

social justice, respect for diversity, feminism:

Reduce inflationary spiral on lower income workforce by a phased elimination of state tax on wages and salary and sales tax compensated with a graduated tax rate on gross rents, gross business receipts and resource-based taxes.

I will promote legislation to immediately end immigration raids and deportations. Political initiatives need to link every environmental demand to specific legislation that improves quality of life in our working class district – programs that employ youth in a living wage 'green collar' economic community (to answer challenges which cause gang activity), that create more parkspace (given the prevalent immigrant community's pro-environment health-conscious, wide usage of out-door public spaces and green recreational spaces), that extend opportunities for people to enjoy nature and to participate in green politics, that confront the immorality of a rich state while our children are poor.

[The combined tab of nearly \\$15 billion for prison reform has dismayed lawmakers already faced with a \\$16 billion budget deficit that has prompted huge proposed cuts in spending on education and health care. The United States has less than 5 percent of the world's population. But it has almost a quarter of the world's prisoners.](#)

My opponent's legislative initiatives creates more criminal infractions which would expand the already runaway, double-digit billion dollar California Prison-Industrial complex. My green answer is removing jail time for victimless crimes, removal of 'three strikes' and using the expanded education dollar for educative, correction-oriented programs over punishment to reduce the size and uncontrolled spending of the current prison system. Fully fund educational programs, especially those for early childhood. Costs per student are far less than the cost per prisoner in a dysfunctional prison complex.

Politics are too often dominated by greed, corporatism, militarism and the narrow two-party duopoly. This has led humanity to ecological collapse and social and economic inequity. I will bring the ethical and moral imperatives of the Greens' Ten Key Values to Sacramento (Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus/Sustainability).