

Sunrise Movement Bay Area Candidate Endorsement Form 2024

Sunrise is a movement to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process.

We're building a movement of young people to make climate change an urgent priority across America, end the corrupting influence of fossil fuel executives on our politics, and elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people.

Sunrise Bay Area is considering your race for endorsement. To be considered, please answer the questions provided. Answers may be succinct, as long as the question is fully answered.

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Party Affiliation*

Democrat

Type of Race

Open Seat

Challenging Incumbent Democrat

Challenging Incumbent Republican

Current Incumbent

Are you a current or former elected government official?*

Yes

No

Amount of time you've lived in your district or city*

11 years

If you'd like, tell us more about your identity, background, or experience in your own words:

I'm Warren Logan and I identify as a gay Black man and a resident of West Oakland. I'm 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.

I have 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, I 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. My dedication to the City of Oakland and my passion for community are exactly what we need in our city's leadership.

What does climate justice mean to you?

Climate justice means ensuring that the people and communities most affected by climate change, particularly marginalized groups like low-income communities and people of color, are at the forefront of solutions. It recognizes that these groups often contribute the least to the causes of climate change but suffer the most from its impacts,

such as extreme weather events, pollution, and rising sea levels. In Oakland this means focusing on safer streets for biking and walking, reducing car dependency, and reconnecting West Oakland to downtown by tearing down I-980. It means building affordable housing near transit hubs which ensures low-income families have access to both sustainable transportation and economic opportunities. Additionally, I would advocate for job training programs in green industries to create middle-class jobs and ensure the benefits of the transition are shared equitably.

The Green New Deal is a plan put forward to address the interwoven crises of climate catastrophe, economic inequality, and racism at the scale that science and justice demand. Do you support a Green New Deal? How will you make the Green New Deal a reality at the local level, within the power of your prospective office?

To ensure California addresses the climate crisis, I will support the California Green New Deal and fight for significant investments in public transit, expanding bike and pedestrian infrastructure, and promoting walkable communities to reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainable urban development.

Equally important is ensuring that the transition to green energy creates economic opportunities for all. By supporting local hiring initiatives and promoting the development of green jobs, we can ensure that the economic benefits of this transition are shared equitably within our communities. I also believe that modernizing our infrastructure, such as electrifying transportation and expanding solar power, is essential for building a resilient, sustainable future. This approach not only addresses the immediate climate crisis but also creates a long-term pathway for economic growth that benefits everyone, particularly those in underserved communities.

How will you work to create a culture of accountability for corporations who threaten environmental safety and equity of our communities? What steps will you take in your first year in office to create this culture?

To create a culture of accountability for corporations that threaten environmental safety and equity, I will focus on improving air quality and holding industries accountable for

their impact on our communities. As a resident of West Oakland, I know firsthand the pollution caused by trucks on West Grand Avenue and the 980 freeway, which physically divides our district. District 3 suffers from the highest levels of toxic air pollution in Oakland, and we need a cross-cutting approach to fix it.

In my first year, I will advocate for stricter environmental regulations and work with the Air Quality District to deliver grant-funded sustainability improvements. I'll also push for partnerships with Caltrans to increase green buffers between at-risk communities and nearby freeways. I will coordinate with the Oakland Port Authority and maritime tenants to ensure they invest in environmentally sustainable practices. By promoting transparency, community monitoring, and green investments, we can hold corporations accountable and improve public health.

Housing is a climate issue. How will you use your authority to promote more affordable housing - in order to both reduce vehicular emissions from those commuting long distances, and to protect the unhoused who are most vulnerable to climate extremes?

I will promote more affordable housing by leveraging Oakland's available land near transit, owned by the city and mission-aligned organizations like churches and nonprofits. By focusing on transit-oriented development, particularly around areas like the West Oakland BART Station, we can reduce the need for long commutes, lowering vehicular emissions.

I will prioritize keeping Oaklanders in their homes through shallow subsidy programs and protecting at-risk housing units. Additionally, I will streamline the permitting process and fill staffing vacancies to accelerate housing production, ensuring that affordable homes are built quickly. Partnering with the Oakland Housing Authority and BART, we can create more affordable housing near jobs and transit hubs.

By developing stronger community benefits programs and construction mitigation requirements, we can protect Oakland's historic and culturally significant corridors while expanding affordable housing. This strategy supports both the unhoused and families vulnerable to climate extremes, ensuring housing security in a sustainable city.

As climate justice advocates, we see the direct link of militarization and genocide to the climate crisis. The US-funded war on Gaza is the latest example of the intersection of humanitarian and climate disasters caused by such militarization. The Bay Area is home to a large number of companies that support the militarization of Israel, universities that have hosted anti-war/ pro-Palestinian protests, and key ports that provide military supplies worldwide. How will you advocate for the rights of Palestinians at a local level?

Locally, I will advocate for policies that promote divestment from companies profiting from militarization. I will push for city resolutions to limit the use of local ports for distributing military supplies that fuel conflict throughout the world.

By expanding affordable housing, we ensure refugees have the opportunity to thrive in communities that are receptive and equipped with the social, educational, and healthcare resources they need to rebuild their lives, connecting local justice efforts to global struggles.

As climate justice advocates, we recognize the deep connections between militarization, human rights abuses, and the environmental crisis, with the ongoing humanitarian and climate crises in Gaza being a stark example. One of the most meaningful ways we can support refugees, including those displaced by conflict, is by addressing the housing crisis. Building more housing and lowering housing costs can provide refugees with access to stable homes in welcoming, resource-rich communities, rather than resettling them in lower-cost areas that may lack essential support systems.

How will you use your platform to curb vehicular emissions and improve access and availability of low-emission alternatives such as public transit and bicycle transit?

My background in transportation planning, with a strong focus on bike and pedestrian infrastructure, has shown me the transformative impact of creating cities where people can safely walk, bike, and use public transit. I am committed to expanding these efforts, ensuring that our streets are designed for people, not just cars. This not only supports

our climate goals but also enhances the quality of life in our communities, making them safer, healthier, and more vibrant.

I'll champion dedicated bus lanes and high-frequency transit services to improve efficiency and encourage more people to switch from cars to public transportation.

To promote biking, I will advocate for building a comprehensive network of protected bike lanes, improving bike infrastructure, and ensuring safe connections between neighborhoods, schools, and employment centers. I'll work to integrate these efforts with safe pedestrian pathways and "complete streets" designs that make walking and biking more attractive options.

**How will you ensure community safety without adding more to the police budget?
How will you advocate for alternative strategies for community safety?**

I will focus on activating public streets and vacant storefronts, using environmental design to deter crime by fostering community-building activities and promoting eyes-on-the-street. I'll advocate for investing in afterschool programs and partnerships with Oakland Unified School District to create community-based activities for our youth, offering them positive alternatives.

Additionally, I will support partnering job training centers with community colleges to provide skills-based learning opportunities that create pathways to livable wage jobs. I believe in investing further in Oakland's award-winning Ceasefire strategies, which have proven effective in reducing gang violence and shootings.

Lastly, I'll work closely with neighborhood leaders to identify their top priorities and deploy our limited resources in ways that most effectively address community needs. This comprehensive approach will build safety through strong, resilient communities, reducing reliance on policing.