

State Assembly/Senate

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State Senate 15th District

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Top 3 priorities citywide

1. Housing/Transportation
2. Jobs Creation and Retention
3. Education

1. Who is your Campaign Manager?

Campaign consultant: Richie Ross

2. What is your Campaign Budget?

\$500,000

3. Please share your Top Ten Endorsements:

California Legislative Latino Caucus, Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez,

4. Would you support or oppose a 3 county ballot initiative for a permanent 1/8 cent sales tax to fund Caltrain?

Support

If we are to meet our goals to achieve zero emissions by 2045, we can't afford to delay electrification of CalTrain. In addition, diverting 136,000 commuters to CalTrain from US101 and I280 not only relieves congestion, but plays a major role in achieving our emission elimination goals by California's timeline.

5. Do you support funding to complete a valley to valley connection through high speed rail?

Support

As a member of the State Assembly, I supported high speed rail and continue to support a completed high speed rail system in California. Much of our workforce in Silicon Valley commute as much as 4 to 5 hours round trip to work and home, with the high cost of living in the Silicon Valley and the Bay Area and the need to meet our zero emissions goals, we must commit to complete this vital link to the Central Valley.

6. *Would you support a measure dedicated to build and operate a world class, seamless integrated transit system to better serve Bay Area residents, funded through a one cent sales tax, to better serve the transit dependent and those of us still in our cars?*

Support

Silicon Valley is playing catch up when it comes to providing an efficient multi modal transportation system that meets the needs of our residents and our workforce. We need to fund it and build it before our region starts losing the industry that has committed to creating jobs that fuel this region and our economy.

7. *Would you support state legislation to facilitate and encourage TOD within a half-mile of fixed-rail development, including streamlining housing approvals and establishing minimum zoning standards/heights?*

Support

I created legislation when I was in the Assembly (AB-2176), which allowed jurisdictions to declare a "shelter crisis" if the jurisdiction can provide certain findings. This law was a pilot for the City of San Jose and has since been used in other cities throughout California. I have experience passing legislation that provides pathways to create affordable housing. Requiring TOD within a half mile of a rail station and requiring minimum zoning standards and heights will ensure we provide the needed densities to meet our housing goals.

8. *Do you support reform of CEQA?*

Support

80% of CEQA lawsuits have been filed to stop affordable housing. We must end the abuse of CEQA to stop needed housing in our Valley and State.

9. *Would you support a ballot measure, such as Prop 8, that regulates the amount that healthcare providers may charge for services?*

Support

First of all, health care is basic human right. Many of my constituents in my Assembly and Council districts are in the unfortunate situation where their lives require that they have access to dialysis services. No one should ever be in a situation where they can't receive health care including dialysis services because they are struggling with the ability to pay for the service.

10. *Do you support requiring all new buses purchased with federal funds be zero-emission beginning on October 1, 2029 (which is California's deadline for transitioning all transit bus purchases to zero-emission buses)?*

Support

I would support all new buses including transportation agencies that serve our school districts transporting our students on a daily basis to become zero emissions. We can't piecemeal public policy on California's zero emissions goals and expect those goals to be achieved. Our entire public transportation system must get to zero emissions if we are to meet our goals expeditiously.

11. Will you work with the Leadership Group and your Bay Area state legislative colleagues to develop a "Baylands Caucus" focused on a regional vision and plan of action for sea level rise, as well as funding to address our shared vulnerabilities?

Support

Climate change causing sea level rise is one of the largest threats to our Silicon Valley community and the Bay Area in general. It threatens our homes but it threatens our ability to continue into the future as the center of innovation and the economic engine to the world. We must create solution to sea level rise that will benefit all jurisdiction in the Bay Area.

12. Do you support or oppose a proposed amendment to Proposition 13?

Oppose

Most jobs in our state and in my districts' are owned and operated by small business owners, with many of them being women and/or minority owned businesses. I won't support a tax that will unfairly place a burden on our small businesses including mom and pop shops. It would be a tax that would put many of them out of business. Many of these businesses are needed to support our everyday needs and provide vital support to our driving industries in Silicon Valley.

13. Will you support legislation that reduces the volatility of the California tax system?

Support

I would support a more sensible tax system that emphasizes lower taxes on the working class. We must protect the average household so they can pay for basic needs in addition to having enough disposable income be active consumers and participants in our economy.

14. Do you support the creation of a statewide student longitudinal data system?

Support

I support a system that will finally "level the playing field" and provide real equity in the California public school system. The 15th Senate District is ethnically, economically and geographically diverse. All families must have the same opportunities for their children to be successful academically and prepared to make the career choices they dream of.

15. Will you address the higher education opportunity gap for underrepresented students and increase the number of graduates prepared for innovation economy careers?

Support

California must prepare all students to enter the California economy and workforce to not only meet the projected needs of our driving industries, but to ensure we are not reliant on importing talent that should be provided by Californian's students.

16. Tell us about a time when you were opposed to a position of one of your major supporters. What was the issue? How did you handle this situation?

When I fought to revitalize the King Road and Story Road business district, I didn't have support from Labor and some other prominent community members. I put the needs of my community first to revitalize this blighted retail district that also had a high a crime rate. I was able to secure over \$75M in redevelopment funds to leverage private investment that brought a Target store as

the anchor which also brought 4 financial institutions (Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Chase and Patelco Credit Union) to this area which had been lacking such services for over 25 years. When this project was completed, my community benefited and those that were opposed realized the great investment that is was.