



**Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
April 2025 Oakland Mayoral Endorsement Questionnaire
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PART 1: Required Information

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8. **Are or were you a member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club? If so, please provide timeframe:** No.
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10. **Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and / or queer (LGBTQ)?**
No
11. **See the Club's platform at milkclub.org/platform. Any disagreements?**

No disagreement at all- I support the platform 100%

PART 2: Short-Answer Questions

(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)

1. The residents of Oakland are seeking a strong leader as the City faces a budgetary crisis. What are your qualifications to be the Mayor of Oakland?

I am running for Mayor of Oakland, so that I can continue to serve. I have served my country as a military veteran. I have served my state, as a union job steward and organizer to the largest state employee union in California, SEIU Local 1000. I have served my city as a former Oakland Mayoral appointee from 2018-2021 and as a candidate for Mayor in 2022. On the national level, I served as an elected Senator Bernie Sanders delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2020. I am involved on the local level and serve on the Board of a highly esteemed civic organization, and a West Oakland based non-profit. I hold a B.A. from CSU-Sacramento, and I am employed in the legal field. Having been a union organizer, having served active duty in the military- I know firsthand the importance of real leadership. Leadership is about inspiring others; to be decisive and oftentimes go against popular opinion. True leader put others first before themselves.

A true leader has a vision, cares about the quality of life for all. Oakland needs a mayor with foresight, and the ability to build partnerships, with the goal of creating a thriving Oakland for all.

2. Why is the endorsement of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ+ Democratic Club meaningful to you?

Harvey Milk LGBTQ-Democratic Club is highly respected and highly esteemed. The late SF Supervisor Harvey Milk was a visionary and unquestionable a trail blazer. His leadership inspired those within the LGBTQ community, as well as those outside the LGBTQ. A club in which its core objective, is to carry on the late Harvey Milk's legacy, is a club which I would be greatly proud to attain its trusts, its faith in me, and its endorsement.

3. Given the Trump Administration, what specific policies will you champion to ensure that Oakland remains a safe and affirming city for LGBTQ+ individuals, particularly transgender and gender-nonconforming people?

I would define a safe environment, where individuals, can be themselves, with discrimination, with harassment, without fear from physical harm, or emotional harm. And general- to live in peace. regardless of their gender, or how they identify. On the local level. I would embrace non-discrimination ordinances; and ensure that such ordinances are rigorously enforced As Mayor of Oakland, I would appoint a LGBTQ Liaison within the Mayor's Office. This will send a strong message, that Mayor Jordan embraces the LGBTQ community, seek their ideas, policy proposals, and to help build a strong ongoing working environment. I will appoint an LGBTQ Liaison, within my first week in office.

4. Data shows that a significant portion of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+. What is your plan to address this type of homelessness and to significantly decrease homelessness overall (short- and long-term)?

58% of Alameda County's homeless population lives in Oakland. The last "point-in-time" count in 2024, indicated roughly over 5,000 unhoused people. This is clearly unacceptable In the short term, we need to significantly increase the number of shelters (with financial assistance from the state, and housing agencies such as HUD). Tied into this, we must build a significant number of temporary small homes. Additionally, because of the pandemic, many office workers are working from home, and many commercial buildings are underutilized. This underutilized space can be converted into residential units. There are many examples of this having been done successfully, for example, in NYC. We need to build a combination of housing, market rate, below market rate units. New construction should be expedited by streamlining the permit process. Abandoned property needs to be purchased, and rehabilitated. Rehabilitation entails bringing up to code, ensuring that that it is an environmentally safe structure to inhabit (ie, if there is lead in the paint etc., abate this problem) We must insist that developers provide more than a token number of affordable units while constructing residential projects. I believe real affordable housing should be where rent, is on a sliding scale. What may be "affordable" to one person, may be completely "unaffordable to another "In addition we need better outreach to target homeless youth who identify as LGBTQ, many are unhoused, because of their families disapproval. These youths need shelter, but within that shelter, they need to feel safe, and need to be able to just be themselves, without harassment, physical or emotional. This is very important, In addition to housing, LGBTQ youth need support. Being unhoused, judged, harassed is very traumatic. Once unhoused youths or housed- extensive support services must be made accessible for them

5. How will you work to address health disparities within Oakland's LGBTQ+ communities, including access to mental health services, HIV/AIDS prevention information and medicine, and gender-affirming healthcare?

Build a working relationship with Alameda County Department of Public Health. Meet with key staff on a regular basis. Receive their input, ask questions, be PRO-ACTIVE

6. Describe your work addressing the climate crisis, and what specific steps you think Oakland will need to take to confront climate change and environmental injustice.

I am adamantly against a coal export station being constructed/operated in Oakland. I was against coal coming to Oakland back when I ran for Mayor of Oakland in 2022- and again, I signed a "No Coal" pledge. I know the environmental and health dangers of fossil fuels. I am quite tired of the city of Oakland, being used as an environmental dumping site, for those who are willing to destroy our environment, and destroy the short term and long term health of our residents. I have expressed my support of the creation of green jobs, over the creation of jobs in the fossil fuel industry. Oakland's first step in confronting climate change and ensuring environmental justice is to ensure that coal DOES NOT come to Oakland. As Mayor, I will use every means at my disposal to make sure that this does not happen. In addition, I am a active member, and sit on the Board of Governors of the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club (one of the oldest civic organizations in Oakland, formed in 1933)- LMBC goal is to preserve Lake Merritt as well as the surrounding park. I along, with several volunteers, meet every weekend to pick up trash, paint over tagging and graffiti, scoop trash out of the lake itself. In addition, I am a active member of the Lake Merritt Weed Warriors. I. along with other volunteers for Weed Warriors help maintain the landscaped areas around Lake Merritt funded by the 2002 Measure DD Clean Water Safe Parks bond measure

7. How have you addressed racial injustice and police brutality? What actions will you take to implement meaningful police reform in Oakland, reduce police violence, and promote alternative community safety models?

I would propose beefing up and strengthening the powers of the Oakland Police Commission. STRONG oversight is needed. In cases of misconduct- independent investigation bodies are crucial. Police officers should not be in charge of investigating other police officers. In the event that OPD officers have complaints, or more accurately, a pattern of complaints from Oaklanders, their records should immediately be reviewed, and an investigation should take place. The OPD Riders scandal of the early 2000's is still fresh in the mind of Oakland residents. Even years later, there is still suspicion towards OPD. Body cameras were introduced quite some time ago- but the question remains: are these cameras even turned on by all officers. Body cameras should all be operable, always in use, and required by all OPD patrol officers. I have advocated this, via email and spoken words to local political leaders Body cameras are an important tool for maintaining transparency, and holding officers accountable, for questionable behavior. When there is racial injustice, George Floyd, Briana, Taylor, Oscar Grant; I have always marched in protest- it is important for one's voice to be heard. To be silent regarding racial injustice is unforgivable. I was equally involved with demonstrations, during the peak of Asian hate crimes. Being an African American male, I know firsthand, what it is like, to bear the brunt of the hostilities, and racism of others. I will always be a champion for those who are marginalized in our society

8. How will you work to reduce incarceration rates and promote restorative justice practices, particularly for LGBTQ+ individuals and communities of color?

We imprison MORE people than just about any country in the world- this is nothing to be proud of. I think an important step in reducing crime would be to NOT lock up those for petty crimes. Petty theft, drug possession etc., are serious- but in my opinion, do not warrant imprisonment, serious crimes, reduce prison time- instead of sentences a person for say, 20 years, perhaps 10

years. Keeping people locked up forever provides little room for rehabilitation. I punish someone for the rest of their lives?

Utilize preventive measures and target those who are most vulnerable of getting caught up in the criminal justice program. Restorative justice gives those who committed crimes, the opportunity to start fresh, and makes sense. Restorative justice makes sense on a humane level, moral level, and economically- makes a great deal more sense.

9. How much have you raised so far and what percent of that amount comes from low-dollar donors (<\$200)?

This being a truncated election- I have just begun fundraising. I loan my campaign 7500 as of this date, but I attend to aggressively raise the funding needed. I plan to take no money from developers, corporations and none from the fossil fuel industry

10. What qualities do you seek when appointing your prospective City Administer?

Unquestionable integrity, transparency, foresight, the ability to look towards the future, yet remain focused on the present, sound judgement, common sense. Proven commitment to doing what is right, what is fair, and what is ethical. No racial, gender, culture, nor religious bias.

11. How will you ensure transparency and accountability in your administration while amplifying the voices of Oakland's marginalized communities? How will you work to ensure Limited English Proficient (LEP) community members have access to government services?

I will ensure transparency and accountability by providing all necessary resources, including proper level of staff, to the Oakland Public Ethics Commission, so that the commission can effectively pursue its mission.

Language barriers is indeed a major obstacle regarding accessibility of government services, and tends to isolate those, who are most need of these services. Acknowledging language differences will play a dominant role in my administration. I will create a office/liasons who are bilingual in various languages, to perform outreach, to educate various communities, to government services offered. No residents should feel as if they are outsiders- our government is their government.

12. Given the weak mayoral system in Oakland, how will you leverage your charter-granted power to make any of the changes you discussed above?

PART 3: Yes or No Questions

(Please "X" Yes or No for each question.)

GENERAL	YES	NO
Have you ever sought elected office before?	X	
Have you previously sought a Milk Club endorsement?		X

LGBTQ ISSUES & SEXUAL LIBERATION	YES	NO
Do you support codifying various relationship structures as a protected class; e.g., a law that would prohibit discrimination against people in consensual non-monogamous relationships in employment, housing, education, and healthcare?	X	
Do you support public funding for workforce programs, specifically for transgender job-seekers?	X	
Do you support public funding to expand access to PrEP?	X	
Do you support decriminalizing sex work?	X	

TENANTS, HOUSING, AND HOMELESSNESS	YES	NO
Do you support independent oversight of agencies responsible for services to the homeless?	X	
Do you support the split-role repeal of Proposition 13?	X	
Do you support the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act?	X	
Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act?	X	
Have you ever evicted a tenant?		X
Do you support requiring the consent of homeless encampment residents prior to their displacement by the city government?	X	
Would you support a licensing system for landlords?	X	
Do you support the creation of a public municipal bank?	X	

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES	YES	NO
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Should the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished?		
Do you support sanctuary cities?		
Do you support due process protections for immigrants (including youth) accused of crimes?		
Do you support allowing the undocumented to serve on city / state boards and commissions?		
Do you support increased funds for immigrant defense services?		

RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE	YES	NO
Do you support the death penalty?		X
Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?		X
Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	X	
Does your campaign accept contributions from law enforcement associations, unions, or organizations?	X	
Should the local Police Officers Association be disbanded / have its political influence severely curtailed?	X	
Do you support qualified immunity for police officers?		X
Do you support reparations for Black people?	X	
Do you support the implementation of overdose prevention sites?	X	
Do you support extending voting rights in local / state elections to currently and formerly incarcerated people?	X	
Have you ever crossed a union picket line or ignored a union boycott?		X
Do you support the right for public sector employees to go on strike?	X	
Do you support repealing California Proposition 209?	X	
Did you support California Proposition 22 (App-Based Drivers Regulations Initiative; or would you have, had you been a California voter)?	X	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES	YES	NO
Do you support dissolving Pacific, Gas, & Electric and replacing it with a publicly-owned utility agency?	X	
Do you support the expansion of local clean power programs partnered with local utility providers?	X	
Would you support a plan to provide free public transportation?	X	
Would you support a national ban on fossil fuel extraction?	X	

PUBLIC CORRUPTION & POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY	YES	NO
Do you support expanding public financing to all elected offices?	X	

PART 4: Support of Other Candidates / Propositions

(All races unless otherwise noted. As applicable, please fill in who you supported, or yes / no for the indicated proposition. If you made a ranked endorsement or voted for more than one candidate using IRV, please indicate the rankings.)

Elected Officials	General 2024
Assembly, District 14 (Oakland)	Buffy Wicks
Recall on Mayor	NO
Recall of Pamela Price	NO
Oakland Ballot Propositions	
MM- Fund Wildfire Prevention	yes
NN- Fund Violence Prevention	yes
OO- Strengthen Public Ethic Oversight	yes
California Propositions	
3 - Protect the Freedom to Marry in the California Constitution	yes
6 - Ban Slavery in California	yes
32 - Raise the minimum wage to \$18/hr	yes
33 - Prohibit state limitations on local rent control	yes
34 - Restrict spending by certain health care providers	YES
36 - Allow felony charges & increase sentences for certain crimes	yes
Elected Officials	Primary 2024
U.S. Senate	Barbara Lee
Assembly, District 14 (Oakland)	Mia Bonta
Oakland Ballot Measures	
B - Charter Amendment to Save Millions on Recall Elections	Yes

California Propositions	
1 - Behavioral health services	Yes
Elected Officials	General 2022
Assembly, District 14	Buffy Wicks
Oakland Mayor	Tyron Jordan
Alameda County District Attorney	Pamela Price
Oakland Ballot Measures	
W - Election Campaign Funding (Democracy Dollars)	Yes
Q - Creation of 13k Low Rent Residential Units	Yes
V - Expanding Evictions and Just Cause Protections for Tenants	Yes
S - Opens door for Non-Citizens to Vote in Oakland	Yes
R- Removal of Gender-Specific Language Measure	No
U - \$850 Million Bond Measure Towards Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Improvement Projects	Yes
California State Propositions	
1 - Safeguards for Reproductive Freedom	Yes
28 - Increase Annual Arts Funding for K-12	Yes
30 - Millionaire's Tax to Fund Incentives for EVs	Yes