

# 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 \*

Tatiana Guerreiro Ramos

City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley, 94702

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What is your campaign website address?

tatianaguerreiroramos.com

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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?

I would like to partner with organizations that are thinking creatively about candidates.  
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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).

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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?

12 years

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

Monmouth University, B.A. in Communications, 1995

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

Co-Director, Classroom Matters from 2010 until present; prior to that I lived in New York City and was a stay-at-home mother

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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.

I am the president of the board of Access Ed Foundation, an organization that gives grants to families for educational services; I am the VP of the Berkeley High PTSA; I was on the PTA of Thousand Oaks Elementary for many years, including two years as president.

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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 anti-racist for decades, before the word became known. I am a multiracial brown woman and always am an ally to other marginalized groups. I am not a part of any organizations that do this work explicitly. I have always championed anti-racist work and as an organization, Classroom Matters has stood with the APA community both publicly and privately with our AAPI employees.

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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 don't think any legislative body is serving anyone except for white people. Most everything our society does is based in white supremacy and the patriarchy.

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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?

No, the needs of immigrants are not being addressed. As a district, BUSD should be seeking to partner with more community-based organizations and with the city to ensure our immigrant families feel safe and heard.

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

Chinese, Indian, Filipinx

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

I can't speak that specifically/intelligently to which community is most at risk in general. I do know that the APA community as a whole is the most likely group to live in poverty in my area. And the Vietnamese community can be language-isolated. When any community is at-risk, especially communities that have experienced an increase of violence and harassment, we have a responsibility as humans to respond.

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 was unaware of the Asian American diaspora and the impact of poverty on the community.

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.

We need to start educating our kids from the moment they arrive at school. Talking about Asian Americans' contributions during one month of the year is not enough. That's the case for any community that has a "special month" designated. We need to have a meaningful and robust ethnic studies curriculum that connects our students to lived experiences. I commit to working hard for an inclusive, culturally-rich and -sensitive program that engages our community in helping our students understand the community. I have intervened in every instance of hate I have witnessed. I do not stand for any kind of 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?

Every possible organization, small business, and community center!



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

I have never been in a position to publicly endorse a candidate.

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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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