

Name: Kriss Worthington	Position sought: State Assembly
Campaign address: 2808 Hillegass Ave, Berkeley	Campaign phone: (510) 548-8796
Campaign email: kriss@dsp.com	Campaign fax:
Campaign Manager: Doug Linney/ Mike Sheen	Campaign Finance Officer/Treasurer: Nancy Carleton
Home address: 2808 Hillegass Ave, Berkeley	Years at this address: 12
Political Party Affiliation: Democrat	Current Occupation: City Council member

Your answers to the following questions will allow OakPAC to make an informed judgment about your candidacy. This questionnaire is a first interview and will assist in making the interview process efficient. Please feel free to attach additional pages (e.g. endorsement list) and/or a resume. Typed responses returned via e-mail are appreciated.

All information will remain *confidential* and will only be reviewed by OakPAC’s Board of Directors.

1. What is your professional background and civic organization affiliation and? What would you consider your major accomplishments in each area?

Professional background includes service as Executive Director or Manager of multiple non-profit agencies. Served as a day care teacher, home health care worker, and as manager or Executive Director of non-profit groups including home for mentally retarded adults, shelter for homeless women, a youth hostel, housing co-ops, a food co-op, a neighborhood development association, and a UC student housing co-op. Major accomplishments included improved financial accountability, increasing disabled accessibility, and creating Repair and Replacement Reserve funds for capital projects.

Civic organization affiliations include: AARP, ACLU, Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County, BCA, BWOPA, California Democratic Party Disabilities Caucus, CalPirg, Center for Reproductive Rights, Common Cause, Contemporary Jewish Museum, Democrats with Disabilities, East Bay for Democracy, East Bay LGBT Dems, El Cerrito Democratic Club, Environment California, Equality California, Gray Panthers, HRC, John George Democratic Club, Lamorinda Democratic Club, Latino Democratic Club, League of Conservation Voters, Magnes Museum, MGO, NAACP, NARAL, NOW, NWPC, Planned Parenthood, Progressive Democrats of the East Bay, Save the Bay, Sierra Club, Wellstone Democratic Club, WILPF.

Major accomplishments included promoting coalition building amongst various organizations, outstanding customer service on individual or business problems, and promoting diversity.

2. One key element in any successful campaign is the ability of the candidate to raise campaign funds. What amount of money have you budgeted for this campaign and how much have you raised to date?
\$475,000 budgeted, over \$100,000 raised
3. Have you contracted with a firm or individual to manage your campaign? If so, please provide the name and address of the firm/individual.
YES. Campaign Consultant Doug Linney, Next Generation, 1904 Franklin Street, Oakland, Ca. 94612; Campaign Manager Mike Sheen; Fundraising Leslie Katz

4. What other groups or elected officials have endorsed you? (Attach list if available.)

Organizations:

International Association of Machinists, Local 1546
Berkeley Firefighters Association, Local 1227
Engineers and Scientists of California, Local 20
Teamsters Joint Council 7
Progressive Democrats of the East Bay
Equality California
Berkeley Daily Planet

Elected Officials:

Mark Leno, State Assemblymember
Max Anderson, Berkeley City Councilmember
Darryl Moore, Berkeley City Councilmember
Dona Spring, Berkeley City Councilmember
Robert Lieber, Albany Mayor
Farid Javandel, Albany City Councilmember
Marjorie Atkinson, Albany City Councilmember
Ken Bukowski, Emeryville Mayor
Ruth Atkin, Emeryville City Councilmember
Kevin Dowling, Hayward City Councilmember
Mark Green, Union City Mayor
Larry Reid, Oakland City Councilmember
Tom Ammiano, San Francisco Supervisor
Bevan Dufty, San Francisco Supervisor
Gerardo Sandoval, San Francisco Supervisor
Leslie Katz, Former San Francisco Supervisor
Jose Cisneros, San Francisco Treasurer
Dolores Huerta, United Farm Workers
Elsa Ortiz, AC Transit Board
Doug Linney, East Bay MUD
John Selawsky, School Board Chair

Rio Bauce, School Board
Jesse L. Arreguin, Rent Board Chair
Dave Blake, Rent Board
Howard Chong, Rent Board
Jack Harrison, Rent Board
Jason Overman, Rent Board
Selma Spector, Rent Board
Lisa Stephens, Rent Board
Pamela Webster, Rent Board
Van Nguyen, ASUC President
Taylor Allbright, ASUC Executive VP
Danny Montes, ASUC External VP

5. What will your Get Out the Vote (GOTV) strategy be for your campaign?
Each of my campaigns has been blessed with many volunteers supplementing creative mail.
6. What best describes your motivation for running for office?
Wanting to help people.
7. How does your prior experience prepare you for elected office?
I have the most years of City elected experience and regional governmental service. These years of experience have taught me a lot about how to get things done and to move effective policy forward with the support of a broad range of people.
- Berkeley City Councilmember, 1996 – present
 - Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) 1998-2008– Plans and Programs Committee, Administration and Legislation Committee, Planning Area Committee,
 - AC Transit: Berkeley-Oakland-San Leandro Major Investment Study Policy Committee
 - Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – City of Berkeley Alternate
 - League of California Cities – City of Berkeley Delegate
 - San Pablo Avenue Policy Steering Committee – Member (1998-2008)
 - Alameda County Transportation Authority/Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTA/ACTIA) – Alameda County Alternate 2004-present
 - Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste) – Member 2006-2008
 - City of Berkeley – Vice Mayor, Telegraph Committee (Chair), Downtown Committee (Vice-Chair), Undergrounding Utilities committee, Parks Committee, Eco-Pass Committee (Chair), Rules Committee (Chair), Joint City/Library Board Selection Committee (Chair) 2007, Housing Authority 1996-2007, Redevelopment Agency 1996-2008, Civic Improvement Corporation

1996-2007, and Holocaust Remembrance Day Planning Committee (Chair)
2004-2008

8. What are the top three policy priorities during your term in office?
Education, Economy/Budget, and Transportation/Environment
9. If a nominee for City Board or Commission was deemed “hostile to business” would you pledge to block the nomination?
As a State Assembly member I would not be in a position to block or approve nominations to City Boards or Commissions. Some people consider everyone on the Berkeley City Council to be “hostile to business” but I have been told repeatedly by individual business people how refreshing they find it that I actively help them with their problems. Recently, this has included leading the fight to restore the parking removed from Telegraph Avenue, opposing increased charges to cafes and restaurants to subsidize liquor stores, and opposing the undiplomatic incendiary letter voted to be sent to the Marine recruiters declaring them “unwelcome, uninvited intruders” in the city. This anti-business, anti-veteran, anti-common sense letter got six votes. I voted against it the first time, and at the second meeting I made the motion to rescind the act and to apologize.
10. What do you think should be done to help businesses attract and retain a qualified workforce?
Community Colleges and State Colleges need our strong support to expand technical and career education training to be more readily available, especially in areas where the workforce need is most evident. Working with unions to expand apprenticeship programs is a wonderful opportunity for business/labor cooperation. Immigration reform is needed as well.
11. What have you done in your career to advance a healthy business climate or promote sustainable economic development?
After months of excuses and opposition, persistently persuaded the City of Berkeley to start issuing quarterly reports on job creation, unemployment, and sales tax revenue by business district, as well as tracking office and retail vacancy rates in order to effectively prioritize economic development plans. Supported individual green businesses, the creation of the Green Chamber of Commerce. Pushed the City to implement a Buy Local policy for city contracts and purchases and to unbundle large City contracts so that small business receive some of the cash flow they need to thrive. On a regional level I have also helped individual contractors and subcontractors navigate the process to be able to get contracts and to get payments processed in a more reasonable time frame. Advocated for minority businesses and women owned businesses to the extent permitted by state law. Successfully advocated for linking transportation and land use funding- when I first talked about this ten years ago it was very controversial- now it is generally expected that we are moving in this direction but we still need to push through legislation in Sacramento as well as regional policies.

12. What are three major challenges facing Oakland? What will you do to address these during your term in office?
Education, Economy and Public Safety. I will work closely with Assembly member Sandre Swanson, as well as other elected officials at the local, regional, state, and federal level along with community leaders including but not limited to representatives from the schools, business, unions, and the neighborhoods.
13. The Police Department is being pressured to add officers. How do you think public safety can be improved?
My Violence Prevention and Violence Response Plan proposes to add more officers in Berkeley, along with jobs creation and expanding neighborhood watch and community policing strategies. A balanced approach offers the best hope for success. Improved technology, and improved cross border communication are some of the ingredients needed.
14. What ideas and actions will you contribute to revitalizing the Broadway corridor during your term in office? How will these include incentives to attract new companies to Oakland?
At the local level, I have advocated for a more consistent and streamlined permitting process for businesses along the Telegraph corridor (and throughout Berkeley). At the Assembly level, I will continue to work with businesses and help them take advantage of existing programs to encourage job creation and revitalization along the Broadway corridor. I will coordinate with the mayor and city staff to maximize results and achieve the most equitable solution.
15. What accomplishments have resulted from your efforts to improve the business climate in Oakland?
In my role as a member of regional agencies, I have been a strong advocate for addressing goods corridor mobility by improving transportation which is the lifeblood for product delivery. I have been and will be outspoken about the need to assist the Port of Oakland in addressing its important need for funding to support the truck drivers, the environment, the neighborhood and the businesses of Oakland and beyond.



OakPAC Stipulations

OakPAC may consider any information that is available in reviewing your candidacy, including the information you provide in your application, any campaign materials or other statements you provide, your public statements, and information from any other available sources.

Consideration of your candidacy is an opportunity extended by OakPAC. It does not obligate the committee to endorse you. OakPAC reserves the right to choose not to make an endorsement in any election campaign. An endorsement, if awarded, carries no commitment as to additional action, financial assistance, or other support of any kind by OakPAC. An endorsed candidate may be considered for additional support or assistance at the discretion of the OakPAC Board of Directors and/or individual committee members.

Candidate agreement

I hereby apply for OakPAC's consideration of and support for my candidacy for public office. I have read the terms above and agree to them. I certify that I have answered truthfully and completely to each of the questions asked in this application.

Signed: _____

Date: _____