

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 *

Dianne Jones

City and zip code of residence.

Fremont, 94536

What is your campaign website address?

<https://diannejonesforeverystudent.com/>

What is your campaign email address?

DJforEveryStudent@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?

FUSD is an incredibly diverse district with a majority of AAPI students. It is critical for trustees to have collaborative relationships with the AAPI community to best serve our students.
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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).

Congressman Ro Khanna, Former CA Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, State Senator Bob Wieckowski, Assemblymember Alex Lee, Assemblymember Bill Quirk. Full list can be found here:
<https://diannejonesforeverystudent.com/endorsements>

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?

15 years

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

I graduated from UC Berkeley in 1992 with a BA in Political Science. I also did graduate level work at Sac State in Cognitive Psychology in the 1990s

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

Fremont Unified School District, Substitute Teacher, 2 years
California Attorney General's Office, Staff Services Analyst, 5 years
Hunter Ruiz, Administrative Assistant, 2 years

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

PTA, CERT, Tri-City Dems, FUN Progressives, Gender Spectrum

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.

During my first term on the school board, we have passed resolutions in support of our AAPI Community. We have also adopted a more diverse core and supplemental novels list to better reflect the diversity in our community. We have disaggregated data in the district to best serve the diverse AAPI community. I have attended community events focused on our AAPI community including several anti-Asian hate events.

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?

Over the years, the FUSD board has been quite diverse with many AAPI representatives. Currently, 2/5 of our board is of AAPI descent. I believe that we address the concerns of all of our community members. Since FUSD is a majority AAPI district, we have ensured that representation on our committees is reflective of our community. We look to increase diversity among our staff with our hiring recruitment practices. We ensure that students are represented on district committees.

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?

FUSD provides direct services to our immigrant families in addition to working with other community partners and the City of Fremont. Our Student Support Services department works directly with immigrant families and their students to ensure proper support for students. FUSD has successful ESL programs that assist students learning English. There is certainly always room for improvement as we build deeper partnerships with our immigrant families and engage them directly in providing and planning supports.

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

FUSD is approximately 70% Asian made up primarily of Chinese and Indian ethnicities

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

Our Pacific Islander students have an achievement gap that is the result of an opportunity gap. FUSD will need to engage directly with this population of students and their families to provide effective supports to boost achievement.

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?

It has been very difficult to see the rise in hate directed at the Asian community since COVID. Attending anti-Asian hate events (especially a recent one held at Washington hospital) has been sobering. Listening to community members and hearing their experiences had been both heart wrenching and inspiring as I see the determination of this community to support each other and contribute positively to the community. I've also learned about the diversity within the AAPI community. We all have a responsibility to make sure our communities are safe for all of us.

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.

FUSD provides professional development to our staff members to help train them to be culturally responsive, inclusive, and supportive. It is also important for all of our students including our AAPI students to see themselves reflected in our curriculum and among our staff members. We have expanding our restorative practices and diversified our curriculum to help improve the climate and learning experiences of our students. Personally I'm mindful of my own words and conduct.

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 attend events sponsored by our AAPI community. As a trustee, the most important thing for me to do is to continue to engage with our parents and students to hear directly from them to inform my decisions. It's also important to continue to ensure we have diverse representation on district committees.

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

Ro Khanna, Alex Lee, Aisha Wahab, Aziz Akbari, Lance Kwan, Harris Mojadedi

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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