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**Office You Are Seeking:**

Sacramento County Board of Education

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

Trustee area 1

**Estimated Campaign Budget:**

50,000

**As of this Questionnaire, Amount Raised:**

21,000

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

We need good education systems to help produce workers who have the skills to be prepared to work and be active citizens. I have a long history of being involved in school to career and civic education efforts to better prepare students. I helped create summer at city hall that educates teens on how to be community advocates and to understand how local government operates. I will be available to talk to your members about education issues.

**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 not a member. I am a self employed business owner who runs a small consulting business. I am not gay, but my son is gay and I have been an ally in the LGBT community for many years. I have raised over \$6000 for the NorCal Aids ride that provides funds to local groups working on AIDs prevention. I am involved in the GSA at SCUSD. Rosanna Herber has been involved in my campaign as part of a small kitchen cabinet with my campaign manager. I have endorsements from Dennis Mangers, Paul Curtis, George Raya, Bob Herne, James Tucker.

**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 supported anti bullying and transgender policy adoptions in SCUSD. Sacramento County Office of Education appears to have a healthy and inclusive workforce with the Director of our school of teacher education being a gay man.

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

Having a qualified workforce that has the skills, and habits to meet local job demands- this relates directly to the quality of our education system. We need schools to better prepare students with 21st century skills( collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical thinking). Schools need to ensure the full diverse student body graduate prepared for college, work and life. Schools need to work with the community to provide more real world experiences as part of the educational experience. Homelessness is another critical issue. We need more housing and mental health and drug treatment services.

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

Having a well prepared workforce,  
Having affordable housing  
Having cool neighborhoods that will appeal to younger workers  
Having diverse cultural amenities that speak to a range of ages, cultures, income groups

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

Streamline regulations  
Having access to a talented and prepared workforce  
Having networks of peers  
Shared office space and access to discounted back office services

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

I support local hire, local purchasing elements in construction projects. I would like to see SCOE contractors agree to hire our high school students as interns. If we do not pay workers a living wage, then we need to get government to help people access subsidized housing, health care insurance and food stamps. SCOE has a 5 year early learning initiative to help child care workers get access to more educational opportunities so that they can earn more money as child care workers. Child care workers tend to be very low paid jobs. The shame is that these workers are doing invaluable work to prepare our youngest students with foundational skills that could impact the balance of their educational success.

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

My small non profit that I ran from 2000-2010, of 6 workers, provided health care insurance to our employees, even though there was cost sharing( this was before the exchange existed). People need access to health insurance to enable them and their families to be healthy and to not miss work due to illness. My 23 year old son has a chronic disease and mental health issues and found himself unemployed for a while and was only able to access health care because of the exchange. Small businesses need help to make health affordable- through government subsidy and shared health insurance groups.

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

We need to address the achievement gap- where low income, kids of color and LBGT youth are often doing less well academically than more affluent youth and also dropping out at higher rates. To address the gap we need to improve teacher quality, address social /emotional and basic needs of students, early interventions and more tutoring support. We also need to expand students exposure to real world experiences as part of classroom learning( Internships, job shadows, project based learning)

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

Building Trades  
Sacramento Associations of Realtors  
Democratic party( still needs to be voted on by the membership on March 8th)

**Virtual Signature**

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**Date**

02/27/2018