

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 *

Jennifer Brouhard

City and zip code of residence.

94606

What is your campaign website address?

<https://brouhard4ousd.nationbuilder.com/>

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 am seeking the endorsement because I believe my platform is one that will help build the schools that our students and families deserve. To do this, I want to listen to all the voices in Oakland and in District 2, in particular. I believe that one way to engage the community is through the work of caucuses like APA. I want my campaign to include the voices of all who attend schools in District 2. I would greatly appreciate and honor your endorsement.

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, Educators for Democratic Schools, Vancedric Williams, School Board Director, District 3, Angela K. Normand, Alameda County Board of Education, James Aguilar, School Board Director, San Leandro Unified, Dr. Rachel Reinhard, Director, UC Berkeley History Social Science Project (All 4 are

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?

Six years

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

I have a BA in Anthropology from UC Riverside (1975) and an MS in Educational Leadership from Cal State East Bay (2004)

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

OUSD, teacher 24 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.

Most of my work has been in education and history education organizations.

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 teacher, I taught Asian history and helped to write curriculum about the Chinese Exclusion Act. I worked with OUSD teachers, Center for Asian American Media and PBS on this curriculum. I participated in parent workshops and community meetings led by Asian parents and community members to find out how we could address anti-Asian discrimination/bullying/ and harassment.

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 do believe that there needs to be more AAPI representation in our governing bodies because Asians and Pacific Islanders do represent a sizable number of voters. I also believe in my capacity as a school board director that Asian should be represented according to the percentage of population on decision-making board 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?

We need to do a better job in our schools meeting the all-around needs of Asian and Pacific Islander communities and in order to do this we have to needs assessments and every school. We need to honor and deeply listen to the students, families, teachers and staff to know what people from their schools. As a school board member we need to prioritize services for newcomer and immigrant students and families who have been here longer.

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

Chinese, Vietnamese and Tongan

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

I am really speaking from my own experience in the district 2 schools where I have taught or spoken with teachers who taught in those schools. I would say Tongan students are really at-risk due to housing insecurity, job insecurity and low-paying jobs and lack of health services.

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?

When I began my research on the Chinese Exclusion Act I am embarrassed to admit that I did not know the rich and powerful history of resistance to immigration legislation and to violence that has historically happened to Asians and Pacific Islanders. It really changed my teaching to include this history of resistance. When I first moved to San Francisco, I became deeply involved in saving the International Hotel and I was able to bring this history of resistance and support for AAPI communities to my students.

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 think we can start by acknowledging them. Microaggressions and verbal harassment are not new in Asian and marginalized communities. Once we acknowledge them we have to listen to and support the demands of these communities.

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 want to start with Asian parents. I also want to include meeting with health care centers and community organizations like EBAYC. I want to meet with Asian high school students who are organizing in their schools and communities. Many Asian youth are demanding that those in elected positions listen to their needs and demands.

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

Wilma Chan, Jean Quan

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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