

# Berkeley Progressive Alliance/Berkeley Citizens Action Candidate Questionnaire--2018 Election

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North Berkeley Senior Center

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*Please return questionnaire to BPA by Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

## 2018 Questions for Candidates for Berkeley City Council

### I. General

- A. Why do you think you'd make a good councilmember? Commitment to the community, experience, retired Civil Servant able to focus on the role of Councilmember
- B. What are the key issues that you think the City Council should address? Housing availability, affordability, stability, as universal right; infrastructure and the commons to support urban life; budget oversight
- C. Do you support the <https://berkeleyprogressivealliance.org/about-us/>  
**Berkeley Progressive Alliance's mission statement** and progressive agenda?  
<https://berkeleyprogressivealliance.org/about-us/> Yes  No
- 1.) Is there anything you would add? Yes  No   
What would you add? 15: management of the nfastructure and the publically held commons to address resiliency, climate change, future needs
- 2) Is there anything you would **not support**? Yes  No   
Which Items would you not support? 7:support access to recreation and pools citywide "Willard Pool" is indicative but not sufficient
- D. Will you obtain public financing for your campaign? Yes  No
- E. Do you support the candidates for Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board  
chosen at the Tenant Convention on April 22? Yes  No
- F. Whom do you support for State Assembly AD15? Jovanka Beckles

### II. Housing and Displacement

- A. Do you support placing a City of Berkeley **bond measure** on this November's ballot  
dedicated to funding below market affordable housing construction and acquisition in  
Berkeley? Yes  No
- B. Would you support a graduated increase in the City of Berkeley **property transfer tax** on  
homes with the proceeds dedicated to the Housing Trust Fund?  
I would need to review and understand the details of the proposal. Yes  No

C. Do you support building below-market rate permanently affordable housing on the **North Berkeley BART** parking lot? Yes  No

D. What proportion of any housing built there should be below market rate and at what level(s) of affordability? 100% moderate to extremely low

Alameda County Income Limits for Income Categories (extremely low, very low, low, etc.):  
<http://www.dublin.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10539>

E. Do you support **land value capture**? Yes  No

1) Whenever upzoning occurs, should the City ask for a share in the increase in value that results from upzoning? Yes  No

F. Berkeley has a rich history of being a community that is economically and racially diverse. What do you think the city could do now to stop the displacement of African Americans and other people of color? Promote anti-displacement funding to provide relief for residents facing loss of housing, develop below market rate housing for rent and purchase, employ local firms, encourage training and workforce development

G. What should the City Council do to put some teeth in code enforcement, particularly regarding residential rentals?

Lack of enforcement leads to tenants living in substandard housing, and leads to the deterioration of rent controlled buildings, allowing the landlord to apply for a demolition permit on the grounds that it is no longer financially feasible to repair the building."

H. Do you support **SB 827**? Yes  No

**SB 827** gives commercial property owners and developers a windfall increase in density without requiring any community benefit in return and without adequate protections against demolition of existing housing. SB 827 would allow construction of 7 story buildings (55' plus a 35% density bonus) on residential streets in much of South, Central and West Berkeley, with even greater height allowed on commercial corridors (85' plus a 35% density bonus). It would have little impact on the hills.

I. Do you think 7-story buildings should be permitted in areas zoned R-1, R-2, R-2A and R-3? not generally, but not unconditionally; local regulations should be developed and enforced Yes  No

Latest version of SB 827 can be found here:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB827](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB827)

J. What should the City do to support limited equity cooperative housing in Berkeley? encourage cooperatives thru planning and building codes; engage and invest in housing for civil servants, including teachers

### III. Health Care

A. Do you oppose Sutter Health's plans to close **Alta Bates**? Yes  No

B. What would you do to ensure that Berkeley has a full service hospital and emergency room located nearby for the long term? Investigate development of public owned hospital service

C. Do you support enacting single-payer healthcare in California? Yes  No

## IV. Addressing Climate Change

**Background:** Berkeley's Climate Action Plan found that natural gas and electricity used by buildings accounted for 53% of greenhouse gas emissions in Berkeley, while gasoline and diesel burning vehicles accounted for 47%.

A. Do you support the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan goal that "All new residential construction will be zero net energy (ZNE) by 2020"? Yes  No

(see <https://www.capath2zne.org>)

B. Should Berkeley require ZNE in new residential construction beginning in 2020?

Yes  No

C. What should the City Council do to encourage use of alternative modes of transportation?

develop Complete Streets, transit centered housing and services

D. Should the City establish a system of shuttles connecting different neighborhoods and commercial areas? Yes  No

1) If so, how could this be funded? commercial property owners subsidizing business district connectivity as first step

E. Should the City replace its fossil-fuel powered vehicles with electric vehicle?

Collaborate with BUSD and regionally on replacement fleet purchases

Yes  No

## V. Police and Community

A. Do you support the Berkeley Community United for Police Oversight charter amendment to create a new Police Commission Yes  No

Why or Why Not? does not accomplish independent oversight

Text of proposed charter amendment, item 27 on the March 27 Council agenda, can be found here: [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City\\_Council/2018/03\\_Mar/City\\_Council\\_03-27-2018\\_-\\_Regular\\_Meeting\\_Agenda.aspx](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2018/03_Mar/City_Council_03-27-2018_-_Regular_Meeting_Agenda.aspx)

B. Do you support the recommendations in the Police Review Commission Report **To Achieve Fairness and Impartiality**, including those related to data collection and analysis, racial disparities and body cameras? Yes

Text of Report, item 26 on the Council agenda, can be found here:

[https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City\\_Council/2018/03\\_Mar/City\\_Council\\_03-13-2018\\_-\\_Regular\\_Meeting\\_Agenda.aspx](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2018/03_Mar/City_Council_03-13-2018_-_Regular_Meeting_Agenda.aspx)

## VI. Homelessness

A. Would you support a \$5M parcel tax for homeless services including shelters, navigation center and rapid rehousing? coupled with property tax reform Yes  No

B. How should the City Council respond to encampments of homeless people?

continue to work with service providers and community to develop behavioral standards and enforcement measures, identify areas where encampments are feasible, provide basic infrastructure services - water and sanitation, warmth, waste management