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Office You Are Seeking:

Re-election: Sacramento County Supervisor

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

District 2

Estimated Campaign Budget:

75,000

As of this Questionnaire, Amount Raised:

25,000

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

I have fought for LGBTQ rights since I campaigned against Amendment 2 in Colorado in 1992 as a member of the (then) River City Democratic Club. We have come a long way since then. Unfortunately, bigotry no more ended with the demise of Prop 8 and the Obergefell v. Hodges decision than did racism following Loving v. Virginia. We have to remain vigilant. I will continue to meet with the LGBTQ County Employee Caucus and I am proud to have had the support of the Stonewall Democratic Club in every election in which I have run.

But the Rainbow Chamber is not simply an association for LGBTQ and allies. It is a business organization. While striving to create policies that are inclusive and promote equality, I will also (and have) promote policies that will continue to grow our economy and support a healthy business climate. As the owner of a solo law practice for eleven years prior to being elected to the Board, I know the pressures of keeping the lights on and doors open, particularly in a down turned economy. As a Supervisor, I was the first to push forward economic incentives, such as creating a bank of unused sewage credits to assist those wanting to move into South Sacramento, and attract businesses from Macy's to grocery stores to infill areas previously seen as undesirable while promoting policies and economic incentive packages that attracted such businesses as Amazon to the County.

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 currently am not, but I did maintain my membership when I was in business in midtown. Many of my volunteers and supporters are LGBTQ.

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.

Again, the laws are on the books in many cases. But the laws are only as good as their enforcement. Where we need new laws, I will work with the community to develop such. But when it is a question of laws not being adequately followed, I will root it out and crush it.

Also, the workplace needs to be free from harassment and intimidation. I support whistle blower laws that provide protections for those in a situation where they must speak up.

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

1. The need to expand mental health and drug and alcohol addiction programs.

As a member of the Board, I led the effort to redesign our behavioral health programs, redirecting existing resources, identifying opportunities through the Mental Health Services Act, and working closer with the hospital and clinic systems. I am also working to expand services in our schools. Providing services to our youth will, in many cases, decrease the need for expanding programs for adults in the future.

We need to continue to work toward securing a waiver from the federal government that would allow for federal reimbursement of MediCal funds spent on residential drug and alcohol programs, which is currently not reimbursable. And, we need to work with the community, in the face of NIMBYism, to place residential facilities throughout that County - facilities that have secured funding but face opposition from neighborhoods.

2. The need for expanded efforts to decrease homelessness

Over the past year, the County has redesigned our homeless programs, moving more toward a Housing First approach. Before providing the services to help those living on the streets, they have to be stabilized through housing. Unfortunately, while the County has expanded its programs, and will continue to do so, there still remains a shortage in affordable housing, with 2% vacancy rates not providing relief. A statewide housing bond is a step and I support it. I am also a Governor's appointee to the No Place Like Home Steering Committee. This program will apply \$2 Billion dollars to address housing for homeless people with mental health needs.

When the City was awarded funding through the Whole Person Care grant from the state, I worked with the Mayor and provided lacking leadership to better align City and County efforts, and identified MHSA funding to support this.

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

The County is the largest funding partner of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC). As such I have had many opportunities to meet with County staff and GSEC to map out the development of a data driven plan for economic development in the region. I have personally participated in recruiting missions to the Bay Area and Los Angeles, meeting with CEOs as well as relocation executives. The Sacramento Region is at an unprecedented time in its history. Downtown Sacramento is undergoing a billion-dollar transformation and surrounding cities continue to develop their own unique assets and thriving communities. As a region, we are poised for greatness. Through GSAC and County Economic Development efforts, we are working with high-profile business and community leaders to take advantage of this opportunity to take us to a new level of growth and competitiveness within California and beyond. We have the workforce talent, educational institutions, and quality of life to make us competitive. We have to sell that!

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

One place I have made a priority is along our (often) aging small business corridors. Through our Chambers of Commerce, and PBIDS, we can employ strategies to improve the business climate on these corridors through enhanced security, cleaning and maintenance, marketing, and facade enhancements. Since being elected, I was a key player in seeing the Florin Road Partnership, Mack Road Partnership, Franklin Boulevard Business Association and the Stockton Boulevard Business Association get renewed for ten year terms, providing the resources and time they need to continue this important work.

We also need to continually visit our zoning and building codes to ensure we are not keeping out-dated and business stifling ordinances on the books. AND ensure that existing codes and ordinances are being enforced fairly and judiciously, rather than onerously and arbitrarily.

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

I support a living wage. Regarding Community Benefit Resolutions and PLAs, there are situations in which they are successful and appropriate, such as the building of the Golden 1 Center and Sutter Hospital in Midtown, and where they are not, which is typically small projects with less complexities.

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

I support the ACA, including its provisions to protect smaller employers.

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

As mentioned above, I will continue to work with Chambers of Commerce and PBIDS on the Commercial corridors in District 2, and look for opportunities for new PBIDs on other corridors. I will continue to work closely with the owners of key business and retail sites (eg. Florin Towne Center, Southgate Shopping Plaza, Capitol Commerce Center - formerly Campbell's Soup, and Delta Shores), promoting policies through such bodies as the AQMD, Department of Water Resources, and Regional San, that help them thrive and provide the services they need to be successful (security, garbage collection regulations and enforcement through the Solid Waste Authority, help with the homeless population, Fair code enforcement, etc.)

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

I look forward to sharing the growing list, including Democrats and Republicans. Three that stand out include:

Rep. Doris Matsui;
Rep. Ami Bera; and,
Mayor Darrell Steinberg

Virtual Signature

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Date

02/20/2018