

## **NIKKI for Supervisor Q&A – for Field Team Oral Responses**

### **Why is Nikki running for County Supervisor?**

Oakland City Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas has worked in the East Bay as a community organizer, nonprofit director, and social justice activist. She is guided by progressive, pro-labor values and is a working Mom. Nikki's life experiences include being the daughter of immigrant healthcare workers who taught her the values of public service, fairness and justice. Nikki is running for County Supervisor with the support of a broad based labor and community coalition advocating for our most vulnerable residents.

### **Why is Nikki the best choice for County Supervisor?**

Nikki is endorsed by the California Nurses Association and the Alameda Labor Council because she's the only candidate in this race with broad based experience in leading a large City with diverse needs and significant challenges, getting the results our East Bay working families need. Nikki successfully fights to ensure every community's fair share of resources — such as her work to secure \$350 Million to create 2,400 housing units for homeless and working families; and establish a \$14 Million Fund to help low-income tenants purchase homes, expand violence prevention programs, and launch Fire Department mobile crisis teams to address mental health and 911 calls.

### **If elected, what are Nikki's top priorities?**

**Community Mobile Crisis Response:** As County Supervisor, Nikki will establish innovative safety programs for each of our communities – such as her groundbreaking Mobile Crisis Response Team. This program deploys crisis response from the Fire Department to address mental health and nonviolent 911 calls, allowing police to focus on violent crime calls.

**Housing:** Nikki believes home ownership should be possible for every East Bay family and resident. She is solely endorsed by the Alameda County Central Labor and Alameda County Building & Construction Trades councils for her work to secure \$350 Million to create 2,400 housing units for local homeless and working families. She established a \$14 Million Fund to help low-income tenants purchase homes, and will prioritize creating housing our future generations, teachers and public safety providers can afford.

**Healthcare:** County government provides safety net programs for the most vulnerable East Bay residents: working families struggling to make ends meet, seniors on fixed incomes, and women needing access to specialized health services. The California Nurses Association endorses Nikki's candidacy and vision for ensuring that every family who needs access to quality healthcare, receives it - including access to bilingual and culturally competent services."

**Homelessness:** Nikki wants to put an end to homelessness, which is a crisis in the East Bay and California. She champions a results-oriented, integrated approach that expands job training, placement, and creation; enhances mental health counseling and substance abuse/addiction programs, and prioritizes transitional housing for families, seniors, and veterans.