

2022 Endorsement Questionnaire- General Election - City Elections

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Thank you for your interest in being considered for an endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review. Please submit your responses by Tuesday, Sept. 6 by 5 pm.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Becky Hopwood

City and zip code of residence.

Albany 94706

What is your campaign website address?

N/A

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- City of Alameda, Mayor
- City of Alameda, City Council
- City of Alameda, School Board
- City of Albany, City Council
- City of Albany, School Board
- City of Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 8
- City of Berkeley, School Board
- City of Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- City of Dublin, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Dublin, City Council
- City of Dublin, School Board (short term)
- City of Dublin, School Board, Area 5
- City of Emeryville, City Council
- City of Emeryville, School Board
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 4
- City of Fremont, School Board, #3
- City of Hayward, City Council
- City of Hayward, School Board (long term)
- City of Hayward, School Board (short term)
- City of Livermore, Mayor

- City of Livermore, Mayor
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Livermore, School Board
- City of Newark, Mayor
- City of Newark, City Council
- City of Newark, School Board
- City of Oakland, Mayor
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 4
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 6
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 2
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 4
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 6
- City of Piedmont, City Council
- City of Piedmont, School Board
- City of Pleasanton, City Council, Dist 1
- City of Pleasanton, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of San Leandro, Mayor
- City of San Leandro, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of San Leandro, City Council Dist. 5
- City of San Leandro, School Bd., Area 2
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 4

New Haven School District, #4

Other:

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

Are you a registered Democrat? The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats

Yes

No

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I am running for a seat on the Board of Education in Albany, which is a small town with an Asian/Pacific Islander population of a little over 30%. I am not seeking an individual endorsement as I am proud to be running with Sadia Khan and Ron Rosenbaum for the three vacant seats on the school board, but our hope is that the endorsement of the APA Democratic Caucus will give our API families confidence in our ability to advocate for their students

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

N/A

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

How long have you lived in the district that you are seeking to represent?

20 years

Educational background: What schools have you attended, date graduated, major and degree(s) earned.

St Mary's Hospital London (UK): Dip HE Nursing & RN 1993

King's College London (UK): BSc Midwifery 1996

Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

N/A (have been a stay at home mum, but am a former registered nurse and midwife)

What are the names of any community or nonprofit organizations with which you have been an active volunteer in the past 3-5 years.

Albany SchoolCARE, Writer Coach Connection

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What actions have you taken to address anti-Asian discrimination/bullying/harassment? Please explain in what capacity you have acted and whether any of these actions were prior to 2020. (i.e., as an elected representative, member of commission/board/organization, and/or as an individual.

I've always focused on providing an equitable and inclusive environment during my volunteer work in Albany schools, and am committed to addressing systemic racism and oppression

2. One out of every 3 Alameda County residents is of Asian ancestry but are underrepresented in elected office and make-up 28% of all eligible voters in the County overall. Do you believe the legislative body you are seeking to represent has adequately served Asian and Pacific Americans? Why or why not?

I served for 2 years on the Albany Middle School site council and 4 years on the Albany High School site council where I worked on the Single Plan for Student Achievement which involves a comprehensive review of data and the development of actions necessary to achieve school goals to ensure that all students are successful. Asian and Pacific American students make up approximately 30% of the student body in the district and I believe are well served by members of the school board, as well as by the district as a whole

3. One-third of Alameda County residents were born in another country. Do you believe that the needs of immigrants have been adequately addressed by the office you are seeking to represent? What changes are needed to better center their needs?

31% of Albany's population is foreign-born, so it's quite typical of Alameda County, and many of our immigrants live at UC Berkeley's University Village in family student housing which has led to increased diversity in our district. I hope that the school board, along with the City of Albany, continues to prioritize the needs of immigrants through its work with the Committee for Social and Economic Justice, the Albany Asian Pacific Islander Parent Engagement Group, the Black Parent Advisory Group, Familias Latinas de Albany, and United Against Hate, to provide opportunities to celebrate inclusivity

4. Please identify the three largest APA ethnicities in your district.

The data is not current, but I believe those are Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.

5. Please identify the most at-risk APA community in your district and explain why.

Any intersectional APA communities will be the most at-risk.

6. What have you learned about Asian Americans in the past 2 years that you were previously unaware of and how has that impacted you?

Like many others, I was shocked at the increase in hateful behavior against Asians and Asian Americans at the start of the pandemic and horrified to realize that this community was still facing scapegoating that led many to feel increasingly unsafe in their own communities.

7. How do you think microaggressions and verbal harassment against Asians and other marginalized community members can be better addressed and what will you commit to doing? If you have intervened in the past, please describe what you did.

Anti-Asian racism is rooted in the same systemic oppression that devalues all people of color. All children in our schools should have a sense of belonging, and as a board member I will ensure that our district continues to work to address systemic racism and oppression. Schools are influential in fostering a safe, supportive and inclusive community, and student-led initiatives like Diversify Our Narrative at Albany High School are dedicated to teaching anti-racism by incorporating texts that are diverse and representative into English classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. I wholeheartedly support this and other initiatives, and hope the district will also commit to funding anti-racist education in order to eradicate all forms of aggression and harassment.

8. What resources (people/organizations) will you tap to increase your knowledge and understanding of the on-going needs of the Asian and Pacific Americans living in your district?

The Asian Pacific Islander Parent Engagement Group was formed in our district in 2020 to support and advocate for API students and their families. As a school board member, I will reach out to this group to ensure its members know that their voices will be heard.

9. Please list any Asian American candidates you have publicly endorsed.

N/A

*Please consider endorsing Sadia Khan, Ron Rosenbaum and myself as a slate, as we wish to focus on what we can collectively bring to the Board of Education, and are not seeking individual endorsements.

Thank you*

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please Submit your responses by Sep. 6, 5 pm. We will be holding several zoom endorsement meetings covering all three regions of the County before the end of September, tbd. Only those candidates completing the questionnaire will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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