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1. Motivation -- Why did you choose to run for City office? The time is right to take the reins and make Oakland a place we WANT to be not just a place we HAVE to be. I want to really make an impact and be meaningful. Oakland has a lot of unrealized potential. The citizens have lost confidence in the ability of the city government to really bring policy that actually resonates with the mindset of the city.

2. Program and Priorities -- Elected office provides the opportunity to proactively lead by placing new ideas on the agenda for consideration and development. What are some specific ideas you intend to pursue if elected? What do you believe are the main priorities for the City? I want to make the city a place where people want to go. I like to put a spin on what one of my teachers once told me "There's no there, there." And say "there's no here, here". You can simply study the traffic flow and find that everything flows out when you want something. Let's build on our strengths such as the Oakland A's and Golden State Warriors (I still believe we have a chance of keeping them). When people feel invested in where they live they are more apt to protect it from blight. I also want reduce waste and increase cost savings. Cost savings frees up funds to be re-appropriate to more useful and efficient initiatives. We spent money on a consultant to tell us we need more police when we could have used that money to get more police. Lastly I want to support business large and small. Oakland has really been unfriendly to businesses and the economics of the matter show. Businesses support the local community. People want to live close to where they work. When you work and live in the same area you are more invested in that area and are less likely to ruin it. It's the old high school text book idea. When textbooks in High School were free you didn't much care what happened to them, but when you bought your textbooks in college you were sure to wrap it up in a cover and keep it in the best condition possible.

3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of City. If you are a current City Government elected official, what issues can you point to in your time as an elected official that have had a positive impact? I have a Master's in Crisis and Emergency Management from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. My educational background heavily favors policy, planning, and management. I was born and raised in Oakland with a small time spent away in Las Vegas because sometimes you need to step out of the forest to see the trees. I have run the entire gamut of life experiences. I have been above 580 and below 580. Living in the hills and living in my car. My diverse background resonates with Oakland and gives me the unique ability to see things from all perspectives. I pride myself in being a regular guy from a generation that is on the cusp of really coming into our own.

4. Local groups -- Are you affiliated with any of the active Oakland groups? Such as TOLA, Make Oakland Better Now, Block by Block, Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, GO Public Schools, OCO, or any other. Describe your involvement and why you feel this group is worthy of your support. I am not yet affiliated with any group. I like to take issues on a case by case basis.

5. Local activities -- Other than local politics, are you involved in any other Oakland based community activities that you would like to share with us? This can range from volunteering in your school to being in your church baseball league. At this time my schedule is filled with full time employment, part time employment, taking care of my dog, and running for office.

6. Budget -- If you were on council for the next budget in 2015 how would you act differently from the council members dealing with the budget in 2013? What do you think is the cause of the current budget crisis? Cost Savings. Close loop holes and decrease waste with solid policy supported by real measurable metrics. Much of Oakland's money goes to wasteful initiatives that only a few benefit from or are too complicated for anybody to care about. Cost savings can be re-appropriated to meaningful initiatives and in turn enhancing them.

7. Youth -- Describe the condition of youth in Oakland? What would your priorities for youth be for Oakland government and how would they get implemented and paid for? I am the youth. The norm is no longer the empty nester or white picket fences. I represent the new norm of the youth. These changing dynamics and generational clashes aren't going away nor getting smaller. The one big issue I want to fight for is a city wide recreation program for all ages. When I was younger running the streets I always had my elementary basketball team and a place to practice. Oakland has gotten away from a centralized recreation program and fractured into too many smaller pieces with insufficient pieces of the pie.

8. Police -- How do you think our community policing is going and what are the next steps? Describe the current relationship between the residents and the Oakland Police. Do you suggest any changes? Do you support Restorative Justice programs and how should the city be involved, if at all. Policing and crime in general must be tackled through a multifaceted initiative. Increase enforcement is only part of the solution. The first step is to make Oakland something cared about. When you don't care about where you live because it's just a place to lay your head you have less of the inhibitions that prevent you from ruining it. People don't care because there's nothing here, here. No ties, no investment. Increasing enforcement will plateau at some point and even start to decline. We see what a heavy handed response by law enforcement incites in recent media. I'm also a supporter of getting to know your local officers. See the officers as people instead of as the institution. They need to be men and women not the thing that we refer to when we say fight the man.

9. Development Projects -- What are your thoughts and views about the West Oakland Army Base, The upper Broadway-Valdez Triangle, Oak to 9th and other projects? Space is a premium in

Oakland. Usage of space should follow this hierarchy: Business, parking, housing, recreation, all other. I can see leasing the Oakland Army base to say Amazon.com and have a new distribution center in which they will hire locally. Put housing there with the center and you have a full circle plan.

10. Police Misconduct. What are your thoughts and how do you feel Oakland should deal with it? How would they get the Oakland Police past the current oversight under Judge Henderson? First thing is don't insult the people with obvious lies and cover ups. This means we need transparency and sound judgment. We also don't need loose cannons on our law enforcement agencies in the first place. Misconduct should be dealt with swift and severely, but fairly.

11. Housing & Gentrification -- Increasing rents, dislocation, and gentrification have been in the news. What policies do you advocate to assure that Oakland tenants are protected and that Oakland remains an economically and racially diverse city? Oakland has created a scenario in which its residents simply can't afford to reside in the city anymore. This also applies to businesses. Increase the economy by supporting businesses. Many policies that Oakland has doesn't help a lot of the residents. It's hard to ask a person who spends 99% of their efforts in survival to think about composting. When you are scraping by, and maybe not even a home owner, "Aint nobody got time for that." So let's get to what people do have time for. If there's a savings don't make it inconvenient to get it. End users should have minimal involvement. Simply give the savings.

12. Environment -- What do you think the Oakland City government should be doing about the environment? We can be environmentally friendly by supporting new technology and technology businesses. I say lease our parks to, for instance, solar companies to build solar farms. Make an awning, plop solar panels on top, the company upkeep the park for the people to use, and have a 40/40/20 split. 40% of the power generated goes to the surrounding community, 40 to the company for upkeep, and 20 back to the city. Saved money, kept our parks awesome, and brought in business.

13. Satisfaction of Residents -- How do you think the average resident feels about city government? How would you rate the satisfaction level? The average citizen has little to no confidence in the government.

14. Accountability -- How do you propose making yourself accountable and accessible to the citizens of Oakland? My phone number, e-mail, Facebook account are all public. We live in a world where everything is posted somewhere. If I'm doing wrong somebody can easily just say so. I would also support reviews that have measurable metrics with experts in the field opinions.

15. Do we need an Oakland Progressive Alliance akin to the one in Richmond, and if so, who should be members? I support a more centralized streamlined government. Too many hands in the pot these days.

16. Governance -- What kind of relationship could you have with other office holders? Who do you see as a working majority on council and who can you work with? I work with everybody. This is a job not a competition. I have the skills and abilities to navigate the minefield that is office politics. I've been doing it all my life.

17. Endorsements -- Who has endorsed you so far? Who do you expect to endorse you? Who do you endorse in the other City races? Include your #2 and 3 choices for your own race and note that this year the City races are Mayor, Council seats, School Board seats and City Auditor. I have not made a decision on who I am endorsing.

18. Campaign Funding -- How much money do you currently have for this race? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from? Describe sources of financial contributions for your campaign that you would refuse to accept (if any). I currently have not raised a single cent towards my campaign. I don't believe in squeezing money out of people who are already struggling just to pay the bills. A successful campaign can be accomplished without a huge budget. I am not however adverse to fund raising. I personally choose which sources of funds to accept. The only sources I would for sure turn down are ones tied to illegal activity.

19. Checks and balances -- How do you view current the relationship between the Council and Mayor? Any comments on the same question for the Auditor and City Attorney? Are there any changes they would propose to the city charter? I have not delved deeply into the governmental structure of Oakland. The current structure is pretty standard across the board and I don't necessarily see a place that needs to be out right changed. The system is the system you just have to be good at making the system work. I do believe some of the practices, norms, habits, and the office culture of the current government is appalling. When an official makes it a point to get up and in the middle of business simply because they want to take a selfie on their phone is downright unprofessional. A selfie truly couldn't wait? The worst part is that this seemed to be considered acceptable behavior amongst the group.

20. Money in elections. -- Does Oakland need campaign finance reform? If so, what kind? How about we level the playing field and force all candidates to run with zero funding? Then we will really see who has the guts to win an election. I truly believe the best person not the richest person should get the job. This is an election for a city office. We're are not being voted best fundraiser.

21. Anything Else? -- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? I truly consider myself a true bridge. I bridge the different cultures, backgrounds, generations, personalities, etc. of Oakland. I represent the new emerging norm. I always say if you haven't lived it you truly can't know what it's like. I'm normally referring to the violence my generation has experienced but that statement can be applied to all aspects of what it is to be from Oakland. I've packed a lot of experiences, things most people won't experience, into my life which helps me resonate with all citizens of Oakland. I understand the plights. I can truly say I have lived it and therefore I do know it.

Yes or No questions (follow with an explanation if you want to add one)

-- Do you support the renewal of Measure Y? No, not in its current form. It's obviously not working as violence has continued. The problem might be of a socio economic basis where taxing more to solve the problem of economics is bad cycle.

-- Do you support the minimum wage proposal? No, not in its current form. Raising the minimum wage is not a solution to a bad economy. We need to support strong economic growth by making Oakland friendlier to business so that jobs can stay in Oakland. Inflation is also not helped by an increase in the minimum wage. Cost savings is the better route then simply supplying more money. Decrease the bills and you will find you have extra left over.

-- Are you in favor of a police commission? No. I need more details.

-- Do you support Dan Kalb's proposal on oversight and transparency? No. I will not support such an important proposal without proper knowledge of the details.

-- Are you in favor of receiving public complaints against police officers at the Civilian Police Review Board? Yes. Only if structured correctly as not to impede official business.

-- Would you vote for using eminent domain to abate foreclosure crisis? No.

-- Do you support Ranked Choice Voting? No.

-- Would you support Proportional Representation? No.

-- Do you support diverting people from prosecution if they participate in a restorative justice program? Yes.

-- Do you support Community Choice Aggregation? Yes.

-- Would you vote to allow more grey water systems? Yes.