region are the shortage of highly skilled labor, especially in medical, building, and teaching professions and decreasing levels of housing affordability. To resolve these issues, we must expand and enhance existing Career and Technical Education options in high schools, work with employers to provide internships for high school students, and to form mutually-beneficial school-business partnerships.

By graduating students with the skills required for success in today's information-age economy, we will address the shortage of skilled labor issues. In turn, it will lead to housing becoming accessible to more residents in the region.

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

I am not a businessman, so forgive my naivete here. However, to attract major business/Fortune 500 companies into our region I would do the following: (a) Promote the greater Sacramento region at any and all public forums available; (b) increase the pool of highly-skilled labor; and (c) work with local and state-elected officials to implement industry-friendly regulation.

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Just as I am running for School Board as a professional educator, we need more small business owners running for office in local elections in order to have their voice and concerns heard and addressed. Similarly, these small business owners will advocate for other small business owners in the region, thus mitigating the impacts of burdensome regulations and unfunded mandates on small businesses.

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

I believe that our local and regional mass transit system must be expanded and improved to cope with the increasing ridership numbers and the demands placed on employees working in urban areas with limited parking options. However, such work must be done in consultation and partnership with the business community.

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

As an educator running for school board, I do not have strong enough background on these issues to take a position.

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?

Now that a \$15 minimum wage is the law in California, it is the state's responsibility to support the small businesses employing minimum wage workers to mitigate impacts of higher labor costs through less-restrictive and more efficient regulation.

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?

I do believe that access to health care is a human right. Thus, it should be the responsibility of the state and not the employers to provide Community Benefit Resolutions. While well-intentioned, the Affordable Care Act needs further refinement and improvements. The business community, an engine of our economic growth, must be an active partner in this process.

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