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Alicia John-Baptiste: Welcome everyone to Tonight's two thousand and twenty two Oakland Mayoral candidate Forum.

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Alicia John-Baptiste: My name is Alicia John Baptist Times, first President and Ceo, and if you're not familiar with, for we are a member, supported urban policy nonprofit that brings people together from across the political spectrum to create an equitable, sustainable and prosperous future.

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Alicia John-Baptiste: And it's, for we really believe in local government as a force for good and as someone who myself is raising kids here in Oakland. I know I am not alone in wanting Oakland to be a place where future generations are really able to thrive,

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Alicia John-Baptiste: and of course our public servants and our elected leadership are going to be so important to achieving that vision. And I wanted to start today by expressing my appreciation to the very many dedicated public servants we have here in Oakland, who are already doing their best every day to support this really beautiful community, and I also want to thank the candidates who are joining us tonight. We deeply appreciate your commitment to this city, and are very much looking forward to learning more about your ideas for the future of the town.

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Alicia John-Baptiste: I also want to acknowledge and thank all of the partners that have collaborated to make this for impossible tonight, East Bay for everyone which works to build a base of pro housing. Advocates who believe that density is good. Displacement needs to be stopped. Housing is a home, and that we need more of it. In the long run.

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Alicia John-Baptiste: Seamless bay area which works to transform the bay area is fragmented and inconvenient. Public transit into a world class, unified, equitable, and widely used system by building a diverse movement for change and promoting policy reforms.

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Alicia John-Baptiste: East Bay Young Democrats, which works to encourage young people in the East Bay to take an active role in their community through activism, policy, and politics,

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Alicia John-Baptiste: Green Belt Alliance, which educates, advocates, and collaborates to ensure the Bay area's, lands, and communities are resilient to a changing climate

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Alicia John-Baptiste: and transport Oakland, which works to support the enactment of safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation policies

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Alicia John-Baptiste: together. These groups represent a wide range of policy issues, supporters, and members, and we are all eager to offer the candidates this opportunity to respond to questions on a variety of pressing issues that will surely face Oakland's next mayor.

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Alicia John-Baptiste: I now want to introduce our moderator for tonight's event. Priya, David Clemens Priya is the host of K. Qed Newsroom. The long running, weekly television series, that features engaging round table discussions in depth, reporting and interviews with bay area dignitaries and luminaries

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Alicia John-Baptiste: as a veteran journalist, Clinton Clemens has more than fifteen years of television news experience, working as an anchor and reporter for a variety of national and local outlets, including Cbs News, Nbc. News and San Francisco Bay Area Station. Ktv: Thank you so much for moderating this discussion. Preo. We are so thrilled to have you join us this evening?

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Priya David Clemens: Well, thank you, Alicia, and thank you so much to all of tonight's partners. I'm grateful to be here. Let's kick things off tonight we are joined by five candidates who are vying to be your next Mayor of Oakland. Here they are, former Oakland City Council, member of almost twenty one years Ignacio de la Quente,

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Priya David Clemens: former Oakland unified School District Board, member, business owner and nonprofit, Executive Greg Hodge, Oakland, City Council, Member Trevorie Oakland, City Council member, Lauren Taylor and Oakland City Council. Member Shang Tao. Thank you all for being here. We appreciate it.

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Priya David Clemens: Here's how tonight's Forum is going to work. It will have seven questions, one from each of our partners, and two from spur. Each candidate will have ninety seconds to respond.

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Priya David Clemens: Candidates for each response. You're going to hear this sound,

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Priya David Clemens: which will denote that you have thirty seconds left in your remarks, and you'll hear it again when your time is up to keep us on track, you will be muted at the end of that ninety seconds. So get your questions, your answers in

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Priya David Clemens: After those questions we'll take one from the audience as long as there's time. So the audience members please type your questions into the Q. A. Box here in Zoom, and then finally to close out the Forum. We're going to ask each candidate to give a short closing statement before we end at seven thirty,

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Priya David Clemens: based on a randomizer in Nacio della Quinte is going first, and then we'll be switching the order of who has the first opportunity to answer each question as we move ahead throughout the evening

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Priya David Clemens: last. My job tonight is to make sure we hear many responses to many questions, so we're working to keep things fair and civil. Thank you again for joining us. And let's begin.

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The first question This evening comes from spur.

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Priya David Clemens: If the Oakland A's. Howard terminal ballpark project moves forward. It will require funding for significant offsite infrastructure improvements which would not be funded by the development, infrastructure, finance district, or ifd.

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Priya David Clemens: The A's in the city continue to negotiate who will pay for these improvements, many of these improvements would significantly improve transportation, infrastructure as they could add pedestrian grade, separations, new bike lanes, and sidewalk improvements, all critical to game day circulation.

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Priya David Clemens: Yet opponents argue that these improvements would be too costly to taxpayers. What is your plan as mayor to ensure offsite transportation? Improvements are adequately funded. Should the A's ballpark and larger development be approved? Ignacio.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: So you're muted. I Am you. Okay? Sorry uh you send me to myself. So first, thank you very much for spur and all the all the groups and coalition they are allowing us to uh answer some of your questions. So to answer the first question. Uh I've met with um.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: If I would have been the mayor of the City Council, I would probably would not pick our terminal as the site for the for the A's. But now we here we are, I mean, I think, when I left the city Council in two thousand and twelve, we had three as four franchises. Now we lost the raiders. We lost the worries, and now we have out to lose A. So I believe that

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Ignacio De La Fuente: that the may, the next mayor has to do whatever they can to make sure that that doesn't happen, Having say that I believe the Oakland has, and the Alabama county has a twenty year transportation plan uh infrastructure transportation plan. I believe we can leverage resources with this development to make sure that that the the infrastructure that we're plan already for embark on the arrow for that area. For for the port we we expedite that those uh expedite, those uh

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Ignacio De La Fuente: uh infrastructure improvements uh work with the A's work with the board. I've never to make sure I've made with the board to make sure that the ballpark will not really hamper that ability to continue growing and continue serving as customers. So I believe that they believe that that will not be the case. So because for that reason I will be as mayor that will be personally involved in negotiation with the Asian with the port, with the developers, to make sure the infrastructure uh

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Ignacio De La Fuente: infrastructure funds that were already allocated for that area. We will be leveraged with with the development, the

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Ignacio De La Fuente: and that way we can achieve the goal of retaining the A's. Thank you for your time. Thank you Up Next is Chang Tao.

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Sheng Thao: Thank you for the question absolutely. Um, currently. The funding that we did receive from the State and from the Federal Government. Uh, that is funding that we wouldn't otherwise have received; that is, Grant funding we wouldn't otherwise receive, if it weren't for the Howard Terminal ballpark. I've always been very clear. I can get to a yes on the Howard terminal ballpark if there are um many certain uh standards, including at least fifteen of affordable housing offsite, including strong community benefits,

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Sheng Thao: more so than that strong protection in regards to making sure that respond, the responsibility of the taxpayers uh isn't to pay off not even one cent of this debt that we'll be incurring more so than that we would I would use the uh and leverage the grants that we do receive, or the monies that we do have to ensure that we are paying for this infrastructure. Let's be very clear.

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Sheng Thao: Infrastructure is needed with or without the Ha Howard terminal ballpark. And so, because of that, it is incredibly important that our next mayor understands and have ties at the State level to ensure. We bring in the resources I'm. Honored to have the support. A speaker, Anthony Renden, many Assembly members, Ag Attorney General uh Robanta, and many Assembly members as well. I am the candidate who can go out and get that outside funding, so that we can ensure that we can

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Sheng Thao: uh fix our infrastructure. Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you, Greg.

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Gregory Hodge: Thank you for the question, and thank you for all of our partner hosts who are pulling this together. It's a really important uh election this season with Mayoral Candidate School Board, as well as City Council. Um. First, I think we all should have been asked uh the ballot measure that was proposed for how we're terminal um would have given open voters a real

voice to see whether or not, and how public dollars should be spent on this project at all. That being said, Um, we want to make sure that there is affordable and very

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Gregory Hodge: portal housing that we want to connect it to a preference for generational ties to open up a proposal that comes out of Portland, where folks who have been in Oakland who have lived in open can actually participate in the economic opportunity. Uh, we do have sustained economic development and not just sort of vending jobs, and but we're more resources for bypass businesses, so to the point of the the question, um tax increment funds and enhanced uh infrastructure

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Gregory Hodge: um dollars as well as the Grant dollars can all be

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Gregory Hodge: in this way. I think that mostly, you know, we we really want to balance the need for infrastructure around Oakland, because whether or not in how that infrastructure dollars uh were to happen, There's so many other infrastructure projects that have to happen in Oakland from um potholes to dealing with some of the environmental issues that we're going to talk about a little bit later. So I think that i'll taken together all of those issues um. So to add up, and one last thing I can.

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Gregory Hodge: I can't smooth in it. So

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Priya David Clemens: all right, Thank you, Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Thank you. Yes, Um.

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Loren Taylor: Looks like someone's phone is ringing.

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Loren Taylor: Uh thanks to spur and its partners. I'm going to try and talk through it.

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Loren Taylor: Um, thanks for your partnership. Uh, who will put on this event. Uh, I am a third generation opener. So a product of this incredible town. I grew up rooting for the a's with my grandparents sitting in the bleachers uh eating homemade sandwiches and drinking Shasta sodas. And so I understand the value that having a sports team here brings to a city like Oakland. At the same time I recognize that this is not a sports deal. This is a real estate development transaction, and it is critical

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Loren Taylor: that we approach it just as I have approached other business deals and negotiations in the past, no expectation of benevolence from the other side, while also making sure that we're fighting as hard as possible to bring the benefits and the return on investment for our city. Yes, uh, there are significant infrastructure investments that are needed offsite for me. It is absolutely important that we recognize that we have a lot of aging infrastructure across our city not just an hour,

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Loren Taylor: and so we have to bring as much possible resources as possible

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Loren Taylor: into the city to address those. Uh yes, we are currently applying for, and I will continue to partner with all of the stakeholders to apply for State and Federal Grants other dollars outside of the city that we can bring to bear. It's also important that we look at other uh revenue opportunities in terms of the business models that we're able to spur and create. Uh, in order to uh you create more of a thriving economy, knowing that that should be shared, and then it looks like my time is up.

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Priya David Clemens: But, uh also looking at the cost.

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Priya David Clemens: All right, Triva.

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Treva Reid: Hi! I will You leverage my experience from building coalitions, from having worked as the senior um aid for then Assembly Member now State Senator Nancy Skinner from our State partners, our local partners, and certainly um at the Federal level. Um, i'll continue to do what the City has done, which is apply ford have received commitments for over three hundred million and State funds we are actively seeking, and I will continue to as Mayor, other

State and Federal competitive grants and project generated revenues to help fund the public infrastructure for the offsite

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Treva Reid: infrastructure costs. I'll continue pursuing those competitive grants. Um. I'll also look at the new funding mechanisms. Um, that we're looking at creation of an enhanced infrastructure financing district uh the community facilities district for infrastructure our services uh making sure that the decisions that I make lead us to that commitment of the a's uh honoring their commitment for one hundred percent privately five finance district uh focusing on the thirty-five percent affordable subsidized housing on an offsite uh that's already been lifted up

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Treva Reid: in our community benefit

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Treva Reid: um to ensure that there's no displacement that there's provision um to make sure that we protect and preserve our legacy business owners and our homeowners additionally, not putting our general fund at risk, not increasing city and county property tax rates, and making sure that we focus on those mitigation measures to address the traffic and parking congestion. The commercial truck transit routes the residential parking needs the bike and pedestrian safety with the decisions that I make to fund and build this project. If it moves forward

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Priya David Clemens: just under the wire, All right. Moving on to the second question. From Transport Oakland, the city of Oakland continues to experience significant vacancies across multiple departments during budget, renewal efforts, council members routinely earmark budget surpluses from those vacancies toward efforts that further burden staff with more work than they can handle. What specific measurable steps will you take as Mayor to address departmental vacancies, acknowledging that both the City Administrators office and the Human Resources

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Priya David Clemens: Sources Department are under your direct authority. We're going to start this time with Shang Tao.

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Sheng Thao: Absolutely. I am honored to have the endorsement of our public employees, including our firefighters. Sc. I. You ten, twenty one, which is the majority of the city workers. We must fill those vacancies, and, as Mayor, like you stated, it is, I would make it my priority to ensure that I work directly with the Hr. Director Director to make sure that we fill these

vacancies. We have vacancies across the city between twenty-five to forty in every single department. I know we only hear about one department not having vacancies, but

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Sheng Thao: it's every single department. That means that many services are not being delivered in a timely manner, and not just that. But our workers are being overworked working three jobs getting paid for one, and that is never okay. And so i'm working because I am the endorse uh labor candidate um endorsed candidate. I'm. Working with our Labor Union, so that we can ensure that through the civil process that we are hiring and working closely with the Hr. Director to ensure that we are hiring in a timely map,

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Sheng Thao: so that we can

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Sheng Thao: so more so than that I have the trust of the workers. And so I, with that being said,

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Sheng Thao: we can then deliver, and not just deliver, but continue to ensure that our city is kept clean kept safe, and that our public infrastructure, like our parks, are actually accessible to our families, because we know that getting back to the basics, and making sure that our families, especially those who are on the margins, have a stronger quality of life, is going to be key in order to keep ourselves safe.

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Gregory Hodge: Thank you. Next up. Greg Hodge. Yeah, I think it's a significant problem in State government. One of the friends that I have on who's a retired uh city city staff person uh, so to say something that really stuck, which is that we're going to inherit an exhausted workforce.

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Gregory Hodge: Uh, whoever becomes. The mayor is gonna have to um. Make sure that people Aren't doing double the job for the same amount of pay to to us to make sure that we uh grow our own, and I think that one of the ideas we have about growing our own is to have a pipeline between our Community college, and our case with K. Four pay twelve system um to be able to actually make working for the city more attractive. These are good paying jobs. Their uh union jobs is my colleague, Shane has has um indicated,

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Gregory Hodge: and I think that the the way that we do this work is gonna be really important. Um! One of the examples from my experience on the workforce and the board um over to like from almost twenty years fifteen years ago. Um! Was that we made sure that they were jobs waiting.

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Gregory Hodge: So when they, when they

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Gregory Hodge: give them just another moment here. Lastly, there's something that's that's uh even more important. Um in some ways, and that is the the way that we value city workers that we uh castigate them often that we don't um reward them with the kind of love and the and the admiration that we really should for people who are really making their city work. City workers are the harder to see.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Next up Lauren Taylor.

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Loren Taylor: Yes, I I am honored as well to have the support of hundreds of city workers who, just like me are frustrated with how our human resources is working. It makes zero sense that we have twelve to eighteen months delay

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Loren Taylor: from the time someone applies for a job. By the time that they're notified that they're accepted, and actually being able to be brought on board,

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Loren Taylor: I don't know anybody who's going to stick around for twelve to eighteen months, waiting on a job as opposed to taking the others that come along. And so we have to improve our recruitment process. We also have to focus on addressing these significant vacancies across our departments uh recruitment, retention and uh strong labor management partnership, our keys and critical to what we are doing. That is why I fought for a quarter million dollars in the most recent budget for reimagining human resources

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Loren Taylor: process to invest in setting the table the platform where we bring together the key stakeholders, staff uh labor partners are uh outside experts resources, so that we can work hard and ensure we are doing the best practices of making this the best place for our employees to work, and to bring in those efficiencies that are absolutely critical. There will be no third rails. As I am a mayor. That means we will be looking at

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Loren Taylor: our civil service process in addition to the other processes on how we can optimize and improve that for the benefit of all Oaklanders and our employees.

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Priya David Clemens: All right. Thank you. Trevor Reed.

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Treva Reid: Yeah. Well, we have to support certainly the workforce that we've got to retain them and keep them, and we've got to ensure that we are addressing the race and gender inequities as I have lifted up um measures and and analysis, requiring requesting the city administration to do so. We've got to prioritize how we invest in those that we have, and We've got to build a pipeline working um through Oakland to hire Oaklanders. We have an unemployment rate throughout the city that's double and triple, if not more

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Treva Reid: the unemployment rate citywide. And so we've got to work to make sure that we get outside of City Hall, which has been closed for far too long, and make sure that the people in our own city who are struggling to have a family living way jobs are aware of and know how to apply, that we go out there with tablets, and we do what we do at our community day of action, meeting people where they are on the streets with community based organizations and Faith Faith organizations. I've got to work with our Hr Director to ensure that we've got a hiring plan, a recruiting plan, and that we track and monitor and hold ourselves

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Jackson Nutt-Beers / SPUR: accountable. There are way too many steps.

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Treva Reid: Um fifty-four steps to thirty-two steps. There are too many unnecessary gaps in that process. So we've got to work with our labor process partners. We've got to work through the Civil Service process to address those inefficiencies, to reduce the steps and the gaps, and get people hired. It takes too long, and i'm committed to making sure that we get it right to keep us working here in the city and maintain the incredible workforce that we have.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you, Trivia. The next step, Ignacio Delafonte.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Thank you. Thank you very much, but as you know, I was there for over twenty years. I think that we know that we use vacancies as a way to balance it. The budget. We know that now that we uh

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Ignacio De La Fuente: that we keep talking about hiring employees. Yes, that we When I left we probably had a little bit over four thousand people. Now we probably have close to five thousand people, so that we need more people, probably. Yes, uh, but we have to make sure that that's the case. Secondly, I think that all the reality is the the reason why it takes so long to hire people is because in Oakland we have very few series. We have collective bargain. Our way is what every person and every person in the city is represented by a union, and that's great.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: The problem is that we have. We also have civil service. So it's two processes. One. There's a Union contracts, two as a disable, disabled services. Ah process which, by the way, when I was on the City Council. I actually proposed to get rid of a civil civil service process, because now we have union contracts to protect our employees, so they protect the rise, protecting the salaries and all those issues that affect them. They have in two processes. That's why that's why it takes fourteen months

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Ignacio De La Fuente: union Contract Civil Service. So I believe that is uh, uh, it is time to get rid of the Civil Service process. That is the one that a hampers that ability to hire people faster. But more than anything, we have to make sure that we know. Just talk about hiring more people that we actually really perform that we actually get in. The job done to me is accountability is one of the issues that we have to make sure in as mayor. That's the first thing that I would do.

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Priya David Clemens: Alright, Thank you very much. The next question is from the East Bay. Young Democrats, Oakland and Alameda County have had an often difficult relationship over the years. What specific actions will you take to improve the state of Oakland's relationship with the county, and we'll start with Greg:

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Gregory Hodge: Yeah, um, It's a really important question. Um! The The way the county in the city have worked together has uh for really long time been pretty dysfunctional uh one of the things I got a chance to do, and my colleagues here um was to manage a retreat with the city council, and we one of the questions we asked was, What is the working relationship between the county and the city? Um, and to a person you all said that it was really not a great working relationship.

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Gregory Hodge: Um, Except for some isolated transactions. I think Covid has shown us that we could work together. Covid. Um. We had a city county uh equity task force that was a part of and advice. Um. There were a number of citizen-led efforts, including African-american response, circle, resilient fruit, veil, healthy Haven't scored all eight, P. I. Nine, and others. Um who work to make sure that we stood up a community health

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Gregory Hodge: system in spite of sometimes the county, we we learned how to work together.

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Gregory Hodge: Really, navigators, we have credible messengers who work to really deal with some of those social determinants of health. So I think that um, we and we raise the million dollars, which in the big team is in a lot of money. But the county sits on a two billion dollars reserve during a crisis. And so we have to figure out better ways of working with our county leadership to figure out how we get new leaders on that board, and if we're not um satisfied with the folks that we do have um, and then we could work, for instance, to

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Gregory Hodge: we'll give Department more behavioral health resources is one of the things we tried to do. Thank you, Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Yes, uh, I agree with. Uh, Brother Greg

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Loren Taylor: Covid showed us examples on how we can work, together with a sense of urgency, a sense of focus on our mission to serve the public, and addressing these challenges that we face. We have to lean into those examples of how we eliminated uh bureaucracy, Silos barriers in order to get things done and protect

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Loren Taylor: Alameda County and Oakland residents. So I am very much

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Loren Taylor: proposing that we lean into those examples of how we eliminated unnecessary steps, unnecessary bureaucracy in order to get dollars resources to folks when we stood up uh the Covid testing and vaccination sites when we created those opportunities that hadn't otherwise been there, uh communicating effectively and in a synchronized way. Uh one example that I have been proud to lead on is, with respect to uh, the county

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Jackson Nutt-Beers / SPUR: food, ecosystem, and

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Loren Taylor: leaning in with respect to a royal vehicle park in my district, in creating the food hub. This we establish a line vision and goals on, how we would address food and security across Oakland and the county. We didn't have pride of ownership bringing in community partners from on the ground to partner with. We secured more than one point four million dollars to invest in this uh satellite that would be part of a broader Alameda County ecosystem. I'm. Also uh grateful to have served on the East Bay Eda Economic Development Agency,

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Loren Taylor: where we focus on sharing both of the county and the city as well.

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Priya David Clemens: All right, thank you, Lauren Triva.

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Treva Reid: Yes, whether the relationship challenges have been political or personal, we know that it's been a disservice to how we all show up more collaboratively and unified and really taking care of our people with short term and long term strategies, and just how we leverage our resources with what I believe we need is an intern Agency task force on a number of the issues that we are working to address in Oakland. I served as the president of Alameda County Stockways, where I was appointed as the industry expert by supervisors, mayors, and council members, prior to joining council, and have been able to leverage the strength of those

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Treva Reid: relationships in the current role that I have, and I will certainly build on that relationship. And the collaboration

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Treva Reid: as I had with the county and our State partners. Uh, we've worked in East Oakland to partner with Alameda County Public Health Department on a nutrition program, making sure that we've got fresh fruits and vegetables, refrigeration and community corner stores to really help address some of the food deserts and inequities on just health and wellness. I launched a community safety task force here in East Oakland, where we partner with the county and over thirty community based organizations to meet our neighbors where they are on the street involved. Many county departments are involved, and we deliver the service

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Treva Reid: and a response that they need. I activated the Oakland Coliseum as one of two National Covid, nineteen mass vaccination sites with the county, with our Federal partners, and with our Cal State. O, we at office of emergency Services. I've also worked with the county and seed it funds from the Oakland Council joint power authority. I'm doing the work with our county, and we'll continue to build on that relationship, as I have. When I declare gun violence a public health crisis, and called on the county for a three hundred million dollars

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Treva Reid: with community partners, and they delivered in that request, and there's more that we can do together.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Oh, you're muted.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Okay, One of the biggest failures of the mayor of the city. Uh, not have a relationship with the county, We, the largest city in the county. I'm. I'm. Supported by the majority of the of the Board of Supervisors. Why? Because I established a long working relationship long time ago.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: The reality is, the Alabina County is the one responsible, and have the resources to deal with homelessness in Alameda County and Oakland, is It's the biggest city in the county? Ah! And this mayor and this council have failed to actually real build a good relationship with the county, so they can expend resources and people, and not only money, but

people and ah create a ah response theme, but to the city and the county and the State, in order to deal with the usual homelessness,

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Ignacio De La Fuente: is their responsibility, and I believe that they not only have they have the resources, but they have the willingness, except that, having Haven't find a partner in the city, there's willing to really do both to make sure that we help people at the same time the way enforce the rules of the game. We have to make sure that people don't take over our parts, and the Count is willing to do that. So I can tell you that the relationship with the account is the most important one, and because, as the only way

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Ignacio De La Fuente: they will be the resources, and we get the it will get the willingness of the county to deal with what they responsibilities are, which is the biggest homelessness, mental health care, and I mean the county is responsible for the county, and I believe that I have that relationship with the majority of the Board of Supervisors to accomplish that for all clone. Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Sheng Thao: Yes, working collaboratively, is incredibly important. Uh, even at the local level here within the city of Oakland, I'm. Honored to have the support and trust the majority of city Council members that are on the Oakland City Council right now to be your next mayor

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Sheng Thao: at the city and county level. We have to work better with each other, and I do have the strong support of uh Supervisor Mitchell, via, and the number two support from Nate Miley as well, too, and I've been working with many of these uh supervisors, and I will continue to do that work, because We know that Oakland is the county epicenter in poverty, homelessness, violence, addiction, and poor health outcomes. All of these are issues that are fluid, and if we are to take these seriously, we must collaborate and create the interagency tasks

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Sheng Thao: forces such as the interagency task for that I have led on for almost a year. Now on wildfire prevention. We need more county in State resources something. I have a track record of delivering, getting other people's money to bringing it to Oakland. More so than that, we need to tackle issues on a regional level

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Sheng Thao: transportation, violence, homelessness, and again, wildfire prevention. And that is why we need to collaborate.

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Sheng Thao: We need to collaborate so that we can get to our ultimate goal, which is putting the residents first putting residents in uh businesses in the city of Oakland first at the forefront more so uh the county level does have a two is sitting on two billion dollars uh in regards to uh making sure that we have the financial capacity. We have to make sure that, uh, the county is uh

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Sheng Thao: participant in this, as we are looking at many things that include the Public Health Department and Mental Health Department, which we do not have in the City of Open.

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Priya David Clemens: Next question. It's from the Green Belt Alliance, Some of the most socioeconomically vulnerable communities are in low line neighborhoods along the shoreline, in areas susceptible to flooding from sea level rise in the future. These are also the neighborhoods with more cement and fewer trees and parks, which leads to more extreme heat effects. What steps should we take to protect our communities from sea level rise and extreme heat, and we'll start this time with Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Uh, thank you for that question. You are absolutely right as a representative for district six uh in East Oakland, where a lot of the conditions that you describe school fall squarely. It. It is critical that we focus on sea level rise extreme heat. The uh overall environmental impacts has not a future problem, but a now problem. Even today, when we get

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Loren Taylor: major floods and major rains, they come in uh we get flooding in Flatland streets. Uh, because of our aging infrastructure not being in the groundwater. Rise. Um! This is something that we have to be focused on. I am proud of my record uh addressing these

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Loren Taylor: conditions, these challenges on behalf of District Six and the city of open as a whole uh We talk about wildfire prevention and planning, and I was here during the firestorm of ninety-one, when we when we saw this emergency, and how we needed to come together in a Uh Preventive planning way as opposed to nearly after the fact. And that's what we have to do uh as

we develop these policies, these solutions, and embed that into our general planning. Um increasing. The urban canopy

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Loren Taylor: has been a priority of mine, as you'd say. Um, securing new resources to plant trees in East Oakland, where we know three line streets not only address global warming, but also increase safety as well as physical and mental health. Um, also important was my role in helping to refine the Ecap as a member of the Council's Community and Economic Development Committee. The Environmental Climate Action plan, so that we could embed these policies into our strategy, moving forward.

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Loren Taylor: And then also, when it comes to other environmental greenhouse gas um issues like charging stations, the low-income communities. Thank you. Thank you so much. We are

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Priya David Clemens: going to move ahead to Ignacio at this point.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Thank you. Oakland has a a hundred year over infrastructure.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Uh, we have to. We have to really concentrate on that. I believe that not all of the sea rise and is a is threatened in our neighborhood, especially in the waterfront. We have nineteen months of water. We have to protect that water. We have homeless and cameras that are actually uh dumping stuff on on on our bay. We have to make sure that they are ninety miles of water for our protected uh. The reality is that

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Oakland we have to reinvest. We have to look at the infrastructure. We would you look at El Nino or some of those disasters? Lauren is right. We have neighborhoods that are floating. We have really neighborhoods that I actually being really destroyed when when some of these the sesses happen, so we have to reinvest it on infrastructure. We have to look at the future. We cannot just think of the present when when it comes to budget. When it comes to prioritize, we have to allocate resources.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Infrastructure is renewed. We have to make sure that we do a little by little. We cannot do it all at once, but we definitely have to reinvest. We have to, for we have to

admit that we, the reality. We have a problem. We have a an infrastructure that is old, and we have to reinvest, especially when you have when we expose, you know, no longer to the elements, but in nineteen months of water that we need to protect, I really being decimated. So I believe that as mayor, you have to prioritize, and that will be one of my priorities.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you very much. Uh,

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Treva Reid: I apologize. My system crashed and my computer shut down. So if you could please restate the question.

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Priya David Clemens: Sorry I didn't realize you missed that part. Let me some of the most. So this is from the Green Belt Alliance. Some of the most so economically vulnerable communities are in low, lying neighborhoods along the shoreline in areas susceptible to flooding from sea level, rise in the future. These are also the neighborhoods with more cement and fewer trees and parks which leads to more extreme heat effects. What steps should we take to protect our communities from sea level? Rise and extreme heat?

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Treva Reid: Okay, I mean, we're living in this climate crisis. We know that we need more resilient measures and mitigation opportunities. Our e-cap has put out a lot of things to address extreme heat, flooding and even wildfires. Um. I work to address and mitigate some of these measures during my time at Pg. And E. Um. Particularly around some of those um safety initiatives. I believe that we've got to get out and make sure that our infrastructure improvements are in place that we're investing to address the impacts of uh um of how the seedl of how the climate impacts

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Treva Reid: are impacting the health impacts with contamination, from the soil to the air, to the quality impacts on our health to the displacement, then, of community members that are struggling in areas of the Flatlands who are unhoused or low income, who are lacking cooling center healthcare um to address these power outages. Schools are impacted. Child care centers are impacted. So I think we have to continue to center equity. We've got to continue to build on just intentional community and equity-driven approach, and we've got to make sure that we make those investments. We've got to identify the infrastructure

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Treva Reid: improvements that are needed. We've got to launch

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Treva Reid: for centers, making sure that we've got emergency um centers throughout the community, especially those areas that will need a more rapid response that are not well resourced now, and as mayor, I will work with urgency to receive um funding at the State and Federal level to roll that out, and making sure that we target Federal funding like the justice, forty initiative that was launched to invest deeply into disadvantaged communities that are urban, overburden by these environmental and climate. Um hazards, i'll expand workforce grants through my proposal.

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Treva Reid: It's part of your capacity through community environmental justice, organizations, community and faith faith organizations and business partners to train and hire trusted messengers from the community to help roll it out with outreach and engagement.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you very much, Shang.

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Sheng Thao: Thank you. I I just want to. Uh shout out and thank you, Greenville. Alliance for working with me to help introduce a resolution directing the admin Administration to make climate resilience a priority, and planning decision, which was co-sponsored by a council member called who has also endorsed my mayoral campaign as well. We need to also ensure that we are working to secure Pg. And E. Grant to build more resilience centers in the city of Oakland. Currently, the city only opens the resilience centers when temperatures and air quality are consistently bad,

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Sheng Thao: which is managed by the Emergency Services Department, which we actually didn't have anybody in until after I was elected, and I pushed and pressured the city administration to fill the vacancies.

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Sheng Thao: Wildfire prevention is also extremely important. Um, I supported, and not just that it went to the Cp. You see, to fight for undergrounding utilities and Piedmont pines. This was after Thirty-three years. Of Not being able to move this item forward, I was able to go to Cp. You see, talk with Commissioners, and finally got their approval to underground Piedmont pines a high wildfire risk area.

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Sheng Thao: I have the a strong support of open firefighters. The club three hundred and fifty bay action, the Jane Fonda climate Pack a pen and more because I'm the only Major Top, four candidate not taking foundry money or coal interest funding. We've also secured twenty thousand dollars in tree planting for East Oakland, and just recently I announced my two million dollars securing two million dollars from the State for East Oakland parks, because we know that when we invest in our East Oakland parks which have been underserved for so long.

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Sheng Thao: We are just not in safety, but we are investing in the green canopy as well.

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Gregory Hodge: Thank you very much, And, Greg: you're up next. Yeah, It's a really important issue for the next generation, for sure. Um. Environmental racism is really based on, you know, redlining and policy decisions that were made without community consent, and the toxic waste and pollution that we see in my neighborhood in West open as an example. Um has been um a tremendous challenge for a lot of us.

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Gregory Hodge: I would actually follow um the work and the

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Gregory Hodge: the uh Margaret Gordon, who's the founder of West Hills environment under case project and other community activists who are doing the environmental justice work. Um! The sea level rise it to to the trap. Just what the surface are likely gonna come up in brown water. Um, It reminds me in some ways of the the the small parts of the problem that weren't so small

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Gregory Hodge: back in um almost fifteen, almost twenty years ago. Um! There was a twenty five percent

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Gregory Hodge: childhood um here in West open because of uh, a lack of a mission controls and trucks that were island in our neighborhood. It's an example of how

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Gregory Hodge: work together, or to remediate uh the issues and the climate's high school um problem with the canary in the coal mine with the trichloroethylene seepage that was happening. That's on that school site. It is. It is a problem that is with us now. And so I think that some of the

solutions are going to include a new generation of the environmental justice workers. More green space, the continued and more uh vigorous remediation of brown fields as as a larger movement,

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Gregory Hodge: and find on reparations.

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Priya David Clemens: All right, thank you. On to our next question from Seamless Bay area.

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Priya David Clemens: Oakland is a part of an interconnected region requiring a more integrated transit system. The city of Oakland has adopted the seamless transit principles. The region is going through an important conversation about governance of transit.

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Priya David Clemens: The Mayor of Oakland has a critical role serving on Mtc. What considerations do you think are most important, as the region discusses ways of reforming, transit, governance and our transit institutions, and we'll start this time with Trigger

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Treva Reid: mit ctl. And thank you. Let me just first share that I lead with integrity and transparency, and I continue to be troubled by statements that are inaccurate and not true. I've not accepted any call money, as I've publicly stated my position as no one call prior to and as a council member one.

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Treva Reid: Now in this question, every Oaklander should have access to safe, healthy, reliable, affordable, local and regional transit options throughout our city. Uh, without the impacts of displacement on residents and local businesses, and we should be focusing on creating a workforce with training opportunities, especially for those who've been under represented with a paid stiping training programs, partnerships that Fund community based organizations on the ground, doing the work, making sure that those who should be benefiting the most have access, and that we're building pathways to connect

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Treva Reid: our community to jobs, grocery health services, outdoor activities, school entertainment. So we've got to progress as Mayor. I will progress to make sure that we comply with Sb. Nine hundred and seventeen, a comprehensive regional connected network transportation plan, making sure that it has all those elements in it for mapping for way, finding,

as I've also worked to ensure that locally that we've got a way finding system in that We've got better traffic, safety measures and mitigation that take place at our city at the local level, through the budget, two hundred and fifty,

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Treva Reid: and through policies. We've launched a a workforce program through West Oakland job Resource center to receive three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in that. Grant and I've supported our Oakland bicycle plan that was updated working to make sure that we've got bicycles and pedestrian safety working with our B pack advisors to ensure new products.

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Treva Reid: And I've got that partnership that we're rolling out with transformative climate communities, we're building, housing and corridors, and we're expanding the San Antonio Creek Urban Greenway.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Thank you very much. I was very clear from the beginning. I'm coming back and running uh,

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Ignacio De La Fuente: just to make sure that the city is safe, and this it is clean, and I can tell you that we can talk about transportation, and I am absolutely

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Ignacio De La Fuente: uh totally willing to to work and make sure that

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Ignacio De La Fuente: we work with the county. We work with transportation partners and all that. But I can tell you that without creating a safe city, a safe environment, a public transit has become in a very difficult challenge for the people to use it. Uh, believe me, I've been told by people. They stop using energy. Trans: They stop using public transportation because they afraid.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: So we got to go back to the basis where, to make sure that the city saved the people I can't really use. We can talk at all about transportation. We can talk about all of that,

but I can guarantee that the people they use public transit, the people that are the working people. They have to get up in the morning and try to use easy transit and use. That public transportation system is afraid to be on the street. So most of all,

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Ignacio De La Fuente: we had to create a.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: We have to war with our partners. But if we don't do that, I can tell you that we can talk a lot about it. But I can tell you that we did not want to serve what the people that needed the most, The hard working people that are afraid to use it. So the first thing that I want to do is make sure that they can use it, saving the people to save to travel. And after that I believe that everything will come into place.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Sheng Thao: Thank you. Uh, thank you so much, Seamless Bayer, for meeting with me. Um. Around Sb: nine seventeen, which is the bill to get our twenty-seven transit agencies together. I am sorry it fell this year, but I am committed to supporting it next cycle, as your mayor uh of the city of Oakland. I am the representative for the city of Oakland, at Actc, which I have been there for four years now uh, prior to that, being a Stafford at Actc. And so the experience of trying to get transit agency cities to work together,

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Sheng Thao: and um, you know, and bringing them in. Bringing these two organizations or multiple organizations together is something that we need right now. We do not have that. And we're seeing we're feeling that hurt from that right now, because of lack of coordination, we must also offer free transfers better low income, programming and expanded services. We know and understand that our Bart uh service is at capacity. So we need to make sure that we free up and create more buses,

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Sheng Thao: regards our Ac transit bus and ensure that they arrive on time

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Sheng Thao: in regards to our Ac transit. But this we must include the free bus passes which I am honored to have worked on for all o usd students right now. It's not in every single school yet.

And so, as your next Mayor, I would want to work hard to ensure that over at Ntc. Or at a Ctc. That we do fund these free uh free bus passes for our young people.

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Sheng Thao: I want to bring mobility for all to open, including a raid Bridge, Bus Lane and Second Trans Bay Crossing to bring future Hsr. To Oakland, and we need to hand it curve open. Not just pass through Oakland.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. Greg.

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Gregory Hodge: Um, I want to thank you as soon as bay area for one, and helping it

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Gregory Hodge: me on this on this particular issue. Um, you know I sort of looked at the the background. What you've been doing. One bay area, one transportation network um is a regional approach that we need in a lot of different areas. It goes to our housing issues, um, and transportation as well as climate change, or those three those issues that uh deserve a regional uh response, that notion of fragmentation. If there's incoherent networks that there is still, um, you know, shortsighted planning. There's a lack of re,

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Gregory Hodge: you know. Connectivity. All of these are sort of features of having a system that is a adocracy in an ad hoc city system at best. Um! So that there's more um opportunities uh to structure fares to for effortless um and dependable structures that run across Bart that run across Munich. They run across all of these public systems. Um, that we're they're really really concerned about. So with the with with that, you know,

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Gregory Hodge: there's a regional approach that's clearly necessary. Um! The efforts around the the Assembly Bill on the Shang reference are going to get renewed, I guess, in this next cycle, but leadership from the city on regional issues. That's as important as anything else to make us safer, to make us to to create more housing or

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Gregory Hodge: all going to really require a regional response.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you so much. And last, but not least, here is Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Yes, um! Just like Council Member Reid. I do want to also correct the record. The misleading statement of our other Council colleagues. I have not accepted call money either, and have been on the record for no calls since two thousand and eighteen. Uh Again, the theme that we are seeing this evening is the need

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Loren Taylor: to uh, collaborate and coordinate between our inter agency partners. Uh, the answer to this question is the same and similar to other questions. Um, Just as uh, we need to collaborate across agencies across uh geographies. We also have to coordinate across issues, transportation, housing, employment. They're all interconnected, and we have to align on regional strategies that recognize that. Um, this is what I've been able to weigh in on and help to guide as

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Loren Taylor: representative one of Oakland's representatives to the Association of Bay Area Governments on a back we have addressed these issues squarely, as we have uh focused on housing, and how we can uh also support regional alignment of transportation to improve the transportation linkage,

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Loren Taylor: we have to look at uh the governance structures. Uh, I'll be honest when I see that we have this many agencies. The first thing that I look at is Well, what are the opportunities to um minimize the overhead of administering all of these agencies? How can we consolidate, coordinate? I know that there's things that need to be managed in terms of the politics of bureaucracy. But we have to improve our economies of scale. We have to improve our efficiency across this regional network, and that's got to be a square focus. We have to also increase ridership.

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Loren Taylor: That's too high to redevelopment transit passes for young people and elders as well. Yeah, thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Our next question is from East Bay for everyone which asks: under State law

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Priya David Clemens: every city must regularly update their housing plan, which is known as the housing element to meet its legal obligations open to this plan for more than twenty-six thousand new homes.

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Priya David Clemens: Excuse me to be built between two thousand and twenty, three and two thousand and thirty.

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Priya David Clemens: What zoning development, standards and approval practices in Oakland, I'm. Going to get some water and attract more affordable housing for people of all income. So we'll start with a Nazi

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Ignacio De La Fuente: hopefully. You could hear that Get some water. Yes, for first I think that uh, i'm gonna take credit for for for all of us, for all the past and present council members and and people on people on this in this uh uh debate, because

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Ignacio De La Fuente: I think Oakland does. We do more of a share of affordable house under any other city in the county that we need to do more. Yes, but we gotta take care of what we what we do in Oakland, Canada at all. I believe the oaken as the largest city in the county as the mayor, the largest in the county. I will post the county, and we'll put other cities to, though they share.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: We're not the only ones. I can tell you that I have a track record. When I was in I was on the Council with twenty plus years, and I believe that I. We build more affordable house and a senior housing and fruit bill, and the time that I was in the City Council any other time in the past, and so far

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Ignacio De La Fuente: some of big sport, but at the same, at the same time, time, I believe that that we cannot be the owner of the city of Oakland cannot be the only ones. How we'll do it attracted. We get a streamline, the process. If we really serious about a horrible housing we've been to that we weigh fees for for one hundred percent affordable housing projects. Let's make sure that we facilitate instead of making it so difficult and building affordable housing. Is it cost the same and the same process to build a market re housing?

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Ignacio De La Fuente: So we're serious. We have to change the paradigm. We have to change the process. We have to support the process of building affordable housing, especially a hundred percent uh affordable housing projects it was. That's what I will do as Mayor.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you

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Sheng Thao: absolutely. I just wanted to uh correct the record. I don't know if my colleagues heard me, but I said both from foundry, money and coal money. But in regards to this question uh, the housing goal is to expedite a delivery uh of housing of thirty thousand new housing uh within the next eight years uh the E. I fd that i'm currently working on as a council member um it i'm planting the seed so that we can raise hundreds of millions of dollars, so that we can use this as matching ramp funds for developers as incentives to create to

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Sheng Thao: more State and Federal resources, so they can build deeply affordable and affordable and moderate and market rate housing in my district of in district for above five hundred and eighty. Um. I've worked hand in glove with the private developer, and was able to convince him, and walked in through the permitting process. And we are now. We've already broken round on one hundred and ninety-seven unit with Uh even with Sb. Thirty-five we hit hiccups but a hundred. This is going to be one hundred percent affordable housing by a private developer on private property.

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Sheng Thao: The work that I am doing with them. We need to expedite streamline ministerial approval to zoning compliant projects over twenty-five units that are on non toxic land, that employee union labor construction and local hiring preferences. Uh, We also need to create a database of pre-approved plans and vendors for detach eighty use, which cities, like San Jose have already done successfully, and which can immediately be permitted on a property. Density. Changes including in exclusionary zoning. If you want to live the uh above five hundred and eighty, you should be able to. So we need to continue to build more.

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Sheng Thao: I Sw: to

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Priya David Clemens: thank you very much. And Greg:

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Gregory Hodge: Yeah. Um. It is one of the most important issues facing the city right now, right next to safety uh housing and the issues that unhouse um matter. Um, we need to create a comprehensive policy for increasing um conduction of new housing with a heavy instances on affordability we preserve existing affordable housing, and we need to protect Oakland residents from housing and stability and displacement. There's three sort of key things that we should do one we should protect the forty-seven percent.

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Gregory Hodge: Two Two hundred and nine thousand people currently are rent burdened. And we have to maintain um an open, just cost framework, reinstate the mortgage assistance program.

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Gregory Hodge: I may need to protect the open. It uh Rent Adjustment City, or this is three percent cap and also create an emergency assistance network by combining Oh, a um real assistance program with legal assistance for uh tenants. The second piece, and it goes to the question of the production Um, A twenty twenty plan produce twenty thousand market rate and twenty thousand affordable on very affordable units by

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Gregory Hodge: um. That means directing the Oakland Housing Community Development Department of Partner, with the county around the Black Hat proposal, which gave five hundred million dollars with with proposed five hundred and for first time home buyers. We need to utilize all vacant and under utilize city land and prioritize for affordable development, and then, lastly, we need to protect Oakland's twenty thousand affordable low income homes, or from displacement by two thousand and twenty-eight, and one of the things we can do is create a real

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Gregory Hodge: that update it to twenty-four hours. Thanks.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you, Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Thanks. Uh, yes, this is uh, I think everyone knows is our biggest challenge. And it's not about just rattling off policies. Uh It's about the ability to effectively deliver and lead on

implementing them. And yes, we absolutely have to focus on up zoning policies that are integrated into our city's general plan. Uh, that's

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Loren Taylor: critical. When we focus on those neighborhoods that it historically remain underdeveloped, due to exclusionary zoning practices also with respect to the decision making process within council. We have to require greater transparency into those decisions and justification when the Council members vote against decisions that were rendered by the planning Commission. We recently had a vote that I was glad to align with Council Member Reid on against the rest of the Council, where we

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Loren Taylor: wanted to push forward a project that would bring more than four hundred units of housing, more than one hundred affordable units in there, but that, unfortunately did not prevail for other reasons. Um, we have to establish greater funding for our housing development. So one thing that I've been advocating is establishing an affordable housing Social Impact Fund, one that would allow openers to invest for minimal returns in a way that actually builds the affordable housing stock and strengthens

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Loren Taylor: the the the fabric, the the culture, the uh um resilience of our incredible city uh, also refining the affordable housing impact fee program, so that we can allocate dollars more efficiently, effectively to help spread these projects and um also increasing the land that we can access from the city as well.

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Treva Reid: Okay, and yes, it's a complex regional issue, and I was shot coming on the Council that we did not have a robust plan to focus on producing new homes, preserving affordable housing, protecting tenants with the type of rent increases that are needed to support them. And so, as mayor, I would take urgency with just intentional efforts to build the twenty thousand thirteen thousand affordable housing units, the four thousand four hundred moderate income units in the next housing cycle beyond the twenty-six that

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Treva Reid: only been developed affordably I served on the board for satellite affordable housing. I work to secure funding, to build quality affordable housing. We are working in district seven now to advance over eight hundred affordable housing units in the pipeline. As mayor. I must ensure that we fast track the affordable housing projects and streamline our permitting and approval process. I've got to make sure that we address the systemic disinvestment of affordable housing. That's just been egregious at the Federal level. I lived off of Federal low income housing. My first housing unit was

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Treva Reid: sixty dollars a month. I've lived twenty to thirty deep in a three bedroom, one bathroom, and so i'm going to advocate for those Federal policies to deeply.

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Treva Reid: I'm going to also make sure that I support the Bay area housing advisory task for calling on five hundred million state investment to our black openers with the forty percent displacement. I'm going to prioritize using public city on land in transit corridors with cap and trade dollars like we've done at the Coliseum, and as we've done on international with better neighborhoods, Same neighborhood, i'm going to expand our trio teachers rooted in housing Oakland. I'm. Going to engage o usd with their strategic master plan to invest in our housing goals. I'm. Going to take advantage of Assembly Member Wicks

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Treva Reid: eleven that will allow us to expand affordable housing one hundred percent in commercial corridors. That and more I will work to deliver on with a regional approach.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. We have one final question from spur which asks measure, acts, and upcoming ballot measure would impose city council term limits. Amongst other good government measures, some of which were taken directly from Spurs report making government work in Oakland. If elected, what good government reforms will you pursue to improve the transparency and efficiency of the work of City Council and City Hall, and we'll start this time with Shane.

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Sheng Thao: Yes, I'm. Uh honored to be a co-sponsor and measure. X. Uh. Introduced by Council Member called: Thank you so much Council Member for uh putting this item forward, these hit some of the basics that we basically talked about in regards to good governance practices. And uh, that includes having a uh term limit on city council and many other things. We see how effective the auditor can be. So i'm making sure that the auditor's office is actually funded. It's going to be key uh what we saw from the auditor's office is that

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Sheng Thao: uh, she found that seventy million dollars left City Hall doors for unhouse community, and it was poorly mismanaged under the current leadership. Not one dollar of it has been trace or tracked to see if we are being effective, or you fish and efficient with our funding our taxpayers dollars. And so this is a perfect example of why we need to actually fund the

auditor's office more so than that I am committed to working to expand good government practices, including which is this part? Did not

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Sheng Thao: it, uh measure X, but an office of the Controller. We need to ensure that we have an office of Controller, so that we can have a neutral person

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Sheng Thao: and review the uh, the budget, not just for the city council, but also for the mayor's office as well. We do have a track record of uh distrust within the mayor's office and with the City Council's office. But as I am a collaborative leader, I do have again the majority of endorsements and support from my uh mayor. Uh! From my colleagues on the City Council. And again, it's about making sure that you have that respect and that trust within each other, so that we can move open forward.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. Alright,

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. Greg:

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Gregory Hodge: Yeah, Um, I think that you know part of what we're seeing at night is a is a little bit of what the problem is a little bit as farring between my colleagues with all the respect um it doesn't. You know it doesn't really add up to actually getting things done. Um, I think the City Hall needs to be open. That's the first part that our city all city government has been

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Gregory Hodge: almost for two years, two and a half years. It's got to be open Number two budget transparency, and to do a people's budget where we can really understand where our dial is go just like we need to do with open unified um number three hybrid meetings that we can have uh zoom based and in person meetings, because one of the things I noticed about zoom in my own personal use was that I could listen to a school board meeting or city council meeting, be cooking dinner for my family, doing whatever I needed to do, and then

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Gregory Hodge: weigh in on an issue when it actually came on up. I think we need to use the technology, but we need to actually have strong votes. Poll, the the electorate on key issues that come up in city council means to get a real

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Gregory Hodge: of what people think. Um, I think measured W is important on as well as um measure. I think the measure that Shane reference um is the democracy dollars piece, so that we can get big money out of politics as much as we can in Oakland. Um, we we're seeing an exorbitant amount of money being spent um in most of these raises, and you know, and it doesn't really give us a level playing field. So I think that we need to a more uh resident and citizen friendly

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Gregory Hodge: um work. We need to make sure we have the measure that allows parents to vote in open, unified election.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you up next, Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Thank you.

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Loren Taylor: First of all, i'll begin by saying that I am fully supportive of first good government recommendations that came out. Um! I was glad to bring legislation for term limits to council, and then fully supportive of Measure X. As it is moving forward in advancing

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Loren Taylor: Um, we have to bring an independent office of the Controller to the city of Oakland. I will leave this effort as mayor, because it is absolutely critical that we get out of the back and forth between the Council and the Administration and Mayor on whether or not the numbers we're talking about are real. If someone's fabricating them in order to justify their position. It's also important that we strengthen the the mayor's role by establishing the veto of line items in the budget and legislative policies.

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Loren Taylor: Uh, I think that's important that we have that uh level of accountability with the executive branch um giving them, uh, or him or her the the tools necessary to leave to guide our city and really deliver on that value. Um. I will, as mayor ensure that we have the follow through on one of my first pieces of legislation, which was to direct the city administrator to establish a performance management system in our city.

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Loren Taylor: Every department, uh, under my watch, will report out on a quarterly basis how they are performing against their prioritized goals, how they're making progress against that, so that everyone, even my thirteen year old daughter, can go online and see how well we're doing where the gaps are, and where we need to apply more resources and support. Uh, these are things that i'm supported of and look forward to advancing as mayor.

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Priya David Clemens: All right, thank you. Next

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Priya David Clemens: a tree. But I think you're muted.

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Treva Reid: Thank you.

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Treva Reid: Well, certainly I support uh the good governance recommendations That spur has um lifted up. I've shared that with the team. I agree uh with uh, Lauren that the Controller is a critical role as well as the veto power of the mayor that was not included. I believe that we need to make sure that as we bring forth these measures that they're more community driven, and that they have time for our community to weigh in. If elected, i'll make sure that I take steps to make sure that we restore that faith that trust, and how we engage voters

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Treva Reid: right away. I think one of the areas that we talk about, particularly even with the Controller, is making sure that they understand what and how we're spending their money. As we've got a ton of measures before us. I will publish an Oakland City Finances scorecard a dashboard, and update it monthly that sent to Oaklanders that's available electronically, so that people know what our finances really look like and where we are investing taxpayer dollars. I'll make sure that we also, as Mayor Craft, a more equitably driven budget, making sure that, as mayor, I get out into every council

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Treva Reid: to here with our Council members priorities of the district, and how we'll work to deliver on them, and how we will prioritize those issues that are coming up. I'll make sure that our staff is showing up that we're present that we break down these walls of City Hall. One we open up our doors, but that we get out out into the community to engage with the community to meet with the community, to see the issues that are impactful, and making sure that what we're

doing is actually working for our community. I'm. Going to launch a love on our town tour, where every neighborhood in Oakland will see

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Treva Reid: and have a stop and focus on three things: Town Hall listening sessions, voter registration to keep us engaged in understanding the civic engagement process and leading out on community cleanups that are really impactful with just the overall.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Thank you. I do not support that. I I I believe I I agree with some of the recommendations that is per one hundred and fifty.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: But Major X. Is all convoluted. I when we're going to stop Oakland, you know, when we're going to stop creating positions, That's the problem with Oakland. That was the twenty some years. And let me tell you, we create a new department. We create a new position. All this thing makes money.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: He takes millions of dollars to run some of these departments department of transportation. And look what happened to telegraph. Look what's happening to some of our streets. You know we are not making them worse, and instead of making them better so, I do not support that. I believe in this one may, or from a government

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Ignacio De La Fuente: we deluding the power here measure ex is to is to really uh

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Ignacio De La Fuente: dilute the the fact that some but it's got to be at the end of the day. Some the box has got to stop somewhere, and to me is that with the Mayor. So we keep creating all this positions like it's just free. It takes millions of dollars to run this, and I I don't. I don't know if people

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Ignacio De La Fuente: I don't know why you know we to these excuses. The reality is that i'm back and running from air to get the city back to the basics. We have enough people to do the work.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: All we got to do is make sure that we manage the resources that we make people accountable that we in that system that allows to manage. I agree with Lauren technology. So we can make sure that we's results, you know, just hiring people because

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Ignacio De La Fuente: throwing money at the problem is not a solution. And I believe that that's what Major X. Does, confusing

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Ignacio De La Fuente: diluting who's accountable the Council, the Mayor, the controller, the see, the administrator at the end of the day I'm. Running for mayor to be the person that I minister the city, and being accountable responsible for the results not to find excuses with controllers or administration on this, that or the other, and that's exactly what we continue doing. So I hope the citizens of Open i'll get it, Tyro. This everything costs money. Nothing is free.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you very much,

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Priya David Clemens: very much, Ignacio. All right. So um, thank you all. You have kept your answers short, and I apologize for being such a stickler at times, but it's given us the opportunity to take an extra question from the audience. So the first one that we will be asking is this:

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Priya David Clemens: What is your plan for dealing with the escalating gun violence in Oakland? There have been several mouse shootings in Oakland this past month,

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Priya David Clemens: as we know the homicide rate in Oakland this year is over one hundred people so far. How will you keep residents safe and compassionately address the underlying societal causes of the violence. We'll start with Shang on this one.

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Sheng Thao: Thank you for that. Um, absolutely. I am actually the only candidate who has spent the most money into public safety, including the only May Year old candidate who have invested and actually voted on getting the violence, interruptors, and violence in uh, in uh violence, prevention mechanisms in place. I was an early champion of Macro, and placing it under the fire

department which we are now in place, I would expand that to citywide. That is only being piloted in in only certain areas. More so than that I worked with the police chief to ensure that we are

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Sheng Thao: able to pass uh um police academies with more uh with more graduates. And so I came over, and I I came with the fifth, Sixth and Seventh Police academies, and was able to get them passed because it's not enough that if you are a leader you're presenting things that doesn't actually get five votes. I Will worked hard to ensure that I got the five votes to pass at this six, and please I mean seven police academies to feel in the vacancies. After that I rolled up my sleeves and continue to work with the Hr. Director and the police chief to ensure that we have

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Sheng Thao: incentives to keep not only our firefighters here, but also our police officers, and we have seen, and the police. Uh um! The police chief has told me weeks ago that we are seeing that Oakland officers, good Oakland officers are coming back. Main meeting that we are filling the vacancies and saving money. We have to assure that we have both sides.

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Sheng Thao: My colleagues on the city council that are here. Uh on this call with us today did not vote for violence, prevention, and violence interruptors. They wanted all that money to go towards response only which we know. That response is only one part of that equation.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. Thank you for self policing there. Greg.

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Gregory Hodge: Uh, I'm: So glad this question came up. This is one of the most important questions that we're finding on the campaign trail. The The openers do not feel safe. What we're doing right now is inadequate. It's not normal That Rugsdale and kids get shot.

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Gregory Hodge: It is not normal. The kids practicing football games at open tech or shot at It's not normal to have a a doctor going to work um on away from home on the way home, get shot in kill, if not normal.

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Gregory Hodge: And so we have to act like it's not known. Let's put a face on the issue. We have to begin talking about. These are real human beings who have realized The first thing I do is the

triple, the budget for the Department of Balance Prevention, because it's got to come up to the standards of what we did in the city of Richmond, in Richmond. I was one of the three consultants

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Gregory Hodge: from two thousand and eight to two thousand and twelve. We brought down the homicide rate in Richmond by seventy seven zero.

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Gregory Hodge: It's partly because we we hired in formerly incarcerated family members. We brought people back to Richmond working on the streets, working in those communities, and that was the way that we began to see a a a serious reduction to the problem. We need to budget for seven hundred full time. Police officers who are focused on solving

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Gregory Hodge: in this cityification ecosystem in the environment. In in the background of the legal dumping in the background of blight in the neighborhood, people don't feel safe unless their environment is beautiful. And so I think those are among the things that we need to do um to make a difference in in safety and open.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you, Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Thank you. Um,

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Loren Taylor: Yes,

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Loren Taylor: too many openers feel unsafe in our city,

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Loren Taylor: in our homes,

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Loren Taylor: in our neighborhoods, going downtown, closing up their shops in the evening, and it is unacceptable. Our job. Our primary job is to keep both when they're safe. Um! Here in Oklahoma we have allowed uh ourselves to be lulled into the bleep, that being compassionate means that we are not

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Loren Taylor: enforcing any of the basic laws that we know are in place to keep us safe, to to ensure the quality of life in our city. And uh, I believe that we can do the both. And

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Loren Taylor: i'm proud to be known as the both, and or the Win-win council member uh bringing that mindset is what we need from my mayor, who's going to bring all possible resources to the table to keep our community safe from prevention to crime, deterrence to uh enforcement and the the follow up investigations. Uh, as mayor, I will increase our staffing levels to ensure that we have adequate and timely response from both sworn officers, who, I believe we should be at a target of one hundred uh eight hundred

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Loren Taylor: um, and from our civilian responders uh through the Macro program, which is one of the solutions that came out of the Reimagine public safety. Task. Force that I was proud to architect and Co-chair, in the wake of the tragic killings of George Floyd and Rihanna taylor we also must solve twice as many of our violent crimes, letting folks know that they can't come to Oakland and perpetuate acts of violence against Oaklanders, and get away with it. Uh, with no accountability. We have to double investment into proving crime, prevention and crime. Deterrence programs

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Priya David Clemens: reducing nine hundred and eleven calls outstanding as well. Thank you. Thank you. Lauren. Triva:

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Treva Reid: Yeah. I agree. This unchecked lawlessness has re havoc on our community, and it cannot continue. Uh with how it's instilled this fear and trauma with a lack of accountability and a response with the resources that we deserve. I champion Public Safety Day one I proposed a cost neutral Budget amendment to ensure that we had adequate police academies to address the rising crime and attrition last year without delay. In those months prior

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Treva Reid: we lost our own son Brandon, to gun violence, Halloween Night, two thousand and thirteen. And so this issue continues to be something that resonates deeply for me as we're facing

the tragedy and a trauma, even with our own school schools. Here I off the resolution that declare gun violence, a public health emergency in the city of Oakland that was unanimously supported. It called on deeper investments for violence, prevention for ceasefire, for a mackerel, for building on the reimagining public safety task force recommendations, as well as community healing and restorative Justice

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Treva Reid: Mit Ctl, and and calling on the county to more equitably invest their three hundred million Arpa funds into Oakland with culturally responsive mental health services and a number of other things life, coaching, housing, services, one hundred and fifty one.

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Treva Reid: I believe, as mayor, that I will make sure that we budget four more academies to increase and build a pipeline of Oakland, grown policing, and increase that support staff with criminal investigation. Nine hundred and eleven dispatchers foot patrols, establishing also an interagency task force to collaborate with our other local agencies on how we address the short and long term strategies for delivering safety and peace for our community. I believe that we need to double our violence, prevention, intervention, gender, base and healing trauma care programs. And I would do that in my first year. I will expand Macro city wide

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Treva Reid: that now we'll continue to build on the citywide Public Safety surveillance cameras that have been asked for and working with a strong da partner.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Thank you. You know it's election year. So you know It's like we define the police. Now we support the beliefs. We want less cops. Now we want more the reality. That's the problem with Oakland. You know, with all due respect, what we face in an Oakland today

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Ignacio De La Fuente: is the result. So the policies of this Council and the lack of leadership of this mayor. We are facing something that we have never faced before. Why? Because we have allowed to create an environment and open. The people come to do whatever they want to do, something that they don't do anywhere else, because they know

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Ignacio De La Fuente: that because of our policies that we no chase policies, no cameras, no life license, right readers, all of those issues that the Council has failed to enact.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: We suffer in the consequence of that,

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Ignacio De La Fuente: the cities of Oakland want to have like what is going on in Oakland. They can vote for some of the incumbents, and they can vote for the people running for mayor. He that people want change, and they really want someone that is willing to make the tough decisions that need to be made in order to get the city back on track.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Then you gotta go for somebody. They has proven track record. I was in the City Council for twenty plus years. I was the first council member that thirty years ago he stole cameras on my district. Why? Because crime was in the way up.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: We use the tools at that time. Now you have a console that refused to give the police the tools to do the job refused to support in the police. But now selection year. So now, of course. Yeah, look at the people's track record. Look at what they have done.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: That's the reason why we are where we are.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. We will have one more question, and for this one uh, we'll have sixty seconds each, and we're gonna go in reverse order. So, Ignacio, we're gonna have you up again. And this question is,

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Priya David Clemens: what are the three most effective moves you would make to address homeless folks living on Oakland sidewalks

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Ignacio De La Fuente: again. First I I have to emphasize that that. Uh, i'm running for not only to make sure that the city is safe and the city is clean, but i'm running to first to represent the citizen

of the city, the residents of the city that people that live here. The reality is that the my yours or the people in on the streets are not from Oakland.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: So first I will establish a multi-agency task force with the county. The county has a responsibility for homelessness. The county has the resources to deal with homelessness. The county and the State are responsible for that;

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Ignacio De La Fuente: and as the mayor or the largest city. I will push him to do their job and do the responsibilities, not to Oakland and the residents to be the ones they have to suffer, and the impact of that.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: So the first thing that I will do is make sure that this county and the State do their job, and the responsibility of taking care of the homeless issue and and the State, not not the city of Oakland. I will work with them, but I will push them to do their job.

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Priya David Clemens: Alright, Thank you. And as you heard, there will be one bell at thirty and one at sixty seconds. This is a sixty second answer tree that you're next.

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Priya David Clemens: I think you're muted.

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Treva Reid: The question was on homelessness. I'm gonna make sure that we prioritize those who are unhouse. We've got six thousand people living on a street, and the majority of those individuals are black. I've addressed talking about the deeper need that we need to have intention on urgent action on housing, and especially for those who have been disproportionately impacted with forty percent of those who've been displaced are black, and more than sixty percent are black in the city. We need to be mindful of how we're making to bring expanded shelters, increased ongoing supportive services with case man

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Treva Reid: managers to help our unhoused members come into housing, navigating into long-term stability. Um, certainly we need to enforce a compassion in our encampment management policy to bring our individuals and neighbors who are on the street um into housing dignity to have that housing that they deserve out of the parks and underpasses and streets, and working to

make sure that the services that they've not received are continued with the funding, restructuring how and where we're spending our money. We know that we put seventy million dollars into managing a crisis as mayor.

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Treva Reid: I'm going to lead us out of that crisis for the Housing Committee. All right, thank you, Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Yes, um.

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Loren Taylor: So first of all, we have to acknowledge that the only real solution to homelessness is housing, and so we must continue to push forward on ways to keep people housed through prevention uh investment in those uh services, and that those solutions uh also helping people rapidly get housed uh the temporary uh housing shelters and solutions that we have also the long term uh housing development affordable housing development that we spoke of earlier. Uh, we have to focus on services, not just the structures.

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Loren Taylor: It's how we engage both, providing them the workforce development, the uh social services, the mental health that is necessary to help them stabilize and move towards sustainability and housing. We also have to focus on implementing our encampment management policy. What I was glad to have led as the Life Enrichment committee chair. Establishing this policy, the balances, the the need for health, dignity uh, and safety in and around the campus for all residents housed and on house.

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Loren Taylor: So we have to bring the resources and the solutions to make sure that that's effective.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. Greg.

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Gregory Hodge: Um, The um. The The situation facing on houses. Untenable housing is a human right? Uh, we need to make sure that we do two or three things very well for stop homelessness before it starts with prevention services. Let's make sure we provide housing and the support for vulnerable families. Uh we've got the numbers right. In addition to that, a lot of seniors. Folks

with disabilities are actually uh in our unhoused Uh communities. Number two. We need to make sure that people who are

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Gregory Hodge: experiencing the right on the Margins universal basic income could help a lot.

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Gregory Hodge: Okay? And then the last piece and i'm confused about it. Number of bills. Now I got it. Um, when you listen to what people were on house say?

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Gregory Hodge: We need to listen deeply to what they have to say about what would make a difference in their lives and actually respond to that. Too many times Policymakers and City Hall and other places have have ignored what people have had to say at Good Street. There was many people who were saying, We just need to be listened to. We know what to. Some of the solutions are to some of our issues, and we need to work on those ways of of listening more deeply.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you, Craig. And last answer here is to shame.

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Sheng Thao: Yes, First and foremost, we need a regional approach. We cannot continue to take on the whole region's unhouse population. We must demand that cities pay an impact fee, since they're not building housing for their own workforce. Number two. We must ensure that we are putting a cost, effective, sanctioned palette shelters and get people into shelter under Boise. We cannot remove people from our streets and implement the Emp if we do not have shelter for them. And so we must continue to build, build, and streamline building, but most of uh, but as a temporary fix we must have sanctioned pellet.

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Sheng Thao: We can get people to move in also addressing homeless is head on with a uh through triaging uh the encampments we need on demand mental health and drug treatment on site expanded safe. Rv. Parking sites, stronger city county relationships and fully funded, and can't make clean ups and sanitation teams. And that's exactly what I will do on day one. Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you very much. All right before we close. Each candidate will now have sixty seconds for a closing statement. You'll hear two bells again, one at thirty seconds, and we'll start with Lauren.

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Loren Taylor: Thank you. Um. Okay. Thank you to our host for having us this evening. Uh, my name is Lauren Taylor. I am a third generation opener product of this incredible town. I love Oakland, but I'm. Also frustrated by it, and the condition on the ground it makes me angry.

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Loren Taylor: It's important that we, as Oaklanders who love this town, and are a struggling with the the realities, on the ground that we channel our anger into unity

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Loren Taylor: unity that then allows us to mobilize in terms of delivering real action and results, changing the again situation on the ground as a proven problem Solver, a biomedical engineer, and a management consultant before coming into office, being here for the past four years, addressing our toughest challenges. Head on This is something that I am prepared for and ready to do building on the impact that I've had from District Six

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Loren Taylor: and across the entire city, making sure that we're keeping folks safe uh investing in economic opportunities and addressing our housing prices. And on I look forward to expanding that impact as opensx Mayor. You can learn more at Lauren for opencom. Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you, Lauren Triva.

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Treva Reid: Wow! I'm running a service mayor to deliver for all of us. It's time that we have solutions and not excuses that get us back on track. We all want to live and thrive safely in Oakland, and we deserve Oaklanders are demanding change, accountability, action, and results. And as Mayor, that's what I will lead out on my experience boils down to two words action and accountability as a resilient single mother as a small business owner. If someone who's launched our own small business that's still here. Two decades later,

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Treva Reid: as a former senior aid to Senator Nancy Skinner, when she was in a State Assembly and State budget chair, delivered and benefited Oakland. I've led in fortune five hundred

businesses, and I've served deeply over a dozen community boards, and i'm committed to doing what I have been doing, fighting for those who've been Do it like my family, the deep trauma of losing loved ones

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Treva Reid: to gun violence, facing the threat of homelessness and housing, instability, food, insecurity, working multiple jobs and working to keep their businesses doors open. My plan is to get us back on track, reducing crime with public safety is our priority, housing our unhouse building more affordable help, creating good Oakland jobs and keeping Oaklanders working and protecting and equally investing in Oakland small businesses, and most of all loving on our town, keeping us clean and beautiful to thrive from one generation to the next. It's time to shake things up

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Treva Reid: and deliver results, and I hope that you will hold me accountable as we get Oakland back on track together.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Thank you. Thank you very much again. My name is the Lavente. I had the privilege to serve you in the city council and District five for over twenty years.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: Uh, I I build a record that demonstrated my ability to get things done. That district is a lot different than uh now that when I took it over the thirty years ago. Uh, i'm coming back and running just for the basics,

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Ignacio De La Fuente: not coming back to resolve every problem, the city of open and coming back to make sure that the city is safe, that the city is claimed

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Ignacio De La Fuente: that the cities, the the parts that we build for children and families are not taking over cabinets. I believe that we have to do whatever we can to help us. Many people in the streets that we can, but not at the expense of the residents, not at the expense of the businesses, and not of the spence of the people of Welcome i'm. Coming back to run to represent the residents, the people that live here.

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Ignacio De La Fuente: We talk a lot about homeless and a lot about all the things that, but not about the rest of the city. I'm coming back to run and represent you. That's the only reason I'm coming back. And I promise you i'm gonna do my best. I'm gonna spend my energy getting things done for you. Thank you very much.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you.

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Sheng Thao: We need a deep break with the status quo. A fundamental new way of doing business in the Mayor's office more transparency, equity, accountability, and engagement. We also need results, not only a vision, but a leader to effectively implement and know how to pay for the vision as Council President pro Tim, I have the track record of both delivering results and being effective. I do have the endorsements of the majority of the Council members. This is indicative of my collaborative leadership, and is important because we know how important it is to have both the Mayor and Council members.

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Sheng Thao: We're cohesively together. I am unique in here to bring the entire city inside and outside of City Hall together for the first time in nearly a decade. I've also been able to work at the State level and Federal level to go out and bring in more resources and funding for Oakland; and as mayor, I will be able to bring in even more resources because we're in multiple different crises, and we cannot get out of these on our own. I am also proud to be the only candidate supported by the Democratic party, planned parenthood.

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Sheng Thao: Mom's demand Action City worker, speaker, Anthony Renden, majority leader, Ellen the Lowest worth the many supervisors, and I would love to have your vote, your Number one vote in this election. Thank you.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you. And finally, Greg.

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Gregory Hodge: Leadership is the capacity to respond to the situation at the moment. And what open is now The leaders, not politicians, not City Hall insiders. Um, not folks, you know, who have been doing. You know exactly what what we need to have done differently. Um, We need to move from political transactions to systems, transformation. All of these systems. Questions around housing around transit um beg for an answer around a regionalism that is in that is also part of what we do here in a

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Gregory Hodge: over forty years.

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Gregory Hodge: We are listening, leading, lifting up what works as a consensus builder with the School Board as a policymaker with Freedom Schools and osce. Why, kids first as a community attorney, since one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six as a cultural artist and as a minister I feel like I've got the skill set the experience and the temperament to take open into its next future. I'm. Not running for anything else. I don't necessarily care about the political barometer, and when is it blow?

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Gregory Hodge: We need to do something in the city that we want to become? Thank you. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

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Priya David Clemens: Thank you all. We have reached the end of tonight's forum. So I want to send my sincere thanks to our candidates, Ignacio de la Fente, Gregory Hodge, Treva Reed, Lauren, Taylor and Chang Tao, and the partners, of course, East Bay for everyone Seamless Bay, area, East Bay, Young Democrats, Green Belt Alliance, Transport, Oakland and spur, and to all of you in the audience for joining us. Please support these organizations. Important work and Don't forget to vote on November

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Priya David Clemens: for eight. Have a great evening,

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Ignacio De La Fuente: and thank you.