1. Why are you seeking appointment to the Ohlone Board of Trustees?

To contribute to the process of making Ohlone College a well known and viable tool in meeting both the present and future educational needs of the community and surrounding areas.

2. What special skills do you bring to the job of Ohlone Trustee?

As a small business owner I have attempted to reach out in a community service capacity. In doing this I feel I have had, and continue to have, open and direct communication with both the leaders and residents of many of the local districts.

3. What do you believe the role of trustee is? What areas would you emphasize as a Trustee?

I envision the role to be that of one who oversees in the capacity allowed and expected, to direct, recommend if necessary and/or question the overall operations of the college. I would emphasize the importance of alleviating deferred maintenance in an expeditious manner, the importance of having sufficient resources to handle emergencies and maintain what is already in place.

4. As a trustee what do you hope to accomplish during this term? How can the board or college help you in achieving those goals?

To meet the immediate needs and priorities set down by all parties, who in unison have agreed that they are the immediate needs and priorities.

5. What would be your three top priorities if elected to the Ohlone Board?

Make sure that the board is timely, consistent and in harmony on their recommendations and direction. To look for additional revenue in creative ways. To work on the drive-by appeal and ambiance at the two gateways.

6. Whom would you feel you are representing if you are appointed to the board of trustees?

I would be representing the tax paying community, the student body, staff and faculty – not necessarily in that order and to be open to any group expressing opinions.

7. What do you see as the College's role in our community? What would you do as a trustee to further the role?

To offer state of the art educational tools that economically allow students to be accredited for jobs both in both the private and public sectors. Secondly, to offer a solid and economical 2 year education program that allows a student to transfer to a 4 year school for further study. I would seek the input of student's, faculty and staff so as to improve on these factors.
8. What is your understanding of the mission and purposes of the community colleges in California? What are the mission and purposes of our district? Do you have any suggestions about how Ohlone College can do better at achieving it's mission and purpose?

I understand the mission and purpose of California community colleges is to provide an economical basic level of education for students who may be looking for vocational training, and/or lower level division courses for transfer to a 4 year institution; to meet the needs of the adjacent work force for advancement in their professions; to offer accredited courses that will assist those who are forced into career changes.

9. Please discuss your understanding of the relationship between the trustees on the board and the administrators, faculty, staff and students of the institution.

I am of the opinion that the board needs to be the catalyst that keeps these different bodies going in the same direction and show positive progress and attempt to give all bodies equal consideration. There should be feedback from the board that expresses any plan of action by the board and why

10. What is your opinion of shared governance? What is the board's role in dealing with decisions made by college staff before being presented to the board for ratification?

Shared governance is easier said than defined or accomplished. It is a fine balance in which all parties are working together for the overall good of the college and the programs it offers. It means that stalling tactics are not utilized and that the board has made all attempts to understand the basic reasons the staff has stepped forward to propose ratification by the board.

11. (a)What is your understanding of the primary responsibilities of the board? (b)What would be your responsibility to the board as a trustee?

(a) To encourage discussions of new concepts and to uphold those concepts which have shown success when place.
(b) To offer my input while keeping an open mind to the ideas of others

12. If a board member feels strongly about a matter, but his or her position is not supported by the board, how should this trustee conduct him or her self?

I would assume the party would attempt to express his or her concerns in a timely manner and respond to any questions directed to them. In any case an attempt to be precise and not general in their opposing opinion.

13. What is your connection to Ohlone College? Have you ever taken classes or attended events at or sponsored by the college?

I have attended an assortment of classes dating back to when the campus was at the Serra Center. I have been financially supportive of the Foundation for some years and have attended many functions at the college. I was appointed community representative for the selection process for a developer for the frontage property of the college.
14. **What do you see as the major issues of the community college(s) in the next decade?**

   To combat the aggressive competition and attraction of Internet classes being offered, and of satellite and/or extension schools, that target certain academic markets. Meeting the needs of the ever changing employment market.

15. **What is your general impression of Ohlone College?**

   I think the college is ever attempting to reach out to and meet the needs of the community. It appears to be working diligently towards attracting students and attempting to broaden it's academic menu.