

# 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 \*

Ron Rosenbaum

City and zip code of residence.

Albany, 94706

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What is your campaign website address?

no website

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What is your campaign email address?

ronrosenbaum@sonic.net

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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 (we) are seeking endorsement for our slate of Becky Hopwood, Sadia Khan, an Ron Rosenbaum. I am not seeking an individual endorsement.  
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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).

None

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?

47 years

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

California State University, Hayward (East Bay), M.S. School and Community Counseling, 1980

Duquesne University, M.S., Chemistry, 1970

Brooklyn College, City University of New York, B.S., Chemistry, 1967

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

Principal, Albany High School, Albany Unified School District, 2003-2007

Principal, Oakland Technical High School, Oakland Unified School District, 2001-2003

Principal, Alhambra High School, Martinez Unified School District, 1996-2001

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

Berkeley City College

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## 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 have been an active educator in the East Bay since 1971, serving in different capacities, including 21 years in the Oakland schools, in very diverse sites. I have been trained and active in multicultural education, and have spent many years teaching and counseling diverse students, including among many Asian and East Asian communities. I have served for 9.5 years on the Albany Board of Education, and was primary in developing equity policies and programs. I was part of development and implementation of the ethnic studies program at Berkeley High School.

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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?

Yes and no. I feel that past boards have been conscious of attempting to meet the needs of all our ethnic groups, but have not done so adequately. We have only had one elected Asian American School Board member in the past 15 years.

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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?

I would hope to advocate for more opportunities to create forums to meet and hear concerns from all our community members, and encourage more participation in development of district policies and practices. We need more dialogue to address and confront institutional racism that impacts our schools and our communities.

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

Chinese, Korean, Japanese

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

The most recent anti-Asian activity seems to have impacted the Chinese communities and other communities with Chinese like appearances. In my opinion, much of this has been exasperated by false and racist propaganda and ethnocentrism directed at China and the covid pandemic.

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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?

Most of what I learned has remained with me from my role and counselor and head counselor for ten years in a predominantly Asian middle school in the 1980s (McChesney/Edna Brewer Jr. High School, Oakland). In the past 2 years or so, I have become more aware and knowledgeable about newer Asian community members.

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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.

I need to actively advocate and demand policies and practices within our schools to address any and all harassment and aggression against any marginalized students. Our words need to be backed up by our actions,

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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 in my past roles of reaching out to leadership, teachers, parents, and community groups to promote equity and understanding. I also commit to meeting with and working with APA to be aware of current issues.

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

Pat Lowe, AUSD Board of Education; Gary Yee, OUSD Board of Education

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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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