

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 *

Sadia Khan

City and zip code of residence.

94706

What is your campaign website address?

n/a

What is your campaign email address?

sadiaforalbany@gmail.com

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 seeking an endorsement along side my slate members Becky Hopwood and Ron Rosenbuam for the Albany School board. Additionally as a south asian who has often found herself written out of the school books or or only seen her history represented in a negative light I want to make sure my son and his peers have access to a better education that respects their cultures and histories.

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

Albany Democratic Club
Jordan Preston, Mayor of Albany
Rigel Robinson, Berkeley City Councilman

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?

4 year

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

San Geronio High School May 2013
San Bernardino Valley College May, 2017 Political Science, Liberal Arts and Social and Behavioral Sciences
UC Berkeley December, 2022 Legal Studies

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

Council on American Islamic Relations, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, 4 months
UC Berkeley(Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence) Student Parent Center Ambassador, 2.5 years
San Bernardino Community College District, Supplemental Instructor, 1 year.

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

Bear Pantry (UC Berkeley)

Sahaba Initiative

Sierra Club/My Generation (San Bernardino ca)

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.

1. Volunteered with, donated to and organized with organizations that promote knowledge and understanding of AAPI culture, and history long before 2020. After 2020 I increased my advocacy work, especially at the statewide level pushing for numerous stop AAPI hate bills.

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 don't believe it has which is why I'm running.

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?

Albany schools are home to many visiting scholars and children of immigrant families, unfortunately AUSD still had not found ways to make registration, information access or after school programs accessible to these communities. Instead of being able to rely on those elected to serve and support our communities we have found far more success in simply creating our own safety nets. However, we can not continue to expect our communities to create solutions for issues that folks are being elected to solve.

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

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

Our elders and our youth are the most impacted groups. Our elders are more likely to be impacted by violence or discrimination especially based on ability to communicate in english and our youth face bullying in schools especially due to lack of knowledge or exposure to various Asian identities.

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?

As an Asian American I saw our struggles amplified and how much more violence our community faced. The direct impact that it had on me was that there was a boom in orgs/ groups and individuals taking on social media, media and other platforms to share our struggles, what we need and how allies can support our 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.

AUSD in particular can/needs to commit to expanding our ethnic studies requirements and making sure that our k-8 kids are also exposed to and learning about all cultures from an early stage and not just to meet graduation requirements. There also needs to be better accountability for bullying and harassment against aapi students. As someone who grew up being bullied due to my ethnic background and always told "freedom of speech" was more important than me feeling safe and welcomed this issue is a very personal one that I want to uplift in our k-12 educational spaces.

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?

I will continue to learn from the numerous AAPI orgs that I already follow like AAAJ, Stop AAPI Hate, CAIR, and many more and am always open to learning from more.

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

Rigel Robinson -Berkeley City Council

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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