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1. In which ways have you supported the disability community in the past, and how do you plan to continue your support in the future?

Answer: I have been serving as Transportation Commissioner, City of Roseville for past four years. I always included ADA compliance in policy making for city's transit and roadways programs. Transit assistance, education, subsidy were some of my focus. I will continue to involve groups working for people with disability for making policy decisions on such matters.

2. Do you support the right of a person with a disability to live independently in the community? If so, what would your approach be to ensure people can transition from nursing homes to living on their own?

Answer: YES! Encourage the family members to volunteer their time to assist their disabled siblings, parents, and children. IHSS is has been a great program to bring back our home values. Expanding and

developing the program would be one approach I would take to bring the transition happen.

3. How will you support students with disabilities to receive an equitable, quality education if you are elected?

Answer: I would follow what Individual with Disabilities Education Act advocates: Individualized planning and service design. Monitor if the federal aid is used correctly at the local level in meeting the needs of the students with disability. As the state senator I will examine if local programs include all deserving students and what progress has been made in terms of preparing them for the right jobs.

4. How would you propose to build the capacity of the In Home Supportive Services program to sustain opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities to live independently in their communities.

Answer: I recognize the importance of the IHSS in creating a close social fabric in building relationships where family members help their elders. Collectively we should make it as a moral responsibility, not just as a social obligation. Providing better salary, benefit and some sick time to IHSS associates would make them commit their involvement..

5. What would you do to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to have access to affordable and accessible housing?

Answer: Subsidized housing, building location and who really gets the benefits would be my focus. As a state senator I will find out the number of affordable and adaptable housing units available for the use of disabled persons by race, income and their poverty. Increase the funding for needed people will be my focus.

6. What will you do to ensure that people with disabilities are part of the planning and oversight systems for upgrading public transportation systems in California?

Answer: I would like to repeat my answer to the first question! I have been serving as Transportation Commissioner, City of Roseville for past four years. I always included ADA compliance in policy making for city's transit and roadways programs. Transit assistance, education, subsidy were some of my focus. I will continue to involve groups working for people with disability for making policy decisions on such matters.

7. What would you do to increase job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities?

Answer: As state senator I will work with Employment Training Panel to increase funding to impart employment training to people with disabilities to find deserving jobs.

8. What would you do to protect the rights of people with disabilities to have access to elections and cast an independent and private vote?

Answer: Provide Training about politics and voting process to people with disabilities. Elections offices must develop policies to make the election process easy and simple for people with disabilities. Involve non-governmental orgs to create election related educational programs.

9. What will you do to ensure that upcoming changes in healthcare delivery for people with disabilities will maintain the integrity and consistency of care on which they have relied?

Answer: ACA already includes the most important provision to end discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions protecting large number of people with disabilities. I will work with local agencies to make sure that protection is indeed implemented and people with disability has continuous access to medical providers. Providing help to IHSS personnel is another way to maintain the integrity and consistency of care. I will work with Independent Commission of Covered California to decrease cost and increase the coverage.

10. In your view, do you think CA is spending too much, too little or just the right amount of its resources to support people with disabilities? Please explain.

Answer: Yes and no! The final budget(2014-15) increased spending on some programs that affect people with disabilities. Unfortunately, most of the cuts made during the recession remain, the legislature and governor giving preference to creating a Rainy Day Fund, funding High Speed Rail, and paying off portions of the State's debt. While I believe in fiscal prudence, cutting spending on vital programs that help people with disability is not acceptable to me. We must close corporate loopholes in Prop13 to create \$100 million additional funds to fill the gaps in those programs.