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70th

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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 asked all the lawmakers I know to speak up and help me help the disability community of CA and Marion Lieberman of the ARC of Long Beach. I told them to vote NO and STOP the AJR36 amendment. It would be a terrible thing for you if passed. With hard work and a lot of talking to people, this amendment was stopped! Now paychecks will continue for the disabled and your centers will remain open.

(Attached find a letter from Marion Lieberman to support me).
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. I will make sure that you can have the doctor that you want to see. And, I will get you transportation so you can be independent and get to where you need to go.

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

Answer:
I will Audit the education money. That means I will look at where every dollar to be used on education goes. I tell everyone that I want to see where the money for education goes. Students do NOT get enough from the money. The state of CA has plenty of money from Lotto and taxes for education for everyone. This is on my list of things to do. I will do it for you when I am elected.

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 will set up a new committee with both smart and kind people running it. I will also include family members of and the disabled themselves to make decisions. I will give (allocate) money to these people and I will work with them myself to give you more independence.
5. What would you do to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to have access to affordable and accessible housing?

Answer:
I will give (allocate) more money and vouchers to groups that now assist you for your housing needs. I will help pass laws to make sure that you are protected and I will have them watched closely to see you get the access to housing that you need.

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 promise to have the disabled people, your family members and advocates on every planning committee to be sure that your needs are heard and you are safe on the public transportation systems.

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

Answer:
I have a plan to have classes in schools and libraries at night and on weekends. To help everyone train for jobs and to learn better English. This will help with employment opportunities.

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:
I will make sure that every disabled person has a mail-in application to vote. I will have transportation ready to take people to
the polls. I will have special, closed areas for the disabled – protected by poll watchers at polling places so you can vote in private.

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?

Healthcare is very important to me. I am working daily to make sure that you will be able to see the doctor you want to. I will work to change the law that does not pay our doctors a fair amount for what they do for us. I want ours doctors to stay in CA.

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:

This past year, I worked a lot with people in the disability community through the ARC center in Long Beach. More money is needed to support the disabled. The state has the money and it should be spent on more resources for ALL the people. Too little is spent on the disabled people.