

Candidate Name (as it appears on the ballot): Palmer Kain

Office Seeking: State Assembly

District (Senate and Assembly): Assembly District 29

Hometown: Santa Cruz

Candidate Campaign Website and Contact Information (optional):

[www.palmerkain.org](http://www.palmerkain.org)

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 served in the military and honorably discharged due to disabilities. I plan to be more active by becoming a voice and an advocate for the disabilities community such as jobs, education, and health care policy to ensure equality and equal access for the disabilities community.

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:

I support a person with disabilities should have the right to live independently in the community. We will need to increase funding to help a person with disabilities to transition from nursing home to become independent. Agencies such as housing, independent living and social services should work collaboratively to ensure a person with disabilities have the resources to become independent.

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

Answer:

I would encourage all of your supporters to check out my education plan. On my website [www.palmerkain.org](http://www.palmerkain.org) I have created an eight point education plan, special needs students being one of the issues that I address.

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:

To address this I would bring the different organizations and state entities that exist to address these issues. I would make them a part of the legislative process in bill creation. In conjunction with all groups concerned would allow for a full addressing of issues and concerns. Prior to submitting the legislation to the appropriate sub committee.

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

Answer:

Increase funding for In Home Supportive services program to provide resources needed to ensure a person with disabilities are able to live in their communities.

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:

Increasing funding and resources to work collaboratively to ensure agencies have the resources to ensure a person with disabilities has proper accommodation and accessibility to affordable housing. Housing vouchers for people with disabilities should be made accessibility to assist people to live independently to prevent people with disabilities becoming homeless. More programs are needed to develop to ensure opportunities for people with disabilities to own home for those who are on social security.

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

Answer:

It would be important for the disabilities community to have a voice or a say regarding transportation issues. The disabilities should be part of the transportation commission by being appointed by the legislature or governor to serve on the transportation committee to develop transportation policies that would impact or effect the disabilities community.

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: It will be a priority in my campaign and in Sacramento, to create legislation to address this. More needs to be done to ensure a proper voter turnout in all sections of the citizens demographic. Therefore, state regulation to enhance access for persons with disabilities is a prime point of my campaign connecting with the voters and ensuring their voice is heard.

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 :

People with disabilities shall have the right to vote. The polls shall be made accessible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently without any type of discrimination. There should be someone at the polls on Election Day to ensure that people with disabilities have the access to the voting polls. If problem persist then there shall be contacted with the California Department of Justice with a representative on staff on the day of the election or call directly to the election committee to file complaints and to ensure access to the poll to vote.

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:

It is important to ensure that there is enough funding to cover people with disabilities medical services and people with disabilities have proper accommodation to ensure equal access to their medical care.

11.) 11. 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: CA is not doing enough for people with disabilities. According to the report from the Department of Labor it shows that unemployment rating is much higher for people with disabilities compare to non disabled. We have a lot of work to do to improve education, jobs, and health care for people with disabilities. We need to do more and should be the top priority to end poverty and increase independence and opportunities for people with disabilities.