

# 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 \*

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City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley, 94707

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What is your campaign website address?

berkeleyrentboard.org

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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?

Not only are they a very important part of our community here in Berkeley, in addition I happen to be an Iranian American, which is technically part of the Asian diaspora. I do work with many Asian Americans in the Physical Therapy clinic, I own in the downtown district and have a pretty good awareness of many of their concerns and issues regards health care. I would like now to extend this directly to communicate about issues of housing, tenancy and all the ways I can represent this constituency as a rent board commissioner. I hope to earn your 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).

Former Mayor Gus Newport, BART Board Director Lateefah Simon, Former Berkeley Health Care Director and Founder of Healthy Black Families Dr. Vicki Alexander MD., Civil Rights Attorney Osha Newmann, Jovanka Beckles AC transit board,

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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?

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

I moved to Berkeley in 2010

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

I have worked in the same physical therapy clinic since 2011, this clinic was founded by another local Asian American practitioner, Janet Yamada- Soto. the clinic was called Berkeley Physical Therapy and has been around for our communities physical needs since 1982. More recently in 2019 the owner was set to retire and fortunately, she sold the clinic to myself for continuing this commitment to community. The clinic name is now Berkeley Community Physical Therapy. We have extended our services to include more MediCal recipients and also a greater number of insurance companies to broaden our reach.

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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 Citizens Action, Berkeley Tenants Union, Friends of Adeline,

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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 specifically reached out to clinics servicing medical needs of Asian Americans to encourage delivery of Physical Therapy services to their populations. We have hired a full time Asian American clinician, who is a graduate of one of our local universities ( Samuel Merritt University). We have hired a Laotian front desk office coordinator to better relate and coordinate services. We have been here for this community through the pandemic. my hope is to extend this commitment to service in the field of housing.

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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?

I believe the Rent Board has a commendable record of services, education, and support to all parts of the Berkeley community, including APA Berkeleyans, but our efforts can always be improved. A core role of the agency is providing education on tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, including through events at centers of community life like schools, religious institutions, and senior centers. While Board staff have received excellent feedback on their events and try to distribute them across the City to meet the greatest need, we could do more to reach APA organizations and hosts like Berkeley's Buddhist temples and Asian churches

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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?

The Rent Board both serves immigrant communities directly and partners with non-profit organization like the Eviction Defense Center and East Bay Community Law Center to ensure that needs in which the Board lacks specific expertise do not go unaddressed. I would welcome input from organizations like the APA Democratic Caucus on if there are other organizations that do or could provide services to the Berkeley community that we would benefit from partnering with in order to fully meet the needs of Berkeley's APA population.

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

Chinese (48%), Indian (16%), Korean (9%)

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

The most at risk community I serve at the clinic would be geriatric asian americans who rely on their families support for translation and service set up and delivery. They have limited ability for communication and thus can fall through the cracks and need continual check in for getting their PT service.

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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?

I learned that there are many vast cultural differences between all these counties Asian peoples span almost 59% of the worlds people therefore they cannot be clumped together and treated as a unit. It is day and night as far as religions, ethnicities and languages spoken one must keep an open mind and an open eye and treat each person uniquely.

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.

Tolerance is not an either/or condition it is about opening the mind and extending a welcome to each and every entity. Harassment will only end when we realize we are all part of one race the -HUMAN RACE.

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?

Equality Labs, community churches, and Asian cultural centers.

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

I have not officially endorsed candidates as a unelected

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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