

# 2022 Endorsement Questionnaire- General Election - Special Districts

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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 \*

Corina Lopez

City and zip code of residence.

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What is your campaign website address?

[www.corinalopez.com](http://www.corinalopez.com)

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What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- AC Transit Board of Directors, Ward 3
- AC Transit Board of Directors, Ward 4
- BART Board, Dist. 6
- Dublin San Ramon, Area 5
- EBMUD, Ward 3
- EBMUD, Ward 7
- East Bay Regional Parks District, Ward 3
- Livermore Area Rec and Parks District
- Fairview Fire Protection District
- Oro Lomo Sanitation District
- Eden Area Healthcare District, Area 3
- Eden Area Healthcare District, Area 5
- Peralta Community College District, Area 3
- Peralta Community College District, Area 5
- Peralta Community College District, Area 7
- AC Transit - At-Large
- 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 be honored to once again have the Caucus's endorsement as a proven, strong ally. As an elected I have consistently worked on promoting the API community, the immigrant community in general, and communities of color overall. Ward 7 is heavily API, and with your endorsement if elected I will continue to govern with social and environmental justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion as top priorities. I am the first Latinx to be elected to the San Leandro City Council and look to be the first Latina to serve on EBMUD's BOD.

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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).

Democratic Party of Contra Costa County, Building Trades, Local 21, AFSCME 444, AFSCME D57, Local 39, Hon. Mayor Cutter, Hon Marguerite Young, Hon. Richard Valle, Hon. Victor Aguilar, Hon. Fred Simon  
[www.corinalopez.com](http://www.corinalopez.com)

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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?

Approximately 20 years

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

I grew up in a migrant farm working family and credit my teachers with helping me see my potential through education. I attended the Head Start Program and public schools through high school. I am the first in my immediate family to go to college attending Princeton University. In my 30's, I returned to school and received a Certificate in Finance awarded with distinction from the University of California, Berkeley. While on the San Leandro City Council, I have completed the Water Education for Latino Leaders Untapped Fellowship Program (inaugural class), completed a certificate program through the Dept of Public Administration and Policy at American University, and have attended the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy EXED Forum.

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

Partner, Pinnacle Vista Technology, LLC and Councilmember, City of San Leandro

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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.

National League of Cities Boardmember, California League of Cities Boardmember, Cal Cities Latino Caucus Boardmember, NLC Hispanic Elected Local Officials Boardmember, Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), Great Old Broads for Wilderness Boardmember, Friends of San Leandro Creek, and San Leandro Democratic Club.

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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.

As a Councilmember alongside Xouhua Bowen, I have helped organize and worked to help fund an anti-AAPI hate rally at the San Leandro Main Public Library during COVID. I have supported resolutions supporting the APA community in the past and led having the first ever Filipino American History Month Resolution to be on the City Council agenda this October. I led San Leandro becoming a Sanctuary City ahead of the State of California and received then Assemblymember Rob Bonta' Equity Champion of the Year for my work.

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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?

No. EBMUD needs to make progress in representing communities of color.

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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?

In any organization, there is always the opportunity to do more and better. I believe that EBMUD could continue to outreach in more languages.

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

Chinese, Filipino, and Vietnamese

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

All are at risk especially in terms of physical assault and disproportionate impacts due to COVID

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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?

That Asian Americans cannot walk freely in public places without the fear of being physically attacked. My constituents, friends, and neighbors are at risk all the time. This has been personally been very distressing to me.

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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.

Asians have been blamed for a global pandemic. I helped organize and helped work to fund an anti-hate AAPI rally held in front of the City of San Leandro's Main Public Library to uplift the APA community.

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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?

This Caucus as well as my constituents, friends, and neighbors

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

Lena Tam for Supervisor 2022, Hon. Mia Bonta, Hon. Rob Bonta, Benny Lee for Mayor 2018, Alfred Twu AC Transit 2022, Jaime Lee for City Council 2022, Sheng Tao for Mayor 2022. I, along with others, asked Xouhoa Bowen to run for my District 5 seat in San Leandro which I am termed out of. I have supported and advised Xouhoa's campaign to be the first AAPI woman on the City Council every step of the way.

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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