

# 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 \*

Pecolia Manigo

City and zip code of residence.

Oakland, 94619

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What is your campaign website address?

[www.PecoliaforOakland.com](http://www.PecoliaforOakland.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?

Asian Americans are critical members of our community that deserve representatives that will listen and actively address their needs while in office. I am asking for your endorsement because you are a representative of the Asian Americans and with your partnership, I believe we can make positive change for Asian Americans in OUSD.

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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).

State Superintendent of Instruction Tony Thurmond

Assemblymember Mia Bonta

Oakland Education Association

Wellstone Democratic Club

Jean Quan, former mayor

please visit [www.pecoliaforoakland.com](http://www.pecoliaforoakland.com) for a full list

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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?

5 years

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

California State University- Cal State East Bay

2013 - present

Political Science Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

City College of San Francisco

2005 - 2013

General Business Associate's Degree

Social and Behavioral Science

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

Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network  
Executive Director  
2016–present

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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.

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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.

In my professional and personal capacity I have always stood with the Asian community against hate and for solidarity among all impacted communities against discrimination, bullying and harassment.

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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, OUSD has not adequately served Asian and Pacific Americans. We do not routinely provide language services for the wide range of disparate languages within this community, and have tended to treat all students of the Asian diaspora as a monolithic group, when we know that is not the case. Even now as we have expanded our understanding of the needs of students in the Asian Pacific community we have added Arabic speaking students, which is laudable and yet again demonstrates that we do not focus specifically on the needs of Asian students. The advocacy of Southeast Asian students has resulted in the disaggregation of data for some groups, but in order to truly understand the needs of students we must broaden those definitions. While we have multiple schools offering spanish language instruction, we have not listened to the call to expand to other languages and cultures. I will work to change these.

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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?

While OUSD has declared itself a Sanctuary District for immigrants and has a robust newcomer program, there is definitely room for improvement. We should use our Community Schools model to provide needed wrap around services for students and their families to ensure that they have what they need to be successful. We should provide better and broader language services. Most importantly, we must listen to our immigrant communities to determine what they need.

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

The largest ethnicities attending OUSD schools in District 4 are Chinese, Vietnamese and Filipino

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

Our most economically at risk communities in OUSD are our Pacific Island students, and they are also our lowest performing students, as measured by standardized test scores.

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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?

For years, I have worked with many Asian Americans leaders like Sandra Fewer, Nikki Bas, Alex Tom, Liz Suk, Tommy Wong and many more. I have learned so much about Asian Americans by standing with them and working together to advance justice for all marginalized communities. The last two years have reaffirmed that Asian Americans are subject to overt and violent racism which will not be tolerated. As a Black woman, I feel deep empathy for all who suffer from racism. And, I am proud that leaders like my friends are there to help organize a phenomenal new generation to stand for justice for generations to come.

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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.

We must ensure that we have robust anti-racism and anti-bullying training for staff and students, and I will champion that work. At Bay Area PLAN, I have worked with Asian and API parents to organize cultural events to increase awareness of Asian culture and how to stand in solidarity as marginalized communities. I have worked with AYPAL in our J4OS coalition to advance policies in OUSD to combat bully and hate and advance OUSD as a sanctuary district.

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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?

I will start with the OUSD Office of Equity Asian Pacific Islander Student Achievement Office (APISA) and dig deeper into the disaggregated data that they are now collecting. I will work with our young people and families in our schools to determine what support is needed. I will partner with AYPAL and EBAYC to support students and advance deep evaluations of our progress with teaching our newcomers and English Language Learners (ELLs).

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

I have publicly endorsed Nikki Bas.

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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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