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Job	City Council member District 7	Berkeley City Councilmember	Berkeley City Councilmember	Graduate student	Retired building trades
What is the main reason you are running?	<p>I am encouraging my supporters to use Ranked Choice Voting to vote for both me and Council Member Jesse Arreguin. We differ stylistically and politically, but he has demonstrated immense skills at bringing people together and bridging political divides.</p> <p>Capitelli sounds nice, but makes frightening claims that we need to cut \$14,000,000 per year for 30 years to cover unfunded pensions . His calculations do not properly factor in that we have nearly a billion dollars invested through CalPERS. I strongly support increased funds for unfunded liabilities, but his repeated distortions of budget, and other, information is scary.</p>	<p>I am running for Mayor to make Berkeley work for everyone and restore Berkeley to the forefront of progressive leadership on the environment and social justice. This election comes at a critical time for the future of Berkeley and the Bay Area. While our region is experiencing greater economic prosperity, the benefits are not being shared by all, and we are seeing greater disparities and displacement of residents. Berkeley is at a crossroads. Will our city move forward on the path of equity and inclusiveness, or will we see more of our neighbors pushed out due to rising housing costs?</p>	<p>Berkeley is a wonderful and exciting community. We also face many challenges. I want to work with my fellow citizens to address those challenges. For over 40 years I have worked collaboratively with members of my community addressing issues involving affordable housing, our schools, our homeless, our small business community, public health, minimum wage and labor protections, transportation, our deteriorating infrastructure and city finances. I want to continue those efforts. I am uniquely qualified to provide the leadership Berkeley needs to address the challenges we face. I want to unify our community and find the common ground we can all share.</p>	<p>Berkeley values equal access to opportunity, diversity of thought, and leadership in social justice and sustainability. However, the growing housing affordability crisis, our crumbling parks and infrastructure, and a changing climate threaten our ability to realize these values.</p> <p>I’m running for Mayor because I believe we need new ideas and new leadership on City Council to really tackle these challenges. As a Berkeley native and a Cal graduate student in Public Policy and Environmental Engineering, I bring a unique skillset and background to City Council to take the lead on addressing these issues.</p>	<p>The City is seriously out of control. It is non-responsive to the needs of the community. Finding it acceptable not to answer e-mails or phone calls. Words and no action. It is fiscally irresponsible. \$1,000,000,000 debt and climbing. Escalating crime rate and rent threatens our children’s and grand children’s future.</p>

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Why are you qualified for the position?	<p>I am qualified for the position because I negotiated hundreds of compromises to move forward both common sense practical reforms and trailblazing policies. My office empowered interns to write about 2000 Council items, which mostly won. For many years, my appointees include the most Asian and Pacific Islander, the most African American, and the most Latina/o Commissioners. Together we increased inclusion by actively reaching out to neglected or disrespected communities including the South and West Berkeley, Veterans, Disabled, Seniors, LGBT and Jewish communities. I appointed the most student commissioners, and championed successful zoning changes to build thousands more beds of student housing close to campus. I spearheaded numerous policies on Fiscal Responsibility, Public Safety, Technological Innovation, and created Quarterly Work Sessions on Economic Development.</p>	<p>I am uniquely qualified for the position of Mayor. For the past 14 years I have served the Berkeley community. As a UC Berkeley student, I led efforts to increase UC's student housing construction. I served on the Housing Advisory Commission where I helped secure funding for hundreds of units of new affordable housing units. I was elected to the Rent Stabilization Board in 2004 and served as Chair of the Board for two years, where I worked to strengthen tenant protections and prevent evictions. I also served on the Zoning Adjustments Board and Planning Commission. On the Downtown Area Plan Advisory Committee, I helped write our Downtown Area Plan. I also served on the Board of the local Sierra Club and worked in City Hall for almost two years as a Legislative Aide to a Berkeley City Councilmember. On the City Council, I have one of the most effective track records, authoring over 300 different policies on issues including affordable housing, tenants rights, supporting small businesses, environmental policy, police accountability, and homelessness. I have worked successfully with every member of the City Council and built coalitions to get things done.</p>	<p>I know my community. I have raised my children here. I have worked with parents, neighborhood groups, small business owners and employees, educators, housing providers, the medical community...virtually every group of stakeholders in our town. People who have worked with me trust me and have confidence that I will seek consensus and common ground so we can move forward.</p> <p>The challenges we face can be addressed but it will take more than promises or ideology. It will take hard work and I am ready for that hard work.</p>	<p>I bring a unique perspective to City Council and a breadth of real-world experience, including five years of nonprofit leadership experience, engineering expertise, and a policy analysis skillset.</p> <p>I currently serve as Chair of the City of Berkeley's Community Advisory Commission. Previously, I served on the UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly (GA), where I was on the Budget Committee and The Green Initiative Fund, overseeing a collective \$1 million in student fees. In the GA, I helped to write resolutions to address the housing shortage, and called for ensuring transgender students got full insurance coverage for necessary surgeries (it was successful).</p> <p>I also worked at Lawrence Berkeley Lab doing engineering work to help develop a miniature air quality sensor; at The International Council for Clean Transportation developing policy recommendations to address emissions from heavy-duty trucks; and at Engineers for a Sustainable World doing everything from project management to serving on the national board of directors.</p> <p>I am the only outsider candidate for Mayor with support from sitting Councilmembers – both Lori Droste and Susan Wengraf have endorsed me as their second-rank choice. My real-world leadership experience and engineering and policy background will enable me to be an effective leader on City Council.</p>	<p>I am committed to including the community in all phases of crafting public policy through the use of neighborhood assemblies. As a steward of public revenue I bring solid financial management tools resulting in financial stability. I will not be simply content to talk about problems but solve them. My solutions will be result orientated. Putting words into action.</p>

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What sets you apart from other candidates?	<p>What sets me apart is my ability to be a whistleblower strongly opposing illegal or immoral actions, then negotiate improvements and co-sponsorships with the violators. My repeated concern about a company overcharging the City was validated by a \$289,000 refund. My concern about mistreatment of the librarians who challenged inaccurate Director reports led to technical proof that about 39,000 objects were discarded rather than the under-reported 2,200. As unofficial Parliamentarian questioning mistreatment of the public and breaking of council rules, my questions led to City Attorney and/or Mayoral corrections. Even in this campaign I am the whistleblower fact checking false claims that Capitelli “led” minimum wage increases , when the truth is actually that SIX TIMES he was the deciding vote to stop increases.</p>	<p>What differentiates me from other candidates includes my extensive record of delivering on affordable housing, raising the minimum wage, and championing environmental policies.</p> <p>What distinguishes me from my main opponent Laurie Capitelli are our Values, Priorities and Ethics.</p> <p>Values: I have been an effective advocate for the values we all share: equity, diversity, inclusion and leadership on the environment and social justice. I have authored over 300 different proposals on progressive issues like: environmental protection, affordable housing, tenants’ rights, police accountability, immigrant rights, supporting small businesses and addressing income inequality. I will always stand up for progressive values and working families, not when it is convenient.</p> <p>Priorities: My main priority is to preserve the diversity of our city, and to make our city work for everyone. I want to address the divisions that existing in our city, and give everyone an equal opportunity to succeed. That means addressing the housing, health, and income disparities.</p> <p>Ethics: I have stood up to powerful, moneyed interests on behalf of working families, affordable housing, students, seniors, the homeless and other vulnerable populations. I have opposed efforts to reduce affordable housing and tenant protections, criminalize the homeless, and undermine raising the minimum wage.</p>	<p>I am not a career politician. I have served in elected office only in the last 12 years but I have been actively engaged in my community for five decades. I have volunteered in the schools raising millions as a member of the Board of the Berkeley Public School Funds.</p> <p>I support the creation of new affordable and market rate housing in the downtown and along transportation corridors. New housing broadens our tax base and makes it possible to support the many services that make our community unique. My opponents have resisted new housing.</p> <p>I strongly opposed Measure R (2014, written by one of my opponents). It would have dismantled the Downtown Plan which a broad, representative group of citizens had approved after years of work and over 100 public meetings.</p> <p>I support the training of public safety officers in dealing with catastrophic events like a natural disaster or terrorist attacks. My opponent voted against such training.</p> <p>I supported a Green Vision and approved the EIR for the Downtown. My opponent didn't.</p> <p>I voted to consider a ferry terminal at the Marina. My opponent did not.</p> <p>I believe in working by consensus. All stakeholders should have an opportunity to participate in policy development.</p>	<p>I bring a breadth of real-world experience, a background and skillset in engineering and policy analysis, and the perspective of a young person looking to have a future in Berkeley.</p> <p>Additionally, I am uniquely able to connect with residents of Berkeley from all walks of life. Growing up here, I attended Berkeley High; I’m now a graduate student at Cal, and so I’m able to speak to the experiences of all students in Berkeley. I currently rent an apartment in Downtown and live car-free, while my parents own their home in the hills and are dependent upon automobiles for mobility; so I understand the wide range of lifestyles Berkeley residents experience.</p>	<p>My opponents want to talk things to death. Propose things which are unrealistic but sound good. I’m not going to talk about problems I’m going to solve them. I take pride in being the solution.</p> <p>Accountability. I will insist that the community hold me accountable for all my actions. The means to do that will be an open door policy.</p> <p>Financial stewardship. The current council is focused on tax and spend. We never see any cost management actions . Instead it is spend everything we have then go borrow some more money.</p>
How did you end up in Berkeley?	<p>I ended up in Berkeley because my boyfriend wanted to move here to go to graduate school. he came first and looked for an apartment but could not find one. When I arrived from Hawaii, after the first apartment interview, the woman said ” You sound like wonderful fellows. you can move in right away.” With such a blessed welcome it felt like coming to Berkeley was the perfect place to be.</p>	<p>Growing up, I was inspired by social movements around the world, such as the fight against apartheid in South Africa. When I was 9, I successfully led efforts to rename a street in San Francisco for my hero, Cesar Chavez. I am a lifelong advocate for social justice. Berkeley is a city with a rich history of political activism, and I fell in love with its diversity, culture, and progressive history. I always wanted to attend the best public university in the world, UC Berkeley, and became the first in my family to graduate from college.</p>	<p>I spent my first 5 years in Berkeley attending John Muir Elementary School. My family left Berkeley at that time and I returned as a UC undergraduate in 1965. I have been here ever since. I married and had two children who attended the Berkeley schools graduating in 1988 and 1990. It is a community I love and know very well.</p>	<p>I was born and raised in Berkeley, attended Berkeley schools, and graduated from Berkeley High. I went to UC San Diego for undergrad, but realized I love Berkeley too much to stay away for long – I moved back only three days after graduating. I found a job at Lawrence Berkeley Lab and an apartment in Downtown, and haven’t regretted it once. I didn’t even apply to any other graduate schools besides UC Berkeley, because I knew I wasn’t going to leave.</p>	<p>I came back to the Bay Area from Las Vegas, Nevada seeking better health care.</p>

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<p>What are the three biggest challenges Berkeley faces in the near future?</p>	<p>The three biggest challenges in the NEAR future are Saving Alta Bates Hospital, and Affordable Housing/Homelessness solutions. The most time sensitive immediate challenge is ensuring voters understand the current local ballot measures. The most important ballot measures are YES on E1, YES on U1, and NO on DD. YES on E1 for continuing public school support is extraordinarily important to our kids, parents, teachers, and our image as a humane civilized city. YES on U1 is a well thought out measure put on the ballot by all nine council members. NO on DD because it is dreadfully deceptive and punishes tenants and small landlords alike. YES on X1 for Campaign Finance Reform could reduce negative effects of money on politics.</p>	<p>1: Affordable Housing I am deeply concerned about the housing affordability crisis which threatens the diversity and character of our city. Skyrocketing rents have created gentrification and the displacement of many African Americans and working class families. When we're in a situation where people who grew up here and worked in this community for years cannot afford to live here, something's wrong. We need to change the direction so Berkeley remains an inclusive and equitable city where everyone can call home. The people of Berkeley agree: affordable housing is the biggest issue that we face, and something must be done to address it.</p> <p>2: Homelessness Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis and a failure of our society. We are seeing more homeless in our parks and streets. It is estimated there are over 1,000 homeless in our city, and we don't have the services needed to adequately serve this community. This is unacceptable. Our most vulnerable people are disproportionately homeless: those suffering from mental health, seniors, LGBT youth. We need to invest more in these communities to raise them out of homelessness. Mental health especially, must be approached differently. 35% of police calls are for mental related issues, and it should not be the job of the police to deal with these situations.</p> <p>3: Alta Bates Alta Bates has served our community for generations. But now Sutter Health has confirmed its intentions to close down the hospital as early as 2018. This will place hundreds of thousands of residents along the I-80 Corridor from Richmond to North Oakland at risk. When minutes could make the difference between life and death in a medical emergency such as a heart attack, the lack of a hospital in such a large area will have disastrous consequences. Sutter must be held accountable to its agreements.</p>	<p>Affordable housing and housing the homeless is our biggest challenge. We face a critical housing shortage that has driven rents and home prices to record levels. Many people who work in Berkeley or grew up in Berkeley cannot afford to live in Berkeley.</p> <p>Our housing shortage can be addressed by increasing our housing along our transportation corridors. Many of our citizens are moving away from automobiles as their primary mode of transportation. Many people locating in the downtown are using public transit (BART and AC Transit), Lyft and Uber, bicycles and walking. They want to be able to live in a neighborhood that provides for most of their needs...be it shopping, entertainment or restaurants.</p> <p>We have made great strides in our downtown to make it a safe and inviting environment. The more people live in the downtown the more it will serve as a 'complete' neighborhood for our citizens.</p> <p>It is also appropriate that home builders include below market rate (BMR) units in their projects or pay a housing impact fee. The council recently increased the the BMR requirements to 20% of all units or pay an impact fee of \$34,000 for each market rate unit in the project. I supported those increased requirements. This will provide significant resources to the city to increase affordable housing in our community.</p> <p>We face a persistent achievement gap in our schools Our Latino and African American students are achieving significantly below those of their white and Asian peers.</p> <p>Our unfunded liabilities (both our physical infrastructure and our pension and healthcare obligations) poise a threat to the fiscal sustainability of our City.</p>	<p>1. Housing affordability. In just the last three years since I moved back to Berkeley, rents have increased 50%. The median home price is now \$1 million. For young people like me, this is untenable. The cause of this affordability crisis is clear – there isn't nearly enough housing for everyone who wants to make a life in Berkeley, and so only the very highest bidders can get in. Berkeley must build more housing if it wants to remain a diverse, accessible city, and avoid the fate of Palo Alto.</p> <p>2. Reinvesting in parks & infrastructure. We have roughly \$500 million in deferred maintenance and capital improvements. As a result, our parks are crumbling, our streets our crumbling, and our future is unclear. Will we take the bold step to tackle these big fiscal challenges? Or will we let our parks close down due to age and neglect?</p> <p>3. Environmental sustainability. Our award-winning Climate Action Plan calls for an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, yet fails to address one of the largest sources of CO2 – natural gas. Renewable energy is making it possible to eliminate natural gas and reduce emissions; Berkeley needs to move towards that.</p>	<p>Financial Stability The City is currently \$1,000,000,000 in debt. Others come up with unrealistic solutions that drive us further under. The City budget must be run like you any household.</p> <p>Strategic plan. We have the tools and resources to solve the current challenges. What we don't have is a clear plan on how to best use our present ability. Staring with the agenda we must prioritize the most important issues. Public policy must deal with those issues first.</p> <p>Economic stability. The greatest challenges that we currently face, housing, homelessness, public safety, are not being addressed primarily because of the lack of financial resources. The city must go on an austerity program and stop spending money on patch trucks instead of our kids.</p>

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What are your ideas to solve them?	<p>What you have done is a better predictor of the future than what you say. My interns researched what has happened in other cities facing hospital closures. They discovered multiple examples where closures were prevented. Each case appeared to share similar principles of strong government and community opposition, followed by community organizing and coalition building to create the needed pressure. Our interns worked with local nurse and doctor experts and created a resolution to strongly oppose closure. The resolution’s first co-sponsor was Lori Droste and it was passed unanimously. Since then coalition efforts have led to more cities, including El Cerrito and Oakland adopting similar resolutions. We need to build on this momentum by expanding the coalition. A strong but sensible approach can succeed at convincing Sutter Corporation to meet the needs of Berkeley patients and those of nearby Alameda County and Contra Costa County patients as well.</p> <p>My 27 point short term Affordable Housing Action Plan was delayed seven months under current council conditions, then almost all were referred for study. We need to end the delay and defeat of positive ideas, and move forward with action on solutions to such urgent issues. I introduced 49 ideas, Councilmember Arreguin introduced a few dozen ideas, Mayor Bates introduced about ten and other Council members introduced a few as well. We need to prioritize and commit to action rather than talk. As steps towards housing for the homeless we need an action plan as well. Solutions include: shifting the 35% of Police calls that deal with mental health issues to mental health staff which will save a lot of money and free up police time for addressing serious crime. Existing non-profits could be better coordinated and/or consolidated. We also need detox, more public restrooms, and consideration of Navigation Centers.</p>	<p>1: Affordable Housing We need more market rate housing, but just building housing will not solve the immediate affordability crisis. We also need strong affordability requirements to leverage private investment to create more affordable units. We also need a reliable source of local funding for affordable housing. That is why I have led efforts to place Measure U1 on the November 2016 ballot, which if adopted could generate \$5 million annually for affordable housing and homelessness prevention. As Mayor I will advocate for state and federal funding to expand affordable housing.</p> <p>2: Homelessness There is a lot we can do to find thoughtful, humanitarian solutions to homelessness. We need to work with other cities, state and federal officials to create regional solutions. We need to invest in transitional and permanent housing to get people off the streets. As proven in other cities, a Housing First approach works. If you can house someone, they will stay housed. As the founder of the Berkeley Homeless Task Force, we have pushed forward multiple policies and ideas, including many that have been implemented.</p> <p>3: Alta Bates We must stop the closure of Alta Bates. I have teamed up with the California Nurses Association, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond and other stakeholders in looking into possible solutions. Last month, I co-sponsored a Town Hall regarding this matter, with hundreds in attendance. It is clear we need a regional coalition to stop the closure, and we have been successful in stopping hospital closures in the past. With \$14 billion in assets and opportunities to apply for state financing, Sutter’s claim that they can’t afford needed seismic upgrades is not true. We need to get Sutter to the table to find out what can be done to retrofit the Ashby hospital. Another option is filing an injunction to stop the closure.</p>	<p>The achievement gap must be addressed early in our children’s lives. Children entering kindergarten already demonstrate this phenomena. I believe we need to provide access to universal preschool and childcare to everyone of our children. Experts agree critical development takes place between the ages of birth to 5. If that development is not nurtured it is difficult to recoup later on. Addressing the needs of our children at the earliest of ages (even prenatal) will provide them with the best chances for success later on.</p> <p>I also believe that middle income workers should have the opportunity to live in this community. That is why I have initiated discussions to identify surplus city and BUSD land for potential housing sites for teachers, librarians, social workers and others who cannot afford to live here.</p> <p>We have neglected our physical infrastructure for decades. We need to adopt a policy of ‘fix it first’ meaning we need to take care of what we have before venturing into new commitments. Our public buildings, streets, sidewalks, sewers are in disrepair. This is why I support measure T1 on the November ballot to give us a head start on infrastructure repairs. Once they are repaired we need to maintain them. Those costs must be built into every budget every year.</p> <p>Finally, we have begun to address our pension and healthcare liabilities but must be vigilant. We have worked with our employees in a collaborative way to begin to reduce those liabilities. Additionally, state mandated reforms have raised the retirement age for our new workers and reduced benefits. It has taken us years to get where we are and will take us years to eliminate the deficits. We need a long term plan with annual benchmarks and we need to stick to those benchmarks.</p>	<p>1. Build more housing. Especially along transit corridors and near campus, Berkeley has lots of room for new housing to go up. We can also make it easier to build backyard units, allow people to subdivide their homes, increase allowable density, and addressing underutilized or abandoned land. We can expand our transit corridors and housing options in North Berkeley, to provide increased mobility and accessibility to residents and revitalize commercial areas, like the top of Solano. We also need to work with UC Berkeley to identify sites for and encourage the construction of new student housing, to relieve pressure on the rental housing market and make more units available. At the same time, we should continue to ensure all new construction simultaneously results in either funding for, or construction of, new, subsidized, low-income housing to protect our most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>2. Pass Measure T1 and develop a comprehensive plan to tackle both our long-term infrastructure debt and our structural deficit. We need to identify ways to raise the necessary funds to rebuild our city and simultaneously make our parks and infrastructure operations more efficient, to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability. Green and resilient infrastructure can help to reduce maintenance costs, while new policies (like providing an option to pay for limited reservations) can provide additional sources of revenue.</p> <p>3. Stop installing new natural gas-fired heating, water heating, or cooking systems or dryers and instead rely on renewable energy and thermally efficient design in new construction. Additionally, aggressively expand Berkeley’s biking and transit infrastructure, to facilitate better mobility without increased congestion (or emissions). As Berkeley grows, better transit and biking will be essential for ensuring our limited roadways are able to keep up with the demand for moving people.</p>	<p>Community must be involved in crafting policy. There are tons of really innovative ideas that are not being heard. The creation of neighborhood assemblies will be the vehicle insuring those voices have a forum.</p> <p>Fiscal responsibility. Every contract must be performance based. You don’t do the job you don’t get paid.</p> <p>Demonstrated need. Unless there is a need for something we don’t buy it. Just because we want two patch trucks we only have need for one.</p> <p>Provide direction and specific instructions to commissions. Example: Homeless commission be directed to develop a strategic plan within sixty days to end homelessness including costs.</p>

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What is your most inspired or unique idea for Berkeley?	The Tuesday City Council Circus atmosphere can be improved by scheduling special meetings with only one topic, when there is a major controversial issue. This will prevent major issues being discussed late at night after most of the public left exasperated. It will allow more participation at a reasonable hour.	To increase our supply of affordable housing, I want to develop a Small Sites Acquisition program. It would fund the purchase of properties for use by the City or non-profits for affordable housing, particularly properties where tenants are at risk of displacement. We should explore ways to capture vacant properties.	I was one of the leaders of ‘Berkeley versus Big Soda’. We built a broad and strong coalition which carried us to an overwhelming victory. Our pioneering success encouraged and inspired communities across the nation (and the world) to consider such a tax to deal with this public health crisis.	Phasing out the use of natural gas in new construction (and, eventually, existing buildings). We’re reaching the point where electricity is so clean that even if it’s less energy efficient, it still results in fewer emissions than burning natural gas for heating.	LOL Current City council has to go find a real job like flipping burgers or digging ditches. Wanting to turn downtown into a pedestrian mall. City needs money? Well then I’ll go sell cookies and sit in a dunk tank so we can fund the arts.
How will you be accessible to constituents?	I will continue to surprise constituents by personally answering their phone calls, when i am between meetings. I will be accessible to constituents by attending numerous community events, and listening to the people’s problems, questions and suggestions. Previously I introduced multiple proposals of how to use technology and social media to increase public participation by residents who can not attend meetings. Also by having a diverse office staff who are approachable and keep track of all issues and ensure follow up until resolution of the concerns.	I will be a full-time Mayor and my door will always be open. As a Councilmember, I have helped hundreds resolve city issues. I am committed to promoting innovation in city government, using technology to better deliver city services, to engage residents in our City Council process through online civic engagement, and reform our council meetings to improve efficiency and civility. I will conduct Town Hall meetings throughout Berkeley to receive input from residents about priorities and ideas. I will continue my practice of monthly office hours at the Farmers Markets and at businesses throughout the city.	I have always taken great pride in being very accessible to my constituents. I hold regular monthly meetings open to all (‘Coffee with the Councilmember’). I plan to do the same as Mayor moving around our City with similar monthly meetings. My office door is always open to meet with constituents individually or in groups. The only way to build consensus is to engage one another with respect and an open mind.	I plan to hold regular office hours at coffee shops around the city, and be available otherwise by appointment. I also intend to respond to emails and phone calls within 48 hours, and have a regular newsletter for anyone interested on what’s going on in the Mayor’s office and with the rest of the City.	Open door policy. Answer e mail and phone calls. Eating lunch in very public places. Facebook page. Regular program on BCM. WALK EACH DISTRICT. Coffee with the mayor. Come on down have coffee let me know whats on your mind.
How much do you expect to spend on your campaign?	Our budget will be however much people donate.	\$100,000	My budget is \$125,000.	I expect to raise roughly \$10,000 for my campaign.	\$1,500
A final thought?	Thanks to Ranked Choice Voting you can vote for up to three Mayoral candidates. I am encouraging my supporters to use Ranked Choice Voting to vote for both me and Council Member Jesse Arreguin. We differ stylistically and politically, but he has demonstrated immense skills at bringing people together and bridging political divides. Other candidates have potential for a bright future, like Ben Gould, or have focused attention on important issues like Mike Lee and Berndt Wahl. Because of Jesse’s extensive record bringing people together, I encourage my supporters to vote for me and Jesse Arreguin.	I love Berkeley and I am excited about our future. As Mayor I will bring new dynamic leadership and advance an equitable future. It has been an honor to serve the community on the City Council, and with your support I hope to represent you as your new Mayor. Please join Senator Bernie Sanders, the Democratic Party, Sierra Club, California Nurses Association, Alameda Labor Council, civil rights leader Dolores Huerta, former Berkeley Mayors Shirley Dean and Gus Newport, and hundreds of elected officials and community leaders in supporting me. Together, we can create a Berkeley that works for everyone.	Berkeley is an inspiring community. The climate, the parks, the setting by San Francisco Bay, our diversity, the small commercial neighborhoods and UC are all part of what makes Berkeley so special. But most extraordinary are the people and the talent and diversity they bring to the table. As once we are engaging, creative and demanding...continually challenging the status quo. I look forward to serving my community as Mayor. I want to thank Berkeleyside for giving me the opportunity to share my thinking with all of you.	I’m running on the issues of housing affordability, reinvesting in parks and infrastructure, and environmental sustainability to ensure Berkeley does more to tackle these issues. However, these issues can’t be addressed in just one election – they’ll require ongoing, dedicated efforts to ensure we succeed, and regardless of how this election turns out, I plan to continue working to tackle these challenges. I also hope to use my campaign to inspire more young people to run for office – I believe it will ultimately be our generation that solves these problems, so we might as well get started now.	Who ever gets elected Mayor must create a way that the community is directly involved in crafting public policy. My opponents want you to believe they are Moses and will solve all your problems. They aren’t. You and your neighbors are the solution. The Mayor is a facilitator and partner in community efforts to improve the quality of life for all of us.
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