

ADDENDUM TO NCLDC CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - ANSWERS

1.) I am currently the President of the Governing Board of the Napa Valley College. During my tenure as president, we signed a Development Agreement with the Martin Group to build Student Housing at the Colleges Main campus. The process continues. On my request, we developed and approved a resolution for Student Success and Inclusivity in which we as a board support Equal Opportunity for Students of Color and condemn violence against black people. We approved new equipment for our Viticulture and Wine education program which will it that much more valuable to for our Viticulture and Wine studies students. We are one of the few Colleges with this program in its curriculum.

The Latino community in St. Helena is and has been under represented, I am bilingual and bicultural and I can be the conduit to our Latino community becoming more involved civically and decision making in the City.

2.) I was the Chair of the Napa County Migrant Housing Committee from 1993-2016 and instrumental in the development of Migrant Farmworker Housing. Currently there are 3 centers and more needed. I was 1 of 100 community leaders elected to serve as an Advisor to the IME (Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior, serving in the Politics Committee 2006-2009. Our charge was to advise the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs on issues concerning Mexican National in the United States. Was elected to the Napa Valley College Board of Trustees in 2016. I learned a thing or two

3.) Revitalize business main street, affordable housing, workforce housing. This is very good time to start thinking about those issues and it will take partnerships and thinking outside the box.

ISSUES

All of your issue questions are thought provoking, so much so, my head is spinning

4. My office has been opened during the pandemic. At the beginning, because many of the farm workers and their wives, in their majority hospitality workers, were laid off. We assisted with their unemployment applications which in turn qualified them for the additional \$600.00 they received. I did receive a call from the County telling me about my violation of the rules on business having to close due to the pandemic. I was helping "Essential workers"

5.) This one will take a village and it is never too soon to start planning. It is apparent that a lot of community education will need to take place with the Latino community in support of the County's efforts. It will definitely take a village and being a part of that can not hurt. I hope that all that it is happening has not gone by the sideway and people understand that any pandemic is nothing to shrug off. It could be life or death. EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION and it never to soon to start.

6.) I would really take a look at the Black Lives Matter organization mission statement. I do not condone police brutality towards the Black community. I put myself in the place of a Black mother telling my children, specially boys, what to do in case they get stopped by the police. There are systems put in place that affect Black and Brown communities, specially men. Jails need to be used. Violence against POC is a human rights issue and I support anything that supports it.

7.) This question would take a book to answer. We need to make sure policies are not put in place to fail and they are not easy to formulate. Part of the village.

8.) I would tax any sale of wineries and vineyards \$5,000,000.00 and over, money to be placed in a special account at the County designated for the development of workforce housing. Do not know how to articulate the 2 question. Having affordable housing would alleviate some of the issues mentioned, (wellness - having a place to live), health - I believe we have a good health system in place specially for children, lets get together to brainstorm activities.

9.) Yes 9a. City elected should approve resort and housing developments ONLY if they include workforce/affordable housing and not just for a few years but in perpetuity. County elected officials should put in place my idea of taxing winery and vineyard sales specifically for the development of affordable housing in any city in the Napa Valley. If growers were able to tax themselves for migrant farm worker housing, this type of tax can be done.

10.) Homelessness depresses me. I choose not to have an opinion.

11.) Much has been discussed about transportation in general. County issue when traveling to and from any destination in the Valley.

12.) I do not believe as an elected official I would be able to tell an employer who she/he/they can employ. Another one for the village in brainstorming about policies that would make this possible.

13.) Yes

14.) To be totally honest, I do not know what their specific "needs" are, but I do support their rights.

15.) At my house many a time we have debates at the dinner table. One of my sons criticizes me because I agree on working conditions, specially of farmworkers anywhere in the country. My response is that "this particular issue is designed that way" in the bigger picture. "Si México estornuda, los Estados Unidos se preocupa" its a saying that goes around. Communities in the Valley understand the importance of that population sector. We need to keep that afloat and keep reminding Valley residents of our importance to the Valley. We have not had to claim Sanctuary, I would support if it came to that.

16.) Lessen traffic and make examples of Wineries that practice green methods of producing wine and the organic vineyards.

Thank You for putting my brain to work y juntos podemos mover montañas. Educacion para nuestra comunidad y accion.

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