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Office You Are Seeking:

Attorney General of California

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

California Attorney General

Estimated Campaign Budget:

500,000

As of this Questionnaire, Amount Raised:

500,000

1. How have you and/or will you support the mission and purposes of the RainbowPAC as outlined above? Please be specific.

(Note) Your online form only allowed a maximum of \$500,000 for estimated campaign budget and amount raised. I have raised \$4,000,000 and my estimated budget is \$4,000,000, although I plan to raise whatever it takes to win.

Question 1:

I wholeheartedly share RainbowPAC's vision that pro-equality policies improve and strengthen Sacramento's business climate for workers, business owners, companies and consumers alike.

My responses to question three detail my 20-year record of advancing pro-equality policies.

As an example, as a city councilmember I authored the Equal Benefits Policy for the City of Sacramento, which requires companies doing business with the city to offer the same health care benefits to domestic partners as they do to married couples.

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?

I am a founding and current member of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento.

These are some of the openly LGBTQ persons that I have appointed to key roles:

- Michael Martinez, Deputy Commissioner for Legislative Affairs, California Department of Insurance
- Cathy Schwamberger, State Farm, to the Insurance Diversity Task Force
- Mark Morales, LA Gay and Lesbian Chamber, to the Insurance Diversity Task Force
- Evan Michael Minton, co-chair of the California Democratic Party LGBT Caucus, served on my California State Assembly staff

3. Describe how you would support/oppose the use of programs to ensure equal opportunities, policies, laws, and/or ordinances that protect LGBT individuals in the workplace.

I have long been a champion and leader on issues of equality, social justice and civil rights. From my time as Sacramento City Councilmember to my service as California's Insurance Commissioner, I have been an advocate for and staunch ally of the LGBTQ community. I am also a founding member of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento.

In 2012, I was the first Insurance Commissioner in the country to issue regulations protecting transgender Californians from discrimination in health insurance. The regulations prohibited insurers from the common practice of denying coverage or claims for health care services simply because someone is transgender. The regulations also prohibit insurers from denying or cancelling a policy on the basis of someone's gender identity, and from using identity as a basis for setting premiums. During the process, I prepared and released a first of its kind study showing that ensuring equal coverage would have an insignificant and immaterial impact on premiums. This leadership has motivated insurance commissioners in Oregon, Colorado, Vermont, and Washington D.C. to issue similar regulations resulting in transgender people having unprecedented access to long-denied health care coverage.

At the California Department of Insurance, I added LGBT issues to our surveys of insurance company procurement and governing board diversity. In 2016 insurance companies reported spending \$6.6 million with LGBT business enterprises (up from \$104,000 in 2012). We also found that only 12 of 2,348 insurance company governing board members publicly identify as LGBT. Working with Equality California, we tried to codify these LGBT enhancements in Senate Bill 488 (Bradford), which was the unfortunate target of unrelated hostile amendments, and did not become law.

In 2013, I met with LGBT leaders from Russia to better understand and draw attention to the Russian Federation's discrimination against and persecution of LGBT people. I wrote a public letter to Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, urging the IOC to guarantee the safety of LGBTQ athletes and spectators at the Sochi Olympics. The letter also asked the IOC to support and amend the Olympic Charter to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

During my time as an Assemblymember I:

- Co-hosted seminars with State Controller John Chiang for same sex married couples and domestic partners regarding tax filing requirements, benefits, and estate planning tips.
- Worked to Defeat Proposition 8: Held public hearings to highlight harms of Proposition 8. Served as spokesperson for the No on Proposition 8 campaign. Co-authored amicus brief to California Supreme Court to overturn Proposition 8.
- Authored a Letter Brief to California Supreme Court as Chair of Assembly Judiciary Committee in Support of Marriage

Equality: Argued that the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage violated the California Constitution's guarantees of due process, privacy, equal protection and free expression.

- Was a Founding Member of the Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento and supported funding for HIV/AIDS research and organizations.

Legislation as Assemblymember (2004-2010) and Sacramento City Councilmember (1999-2004)

- Authored the Equal Benefits Policy for the City of Sacramento: Requires companies doing business with the city to offer the same health care benefits to domestic partners as they do to married couples.
- Co-Authored AB 19, AB 849 and AB 43 (Leno): Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act
- Co-authored SB 572 (Leno): Harvey Milk Day
- Co-authored AJR 29: Matthew Shepard Act
- Co-authored AJR 19: Repeal the "Defense of Marriage Act."
- Co-authored AB1056 (Chu): Tolerance Education Pilot Program
- Co-Authored AB 606 (Levine): Safe Place to Learn Act
- Authored the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act - AB 437 (2007) and AB 793 (2009): Ensures that California's employment discrimination laws are not weakened by the 5-4 Supreme Court decision in Ledbetter vs. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, which applies to LGBTQ persons.
- Co-authored AB 1400 (Laird): Extend Unruh Civil Rights Act to LGBTQ persons
- Co-authored SJR 11(Kehoe): Calling on federal government to end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

As Attorney General, I will continue my long history of advancing and defending LGBTQ rights and social justice. I will defend and resist the Trump Administration's roll back of LGBTQ rights, including filing lawsuits against the Trump Administration. For example, I worked with the State of Washington Attorney General, who was the lead in preparing the amicus brief in the case where veterans sued the Veterans Administration for denying transgender veterans equal access to healthcare. I provided the Washington State Attorney General with information about the transgender regulations I issued which was then used in the brief to document that the Veterans Administration in denying transgender veterans access to healthcare would be contrary to rights secured at the state level and to support an equal protection argument. I will sponsor and support legislation, regulations and policies to advance LGBTQ rights and social justice. And I will look to the LGBTQ community for guidance on where I should be directing my efforts.

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

When I first announced my candidacy for Attorney General in 2015, it was with the hope of working to expand and enforce progressive policies with a new Democratic President. Instead, we have a President who threatens everything we value as Democrats and Americans. Now more than ever we need a depth and breadth of legal experience to fight successfully against the Trump Administration.

The role of the Attorney General is to lead the resistance and to take the lead in opposing and litigating to stop Trump Administration efforts to undermine progressive policies and programs.

The need for organizing and resistance has never been more critical. So far, we have witnessed: efforts to repeal health care reform and defund Planned Parenthood; climate change denial and the roll back of environmental protections; Muslim travel bans and deportation of immigrants; undermining women's right to choose; attacks on the rights and civil liberties of women, people of color, the disabled, the elderly, and the LGBTQ community; and assaults on labor unions and the right to organize. We must work together to protect years of progress and uphold the promise of the American dream.

I seek this office in order to protect the vulnerable; make our streets and communities safer; defend California's laws and values; continue criminal justice reform; expand re-entry and rehabilitation programs; fight for single payer healthcare reform; fight income inequality; and hold corporations, CEOs, and public officials accountable when they violate the law or our trust.

As Attorney General, I will fight for civil rights, immigrant rights, women's civil and reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, and resist the Trump Administration's efforts to roll back progressive policies across a wide range of policy areas. I will fight for single payer healthcare reform. I will make sure that businesses compete fairly and lawfully and hold them accountable when they do not, hold CEOs and corrupt public officials accountable for their betrayal of the public trust, protect consumers, and continue to work to address climate change. I will continue to advocate and implement criminal justice reform (including expanding re-entry and rehabilitation programs for offenders), advocating for the closure of private prisons, and ending the school to prison pipeline.

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

I support fostering an environment where local businesses (including Rainbow Chamber members) can expand and succeed. While supporting existing businesses, I think we should also work to attract new businesses of all sizes to the region, including major businesses/Fortune 500 companies, through recruitment and outreach efforts. I think its important to have a level playing field that does not provide incentives and benefits to recruit large businesses for which smaller businesses are not eligible. I do think more is better — more businesses means more choice, more competition, more employment, more business to business sales opportunities.

6. Share your vision to make our region a better place for small businesses.

My vision for small businesses is to support small businesses in our region, so we have more, not less. In particular, this includes looking for opportunities to encourage procurement, both private and public sector, from small diverse businesses, in order to expand contracting opportunities for small diverse businesses, including an emphasis on LGBTQ owned businesses. And to look for opportunities, consistent with consumer protection, to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens.

As Insurance Commissioner, I have established a first in the nation program to get insurers to buy more goods and services from diverse businesses and to diversify their governing boards. We accomplish this through a first in the nation mandatory survey of insurance companies with regard to supplier and governing board diversity, and then we publish the results to hold them accountable. As a result of my Insurance Diversity Initiative, insurers have increased procurement from diverse suppliers, including LBBTQ owned business, by 83%. This is an example of how I have used my office to support LGBTQ owned businesses and entrepreneurs.

As a city councilmember I authored the Equal Benefits Policy for the City of Sacramento, which requires companies doing business with the city to offer the same health care benefits to domestic partners as they do to married couples.

Local small businesses also face challenges retaining workers due to the high cost of housing. As Attorney General, I will make sure that all municipalities zone enough land to accommodate new housing, knock down barriers to building affordable housing, and crack down on landlords who unfairly evict responsible tenants to increase profits. I will defend affordable housing developments and homeless shelters against NIMBYs trying to block them. I am a supporter of cooperative and mutual housing, two housing models in which the community either owns or has a say in the operation of the housing.

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

I support Community Benefit Resolutions, Living Wage Ordinances, and Project Labor Agreements.

8. What is your position on requiring employers to provide health care insurance to workers and families?

Our current health insurance system fails to serve LGBTQ people and women as well as it should because health insurance for many remains unaffordable, drugs necessary to treat HIV/AIDS remain expensive, some medical providers continue to deny transgender persons the medical care they need related to their gender dysphoria, women's reproductive healthcare is under assault including the right to contraceptives and abortion, to name but a few examples.

Our current healthcare delivery system, which largely relies upon employers to provide health insurance, is very costly for employers and very inefficient.

I support a publicly administered, universal health care system (i.e. "single-payer"). I believe such a system would ultimately reduce costs for employers, including small employers. There should be careful attention paid to the transition for employer and union-based health benefits, and careful attention to make sure there is no loss of benefits.

9. Describe your vision for improving economic conditions and job security of people within the office you are seeking.

My vision for improving economic conditions and jobs as Attorney General is to use the office to make sure that laws and regulations are applied in a fair and even handed way so as to engender more, not less competition. I believe that our economic success starts with education. I support additional funding for our K-12, community college, state college and university system, so we can do a better job of preparing future employees, managers and business owners for economic success. I also believe it's important to make sure that legitimate business owners are not placed at an unfair competitive disadvantage by the underground economy. As Insurance Commissioner and as the next Attorney General, I have and will continue to work to make sure that all businesses comply with the same rules so that there is not an unfair competitive advantage for those that do not.

My vision also includes expanding the supply of housing, affordable to all income levels, so that people can afford to live and work in the Sacramento region and throughout California. As Attorney General I will enforce the laws that require cities and counties to zone enough developable land to accommodate housing needs at all levels of income. I began my career as a Legal Aid lawyer working to get cities, counties, redevelopment agencies and developers to build more high quality affordable housing. As a result of my advocacy, affordable housing was built in communities throughout Northern California. I also represented homeless persons' civil rights and successfully advocated for the development of shelters and provision of services for the homeless. As a city councilmember, I authored and obtained passage of one of the strongest inclusionary affordable housing ordinances which generated thousands of units of affordable housing. I established a homeless shelter in my city council district. As a State Legislator, I authored bills to make housing more affordable and available and supported funding for the homeless.

My vision also includes making sure that where there is monopoly or oligopoly market concentration, that we work to make sure that there is more competition. As Insurance Commissioner I have successfully encourage more insurers to sell in California so as to increase competition. As Insurance Commissioner, I have saved consumers and businesses over \$2.6 Billion in premiums (including homeowners' and renters' insurance) by regulating excessive insurance rate increases. I also implemented the California Organized Investment Network (COIN) program to get insurers to invest in communities.

10. Identify three (3) key endorsements that you have received for your candidacy.

Eric Bauman, Chair, California Democratic Party (ID purposes only)
Evan Michael Minton, Northern Chair, LGBTQ Caucus, California Democratic Party
Mayor Darrel Steinberg

Virtual Signature

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