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I, Fernando Treviño, certify that the information provided on this questionnaire is accurate and the opinions stated here accurately reflect my own positions.

Please complete, sign and return this via email in both Word Doc and PDF format to Amanda@reclaimphiladelphia.org on or before February 1, 2019.

INTRODUCTION

This is a two-part questionnaire. The first seven questions are intended to be richer questions with longer answers. They are intended to help the members of Reclaim Philadelphia understand how you view the world and the political issues that face Philadelphia. As you might expect, these questions are big and broad. Please limit your answers to each question to no more than 250 words. The second set of questions are “yes” or “no” questions, which are NOT meant to be answered at length.

PART I - LONGFORM QUESTIONS - Please respond in 250 words or less.

1. Tell us a personal story about yourself that informs your worldview, your politics, and your decision to run for City Council.

I came to the US almost 20 years ago as staff attorney for Mexico's State Department. First, I was assigned to the Consulate in Eagle Pass, where I reunited families and minors arrested at the border, and I helped return the bodies of immigrants who died trying to cross the border from Mexico. Three years later, I was assigned to lead the criminal division of the Consulate in Philadelphia, where I defend the civil rights of immigrants facing the failing criminal justice system.

After I got married, I became a permanent resident and joined the death penalty division of the Federal Public Defender office in Harrisburg, but I was fired weeks later because Mexico refused to support the US invasion of Iraq. That injustice motivated me to team up in a project with Larry Krasner to ensure that immigrants and underrepresented communities would have access to legal services.

Recognizing my community's lack of representation, I joined NCLR to empower Latino voters, and later worked for President Obama's reelection campaign organizing core constituency groups. In 2013, I founded MOIMA and helped make Philadelphia a Sanctuary City that protects families and welcomes everyone who wishes to be a part of our city.

I'm running for City Council because I have learned, first hand, the consequences of failed policies and lack of representation. I'm running for City Council because I want to make sure that no matter where you are from or how you look, Philadelphia will work for you.

2. What is your opinion of capitalism as a political-economic system? How do your opinions and analysis influence your campaign and legislative priorities?

I believe that the US economy has thrived under capitalism. However, as with any other economic or political system, if strict regulations and anti corruption measures are not in place, capitalism can be corrupted and become an unfair system for workers and small businesses.

Since the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act was enacted in 1999, the US capitalism system has favored the wealthy and corporations that have been able to operate with minimum regulations and an absurd system of autoregulation. This has generated a system where corporations exercise a dangerous amount of power and influence over government, where workers are exploited, and the Labor movement is oppressed.

My campaign and my legislative priorities will be guided by a basic principle; if you work hard and play by the rules, you should be allowed to accumulate wealth. But the key of this statement is to make sure that the rules are fair for everyone, that workers are treated with respect and are paid a living wage, and that the individuals and corporations accumulating wealth paid their fair share of taxes to fund social programs to the less fortunate.

I'm a believer in attracting businesses and international investment to the city, but first we must ensure that the investment is equitable, and that we empower our workforce to develop small businesses in our neighborhoods. I support a minimum wage of \$15 per hour for everyone and I will work with unions to defend workers' rights and diversify their membership.

3. What do “white supremacy” and “patriarchy” mean to you? How do you see them operating in the City of Philadelphia and its government? What policies, if any, would you enact in order to end them?

White supremacy and patriarchy have been a part of different cultures around the world. For many misguided reasons, there are some that believe that people of color and women are inferior and not capable to lead in society.

In Philadelphia, even when the city and its government are taking steps in the right direction, it's evident that the traditional norm still involves an important lack of representation among women of color, Latinxs, and Asian Americans.

When elected, I will become the first immigrant ever elected to City Council. With this inherit responsibility, I will continue to be a champion for diversity and inclusion. I will advocate to enact an improved and comprehensive language access program for city services, and I will work with the Office of Human Resources to create innovative programs to attract a more diverse workforce. Furthermore, I will bring best practices from international partners, using the example of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government, that created one of the most diverse and inclusive cabinets in the world.

4. What do you think of the crisis facing Philadelphia schools? What do you see as its root causes? What steps would you take?

I believe that the crisis facing Philadelphia public schools should be at the forefront of the City's priorities. This crisis was caused by a corrupted and inept government that misused key funding and applied a bias approach against marginalized communities.

I will support Philadelphia public schools by working with my colleagues to increase city funding for our schools and I will be a fierce advocate to demand from Harrisburg a real and fair funding formula.

In the short term, I will focus my efforts to improve school safety climate, I will develop public-private partnerships to provide teachers with basic support like school supplies and easy access to parking, and I will help develop programs to educate our children in a diverse and multicultural environment as global citizens.

5. Under what circumstances should a person be detained or incarcerated, if any? Does the current system meet this criterion? What does safety mean to you and what policies or programs would you pursue to achieve your vision?

There should be more implemented alternatives to jailing a person, which is costly and ineffective, we need to provide a person with mental health counseling and rehabilitation services like job training programs. A person should be detained only if there's probable cause and no one should be incarcerated before found guilty unless that person presents a clear risk to others.

For more than 5 years I led the criminal division of the Mexican Consulate in Philadelphia, working to protect the constitutional rights of immigrants facing criminal charges. This allowed me to witness first-hand the human cost of the failing current criminal justice system.

Safety represents the opportunity to live, work, and raise my family in a city that protects me and my family, without violating the constitutional rights of others. In order to achieve this vision, I will promote new programs to increase police community outreach, I will advocate to eradicate the stop-and-frisk, and I will support the end of cash-bail.

6. What is the fundamental factor causing climate change? How should we address this? Do you support a Green New Deal for Philadelphia and, if so, what does that mean to you and what will you do if elected to City Council?

Humans are the fundamental factor causing climate change. We should address it by developing a comprehensive plan that, among other things, promote less use of fossil fuels and invests in renewables; we need to educate people to make their community and commute "greener" by incentivizing the use of renewable energy, reducing emissions and decarbonizing the economy by putting a price to pollution.

I agree with the principles of the Green New Deal, I will support the recommended participatory study-funded by the City to formulate a local Green New Deal for Philadelphia.

7. Do you think Philadelphia is facing a housing crisis? If so, why? If not, why not? What changes would you make to bring housing policy more in line with your vision?

Philadelphia is facing a housing crisis because every day it becomes more difficult for a low-income family to become homeowners. While high-end apartments buildings, houses, and condos are gentrifying neighborhoods at a record pace, affordable housing has been forgotten and neglected by the city.

When elected to City Council I will advocate to increase City funds for affordable housing and support the poorest Philadelphians. I will also propose a tiered, tax-abatement system that supports first time buyers looking for properties valued less than \$300,000 and ends the 10-year abatement for properties valued over \$700,000.

PART II - YES OR NO QUESTIONS

1. Do you commit to opposing the privatization of all utilities in Philadelphia? **YES [X] NO []**

2. Do you commit to support and vote for the creation of a Philadelphia Public Bank? **YES [X] NO []**

3. Will you support using savings from closing the House of Corrections to invest in job training programs and opportunities for formerly incarcerated people, in an effort to combat mass incarceration? **YES [X] NO []**

4. Will you support a participatory study funded by the City to formulate a local Green New Deal energy plan to transition Philadelphia to a democratically controlled 100% renewable energy system by 2030, create unionized jobs, and center the decisions and needs of Philadelphia's working class and communities of color? **YES [X] NO []**

5. Do you support a democratically elected school board? **YES [X] NO []**

6. Will you commit to publicly funding and administering fully staffed libraries and recreation centers seven days a week? **YES [X] NO []**

7. Do you support rent control? **YES [] NO [X]**

8. Will you commit that at least 50% of all City funds allocated to create or preserve housing, including but not limited to the Housing Trust Fund and subfunds, must go toward helping the poorest Philadelphians (30% or less of area median income)? **YES [X] NO []**

9. Will you commit to introducing or sponsoring legislation that would establish a system of public financing for city campaigns that would create a fund that would provide matching public funds for money individual donors contribute to candidates? **YES [X] NO []**

10. Do you support the creation of an overdose prevention site / supervised consumption site to help efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in our community? **YES [X] NO []**

11. Do you support completely ending the ten year tax abatement? **YES** [] **NO** []

12. Do you commit to opposing all new fossil fuel projects in Philadelphia by using all zoning and regulatory means at your disposal? **YES** [] **NO** []

13. Will you support increasing funding of the Police Advisory Commission from \$500K to \$1.5M and giving it the power to subpoena, investigate and censure cases of police brutality and over-policing?

YES [] **NO** []

14. Will you publicly support a moratorium on all charter school expansion? **YES** [] **NO** []

15. Do you support the right to strike for public employees including teachers? **YES** [] **NO** []

16. Will you enact a statutory right to counsel for any Philadelphian facing the loss of their home, be it foreclosure or eviction? **YES** [] **NO** []

17. Will you use all means at your disposal to support workers' right to unionize?

YES [] **NO** []

PART III - ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION

If there's anything else our membership should know about you or if you feel the need to provide additional information about any of your above responses, do so here. Please keep your response to a total of 100 words or less.

Part II, Question 7.

I don't support rent control in general, but I believe that in some areas the rent should be regulated to ensure that low-income families have access to affordable units.

Part II, Question 11.

I don't support completely ending the ten-year tax abatement. However, we must find a balanced approach to reform the program without jeopardizing key support for low income families. When elected, I will propose a program that immediately ends the abatement for properties valued above \$700,000, brings down the abatement to 5 years for properties valued between \$300,000 and \$700,000, and keeps the 10-year abatement for properties valued under \$300,000.

