



Questionnaire for Council District 11 Candidates

28 questions were asked of each candidate. For your convenience, we have sorted the responses by “Issues on Which They Agree” and “Issues on Which They Disagree.” A Yes or No answer only was requested.

ISSUES ON WHICH THEY DISAGREE			
	Ordinance/Issue	TRACI PARK	ERIN DARLING
1	Enforcement of Section 41.18 that prohibits sitting, lying, sleeping, and storage of personal property near sensitive uses such as schools, day care centers, public libraries, public parks, an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility, or permanent supportive housing.	Yes	Enforcement of 41.18 around these sites are not discretionary and is simply the law. If we are to fully address the homeless crisis, we have to focus on getting people off the streets and inside so they get the care they need, not just pushing people from one street corner to another.
2	The ordinance adding Section 56.15.3 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code designed to stop the proliferation of open-air bicycle “chop shops,” (spaces on public property where individuals dismantle stolen bicycles and sell their parts or reassembled bicycles).	Yes	I am opposed to bicycle theft and believe the police should enforce existing laws to address bicycle theft.
7	To protect our tree canopy, a motion (in the future) to enact laws that require discretionary approval of the removal of more than one tree per a 12-month period on private property that is more than 8” in trunk diameter.	Yes	Discretionary approval is not enough protection for trees and setting the threshold for protecting trees at 8” may not do enough to protect certain kinds of trees.

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8	To address the housing crisis and impacts on traffic and noise, a motion (in the future) to oppose time share and fractional interest uses anywhere in the City that is zoned residential, and a vote to enact laws to prohibit such uses. (See stoppacasonow.com)	Yes	To address the housing crisis we need to address abuse of short-term rentals. If fractional interests are a large contributor to short-term rental abuse then this should be considered.
9	A law that prohibits vehicle lodging in residential areas but allows a person to obtain a free permit to lodge in a vehicle on certain designated streets for a limited time.	Yes	No
10	Funding for more police officers on our streets.	Yes	We need to get more officers on patrol and reduce response times, and we can do this by hiring more civilian staff to do desk jobs (so that police officers aren't stuck behind desks), and by hiring mental health professionals so we do not divert police to non-violent mental health calls.
13	A policy that would cause a bus-only lane or protected bike lane to result in eliminating the number of vehicle lanes.	No, but will work with communities to design safe biking routes	It depends on the street and the research findings of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), one cannot have a blanket policy.



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15	Do you support the proposed ballot measure for the November ballot that would levy a tax on property sales above \$5 million dollars to raise more funds for permanent housing?	Undecided	Yes
17	Councilman Mike Bonin recently submitted a motion to allow temporary homeless shelters to be established and operated by a religious institution or a charitable organization in more restrictive zones like R1 and other single-family residential zones in order “to streamline the administrative approval process.” Do you think this is an appropriate action?	No	Yes
18	As the City council member for CD11, would you commit to using some of your discretionary funds for police overtime when there are emerging crime trends?	Yes	I think it would depend on the certain crime trends and the certain kind of overtime necessary to address the crime in question.
19	Do you support District Attorney Gascon’s policies?	No	Which policies? I did not support the recall, as recalls are undemocratic. I do not support charging juveniles as adults unless rare extenuating circumstances.



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20	<p>In 2019, the Southern California Association of Governments, SCAG, issued a study that recommended long-distance commuter buses and congestion pricing to take cars off our streets. While congestion pricing would take time to implement, commuter buses from the Valley to the Westside Metro Expo Line stops, with additional local circulator buses to assist workers reach their work place destinations in the area between the I-10 on the South and Montana Ave/San Vicente Blvd on the North, could be implemented now through City Council.</p> <p>If you are elected, will you fast track the implementation of this easy and realistic solution of long-distance commuter buses from the Valley?</p>	Yes	<p>I do not support congestion pricing, I do support long-distance commuter buses, expanding shuttle service, light rail and other forms of public transportation to reduce traffic.</p>
25	<p>Do you support SB 9 as implemented?</p>	No	<p>SB9 is current state law. I support efforts to allow modest density increases in certain areas close to public transportation but believe that high fire-risk hillside neighborhoods should be exempted.</p>
26	<p>Do you support SB 10 as implemented?</p>	No	<p>SB10 is current state law. I support efforts to increase density in transit-rich and jobs-rich parts of LA, but do not support zoning all parcels for up to 10 units.</p>



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3	A Sidewalk Transit Amenities Program that would allow commercial advertising (including digital advertising) on existing and new bus benches/shelters on designated scenic highways such as Sunset Boulevard	No	No
4	The Motion to instruct the Department of City Planning to establish a citywide cap of new digital signs, both in number of signs and overall square footage (CF 11-1705)	Yes	Yes, I support a cap on new digital signs.
5	The Mount Saint Mary's University Wellness Center project as approved by the City Council.	With conditions requested by BHA and approved by BCC.	No, I do not support this expansion into fire-sensitive area.
6	The Berggruen Institute project as proposed in the pending application which would provide for a new Specific Plan in the area west of Sepulveda Boulevard and between the Getty and MountainGate.	No	No, I do not support this expansion into fire-sensitive area.
11	To protect the public and to protect non-police responders, a policy of armed law enforcement officers responding to 911 calls where it appears that a person may present a danger to themselves or others.	Yes	Yes
12	Laws that would prohibit an applicant, its employees, lawyers, lobbyists, consultants, or other representatives from communicating privately with anyone employed by the City, including a Councilmember, with respect to a land use project that requires discretionary approval.	Yes	Yes



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14	A project such as tiny homes or safe camping on County or City-owned property bordering the Pacific Ocean that is now being used for public recreational or parking purposes.	No	No
16	Do you agree with this statement by one of the leaders of the ballot measure that would levy a tax on property sales above \$5 million dollars to raise more funds for permanent housing: "This [tax] affects folks who are very privileged who have made money off increases in property values, and inequity is one of the reasons why we're in the situation we are in."	No	No
21	Will you support congestion pricing on the Westside to alleviate traffic?	No	I do not support congestion pricing, I do support expanding shuttle service, light rail and other forms of public transportation to reduce traffic.
22	Will you vote to restrict new development, as well as expansion of existing facilities, in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones?	Yes	Yes
23	According to a recent ABC News Report, 1/3 of LA's advertised short term rentals are illegal since the ordinance went into effect. Will you approve enforcement mechanisms such as citations, fines, license revocations and criminal penalties for rentals in violation of the ordinance?	Yes	Yes



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24	<p>LA City Controller Galperin, in his 2021 report, noted that after 20 years the 311 is not working efficiently as it should and is not keeping up with the level of service provided by other larger cities. In 2020, CD11 generated 113,766 calls/requests to 311.</p> <p>Will you allocate more resources to 311 to implement Galperin's recommendations to make the call center more efficient and utilize other department call centers more effectively?</p>	Yes	Yes
27	Will you add Brentwood to the Santa Monica mountains Wildlife Corridor Ordinance?	Yes	Yes
28	Do you support requiring developers to pay for infrastructure improvements in the area of the development through a special fee or assessment?	Yes	Yes, if the development will burden infrastructure and/or access.