

10-POINT GRASSROOTS AGENDA



TRANSPORTATION

We will work with transportation planning agencies and advocacy groups to increase access to public transportation in underserved neighborhoods and explore other alternatives that improve the mobility of people throughout Marin.



HEALTH CARE/ENVIRONMENT

We will advocate for increased access to information on affordable health care services in underserved neighborhoods and work with public advocacy groups to identify environmental hazards that pose health risks to Marin residents.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We will support economic development plans in underserved neighborhoods that provide access and opportunities for the growth and development of small business, incubators, and vendors for the benefit of underserved residents.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

We will support the development of youth leadership to promote their voice in social justice issues that impact their well being and the development of youth organizations that promote healthy and safe environments that are ethnically and culturally inclusive.



DIVERSITY/ANTI-VIOLENCE

We will work to develop a more racially interactive community which celebrates and honors diversity, while eliminating all form of violence (sexual orientation, gender, racial, relationship, child abuse, discrimination and oppression) and abuse (physical, sexual, verbal and emotional).



EDUCATION

We will work to provide all residents access to quality education, specifically low income youth and limited English speaking residents who live in underserved neighborhoods. All children in the County should have access to an educational environment that supports multiculturalism and promotes maintenance of heritage language and culture while preparing for the ethical and technological demands of the 21st Century.



PARENTS AND EDUCATION

We will work to provide children of all cultures, languages and socioeconomic levels access to quality education such that they are able to perform at the same level as the highest achievers in Marin. We will advocate for multi-lingual translations of all education related material to non-English speaking parents and the creation of social forums that foster community between parents, teachers and students to facilitate parental involvement in the delivery of quality education to all.



HOUSING

We will support efforts to protect and expand the supply of housing that is needed by and affordable to all Marin residents. This includes engaging residents, particularly those from underserved neighborhoods and the shelter less, in affordable housing planning and advocacy activities.



EMPOWERMENT

We will initiate and support processes that enable underserved residents to become acquainted with and part of the county and community decision-making bodies. This includes developing a format or mechanism for underserved residents to become familiar with boards, commissions and nomination processes.



EMPLOYMENT

We will support and advocate for employers who recruit, train and hire the unemployed and the working poor for jobs and careers with income growth potential. We will advocate for employers to provide childcare in the workplace and work to create a networking system which disseminates job information to underserved neighborhoods.