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BWOPA Local Chapter PAC Endorsement Request Application

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Endorsement Request

Early Endorsement

Regular Endorsement

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City Planner

Campaign Committee Name

WARREN LOGAN FOR OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3, 2024

FPPC#

#1463590

Treasurer

Susan Reyes

Chair/Consultant

Modern Bay Strategies

Fundraising Goals

\$150,000

Campaign Contribution Limits
\$600

What predicated you to run for office and what are your goals, if you win? What are the biggest challenges facing your city?

I'm running for Oakland City Council District 3 because I feel our city is on the wrong track. Neighbors continue to share concerns about public safety, affordable housing, and homelessness. We need a representative who responds to us, is transparent about what's happening, and can work alongside every city councilmember and staffer. That is the best way to deliver meaningful changes that help our residents, workers, and business owners alike. I know what it takes to effectively make change happen quickly and I'm ready to serve my district.

If elected, my top goals are to address the housing crisis by streamlining affordable housing development and preserving existing housing, improve public safety through community-driven solutions, and foster economic development by supporting small businesses and creating jobs. I also aim to increase government transparency and responsiveness, ensuring that the voices of Oakland residents are heard and their needs are addressed. My focus is on creating a safer, more equitable, and vibrant Oakland where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Oakland is grappling with several significant challenges. First, the housing crisis continues to push residents out of their homes, with a lack of affordable options exacerbating homelessness. Public safety is another pressing issue, as many residents feel unsafe due to increasing crime and the need for effective, community-centered solutions. Additionally, the city faces economic struggles, including small businesses recovering from the impacts of COVID-19 and the need for sustainable job creation. Lastly, trust in local government has eroded, and we must rebuild that trust by delivering results and being accountable to the community.

List your top 3 platform issues and why they are important to BWOPA

Public safety

I believe in BWOPA's mission to advocate for fair policies that reduce discrimination in the adjudication process, provide alternatives to incarceration for youth and drug offenders, encourage prison reform that promotes rehabilitation, and assists those who were formerly incarcerated in re-entering the community.

Accessible, affordable, dignified housing

After decades of systematically racist housing and economic policies, Black people have borne the brunt of a severe housing affordability crisis. That is why, right now, 69% of

Oakland's homeless population identify as Black or African American, compared to only 21% of our city's general population. We must quickly and directly address the ongoing housing affordability crisis. The goal is to house the unhoused in dignified housing with wraparound services. It is also to ensure that current Black residents can afford their rents and live without fear of sudden evictions or being priced out of their homes. Finally, we must build pathways towards homeownership, especially for first-time Black homeowners.

Transparent and accessible government

Increasing civic participation also requires a government and councilmember that embodies transparency. By holding open office hours, more town halls, and available phone lines, our community can be more directly informed and engaged. This will lead to an increase in civic participation and awareness. Through these increased community interactions, we can highlight not just critical voting information—such as registration dates, early voting, and voting locations—but also for important local participation moments like public comment periods on new projects.

Do you support equal rights for women?

Yes

No

Other:

Share with us your position on law enforcement agencies relative to operational reform or defund?

Our approach to law enforcement must be rooted in reform, accountability, justice, and community engagement. Operational reform is crucial to ensuring that law enforcement is not just effective in protecting public safety but also does so in a way that reduces harm and discrimination, especially in Black neighborhoods. This means increasing transparency, improving training on de-escalation techniques, and building stronger relationships between law enforcement and the neighborhoods they serve. We must work toward eliminating police misconduct and racial disparities in enforcement, ensuring that every Oakland resident feels safe and respected by those sworn to protect them.

We need a balanced approach that reallocates some resources toward mental health services, homelessness support, and youth programs—areas that can help address some of the root causes of crime in the first place. However, we must also ensure that we have a well-trained and accountable police force that can respond to violent emergencies when needed. It's not about defunding; it's about right-sizing our investments to create a holistic public safety system that truly serves everyone.

Do you support legislation to protect equal rights for all individuals regardless of gender, race, age, religion, ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation or real or perceived gender?

Yes

No

Other:

What is your position on local increases to the minimum wage? Would you support a prevailing wage ordinance?

I strongly support local increases to the minimum wage, as it is essential to ensuring that workers in Oakland can afford to live in this city. With the rising cost of living, especially in housing and healthcare, wages must keep pace so that working families aren't left behind. Raising the minimum wage can also help stimulate the local economy by putting more money in the hands of consumers, which benefits small businesses and communities alike.

I would also support a prevailing wage ordinance. A prevailing wage ensures that workers in publicly funded projects are fairly compensated, which helps create good-paying jobs and promotes equity across industries. It ensures that city investments in infrastructure and development projects benefit workers and the community by supporting living wages and skilled labor. This aligns with my vision for Oakland—fostering economic growth while prioritizing fair wages and workers' rights.

What is your position on affordable housing & Why?

I believe affordable housing is fundamental, and addressing Oakland's housing crisis requires immediate, bold action. Housing affordability directly impacts the stability and well-being of our communities, and too many Oaklanders are being priced out of the city they call home. I support policies that promote the creation of affordable housing at all income levels, particularly for low- and middle-income families. We must streamline the permitting process for affordable housing developments, incentivize developers to include affordable units in market-rate projects, and use city-owned land for affordable housing construction. Additionally, preserving existing affordable housing is crucial to preventing displacement.

Affordable housing is not just about shelter—it's about creating opportunities for families to thrive, ensuring diversity in our neighborhoods, and reducing homelessness. By making housing more accessible and affordable, we can stabilize Oakland's working families, address economic inequality, and ensure that Oakland remains a vibrant, inclusive city. Housing is a human right, and our policies must reflect that by prioritizing affordability, equity, and community well-being.

Your election date
Nov 5, 2024

What are your community accomplishments?

Throughout my time in Oakland, I've been committed to serving our community in various ways. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I led the creation of Oakland's community testing and vaccination sites as part of the city's Community Resilience Program, ensuring that underserved neighborhoods had access to essential healthcare services. I also launched the Slow Streets program, which provided safe, car-free spaces for neighbors to walk, bike, and connect during the height of the pandemic.

Beyond my work in public service, I've been a co-founder of the Black Queer Men's Brunch, a space for community, connection, and support among Black LGBTQ+ individuals. I've also volunteered with multiple non-profits across the city, lending my time to organizations focused on food security, housing, and youth empowerment. These include Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, Impulse Group, Transform CA, East Bay Young Democrats, and the Stonewall Democrats. My goal has always been to give back to the city I love, and to work alongside my neighbors to create a stronger, more connected Oakland.

Who recommended you seek BWOPA-PAC's endorsement?
Audrey-Olushola Momoh

Please share your brief bio

Warren Logan is running for Oakland City Council District 3 — representing West Oakland, the Port and Jack London waterfront, Downtown, Adams Point, Mosswood, and more — to create a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant Oakland.

Warren has worked as a city planner for over a decade in the Bay Area, focusing on community engagement, land use planning, and transportation safety. During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Warren served as Oakland's Emergency Director of Community Resilience and was instrumental in setting up our neighborhood testing sites creating business resiliency programs and neighborhood engagement programs. His dedication to the City of Oakland and his passion for the community are exactly what we need in our city's leadership.

For more details on Warren's background and policies, visit
<https://warrenforoakland.com/about/>