

State Assembly/Senate

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Top 3 priorities citywide

1. Gun violence and hate speech
2. Housing affordability
3. College cost reform

1. *Who is your Campaign Manager?*

Mike He

2. *What is your Campaign Budget?*

\$100,000

3. *Please share your Top Ten Endorsements:*

Councilmember Rishi Kumar, Fmr. Fremont School District Advisor Chinmoy Roy

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

Support

I support expansion of Caltrain as part of our statewide effort to reduce emissions.

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

Support

I support funding this as a measure to increase connectivity between these areas to enable families in these areas to have access to job opportunity and connection to Silicon 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

Yes, I believe increasing transit access is an imperative for our state.

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

Proximity to transit is key to smart growth and an effective housing strategy, and I would support this measure.

8. *Do you support reform of CEQA?*

Support

I support reform on the condition that should there be objections by community groups to halt housing production, there should be an attachment that an objection will be honored if an alternative solution is presented which complies with the environmental guidelines set forth by CEQA.

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

Support

Yes, I believe in taking proactive measures to tackle the price gouging of health care services.

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

Yes, this is critical to achieving tangible measures that address climate change with urgency.

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

Yes, this is critical to achieving tangible measures that address climate change with urgency.

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

Support

I support this initiative for Prop 13 reform because it also includes measures to provide tax relief to small businesses and tackles the gaps regarding commercial properties which were not addressed in its original form.

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

Support

I would support this with an attachment that addresses capital gains taxes and service taxes.

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

Support

Yes, this is a great initiative to work as a collective to improve education and standardize growth paths for every student.

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

Support

Yes, as someone from hi-tech I believe strongly in promoting skills in our schools which will prepare our next generation for the innovation economy.

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?*

While many of my major supporters strongly favor statewide Medicare for All, I have stated that if elected, I would push forward my proposed plan for a statewide public option as a first measure towards achieving universal health care. I strongly believe in universal health care and want our state to take actionable steps towards accomplishing this, and I have urged my supporters that this is a bipartisan measure which we can pass, in accordance with both the

state budget and also many required reforms which will be needed to 1) reduce the cost of hospital administration and drug costs and 2) dramatically reduce the lobbying and monopoly of private insurance companies, to achieve a 'clean bill' on statewide Medicare for All.

Additional Question asked on 10/15

17. *Are you in favor or in opposition of a ballot measure that will prohibit campaign contributions from advocates for development and tie the San Jose Mayoral term to the Presidential Election Cycle?*

Support

I support this measure because I believe that this facilitates a democratic process and streamlines the process for average voters.