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Are you now, or have you ever been, a union member? If yes, when, where and what union were you affiliated with? While I worked as a high school teacher in Peru, the teachers at my school were not unionized. I am currently a full-time mom.

What would be your priorities as an elected official? What policies or coalitions do you see yourself leading? My top priority is to prevent displacement of residents and small businesses from the Opportunity Zone, where I live in a rented apartment with my husband and kids. More broadly, I want to address the housing crisis through: 1. Purchases of market affordable apartment buildings by the City or by the City and tenants jointly. 2. Creation of onsite affordable housing that is not restricted by Federal guidelines, allowing for Boulder to be more flexible in its eligibility criteria and to keep rent lower. This would also avoid segregated housing, which results from the cash in lieu program. Another priority will be public transportation. I'm in favor of reducing bus fare (raising this money from employers directly to the bus system) and replacing buses with smaller vehicles on under-utilized routes. Finally, I am very concerned about climate change, which threatens to impact the weakest members of society the most. As a Council member, I will advocate for the middle and lower income residents of Boulder and will serve as a bridge for the Latino population. As a teacher by training I am very aware of the challenges facing this group and other workers.

Of the policies and coalitions that you have prioritized, where do you see Labor being a key stakeholder and how do you plan to engage us on these issues? I heard that Labor may be able to invest in affordable housing at the Alpine Balsam site. This would be an incredible opportunity, which I would support if elected. Labor is a key stakeholder in the city government apparatus, as shown by the existing unions (BMEA, IAFF, BPOA). Working well with Labor is a crucial component of serving on Council.

Privatization of public services can reduce city expenditures, but often result in poorer quality services and lower wages for service employees. Under what circumstances would you advocate against the privatization of public services? If so, what tangible steps would you take to prevent this from happening? I agree that privatization generally ends with lower wages and often delivers worse service. It benefits large corporations primarily. There are many examples of this, from the prison system to the story of how the 737 Max 8 was vetted. I see the job of government to intervene when necessary to protect citizens, including workers, who have a right to a decent salary. I would vote against privatization efforts, especially if they involve betraying that responsibility.

For Boulder Candidates only: Would you support the Municipal Utility employing a union workforce? Yes, I would definitely support the Muni employing a union workforce with collective bargaining rights. I am completely in favor of a living wage with benefits. I am against a system that is tilted heavily in favor of a tiny percentage of the population, exploiting individual workers.

The right to freely organize a union Yes

The right to collectively bargain Yes

The right to wages and benefits that improve the living standards of families

Yes

The right to full equality on the job

Yes

The right to a safe workplace and decent working conditions

Yes

Yes with Reservations or Conditions

The right to speak and be heard, without punishment

Yes

The right to a pension and a healthy retirement

Yes

The right to strike when necessary

Yes

Would you support the Use of Best Value metrics, as opposed to lowest responsible bidder for vendors supplying the City with goods or services?

It is my understanding that the "lowest responsible bidder" method was designed to prevent favoritism. In other words, city officials are required to award a contract to the bidder offering to do the job for the lowest price, as long as this contractor has a responsible track record. The criteria here are fairly easy to enforce. I've begun reading about "Best Value metrics." It makes a lot of sense to award contracts to businesses that employ local workers, treat them better and engage in training. To be sure this is the right direction to go in, I would want to know that we can put a system into place using Best Value that is transparent and easy to understand.

Would you support creation of a Local Minimum Wage by CityCouncil?

Yes, I would support the creation of a Boulder minimum wage, voting in 2020 to go into effect in January 2021. The current minimum wage of \$11.10 is not a living wage in Boulder. The allowable raise is 15% in the first year, for which I would advocate. I would do so in the second year as well.

Would you support licensing requirements for marijuana and hemp retail and grows that encourages high labor standards and favorable treatment of union shops?

I see the importance of unions among farm laborers to prevent exploitation and poor conditions. Fair working conditions should apply to marijuana and hemp grows as well. I will commit to learning this topic better, including the retail aspect, if elected to Council. I'll seek out advice from BALC.

Would you support a state-wide employee paid family leave policy?

As a teacher and, now, a full-time mom, I think paid family leave would greatly improve the health of babies, especially their emotional vitality, and the stability of families. I think a state-wide paid family leave policy would benefit young parents and the next generation. Being torn between work and a baby is a difficult position to be in. So, yes, I would definitely support this. (I would want to find a solution for small employers and their employees, as sometimes small employers cannot afford to cover certain benefits.)

Your city has an affordable housing crisis. What steps would take to address this problem?

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Why do you believe it is in the best interests of the BALC and its members to endorse your candidacy?

As a lower middle-income tenant, a teacher by training, an immigrant, a resident of Boulder for 5 years and as a warm and caring individual who believes in greater equality, I will be a good ally for the Boulder Area Labor Council. I will advocate for basic rights, including an expanded version of Medicare for all, a higher minimum wage and more housing options. I will serve on Council for the ordinary citizen, not for larger corporations or the wealthiest donor class.

I have finished the Questionnaire, and I am ready to submit my final copy:

YES