

# 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 \*

Jamie Yee

City and zip code of residence.

Pleasanton,  
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What is your campaign website address?

JamieYee.com  
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What is your campaign email address?

JAmie@JamieYee.com  
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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?

In 2008 when I was elected to the Pleasanton School Board I was the first and still only Asian to be elected in the history of the school district. Should I be fortunate enough to be elected to the Pleasanton City Council, I will be the first Asian American woman to be elected in the city's history. The last person of color on the city council was Floyd Mori in 1975, 47 years ago. Our community is now 37.4% Asian, and it is time to balance the representation of our community. And the endorsement support of the Caucus will be very helpful to my election.

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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).

Assemblymember Evan Low, Phong La, Alameda County Tax Assessor, Joan Laursen and Mark Miller, Pleasanton School Board Trustees, Contra Costa Community College District

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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?

My family moved to Pleasanton in 1969, I was away from 1990 - 1994 and back in town since 1994.

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

Some College

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

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Office of the Agency Director, Strategic Initiatives and Public Relations

1. Programs and Policy Analyst, 2019 – June 2021
  2. Digital Media Manager | Prop 64 Initiatives, July 2021 – Present
  3. Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, The Center for Healthy Schools & Communities  
Community and Public Relations Manager .8 FTE 2010-2019
  3. Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services 2009-2019  
Program Manager .2 FTE
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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.

- City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission, April 2021- Present
  - CA State Democratic Children's Caucus, Northern California Vice Chair (50 counties), May 2021-Present
  - Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association (APAPA), Co-Chair Tri-Valley Chapter, January 2021-Present
- Pleasanton Unified School District
- Board of Trustees, Pleasanton Unified School District 2008-2020, Board President, 2014, 2016
  - CA School Board Assoc. Delegate Assembly Member, 2012-2020 (Appointed in 2012 to represent minority groups)
  - City of Pleasanton, Economic Vitality Committee, Member, 2013 – 2020
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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 school board member advocated to continue to disaggregate Asian demographic data when challenged by the community to change the practice. (sub-groups)

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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?

Absolutely not. There has not been a person of Asian decent or a person of color snice 1975 and there has never been a woman of color or of Asian decent in the history of the city. (Established 1894)

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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, I do not. The city could prioritize educating immigrant residents in city services and programs, the city organizational structure including how police and fire departments work. Education is needed in how to file complaint's to the PD and how the process works.

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

1. East Indian 2. Chinese 3. Korean

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

In the Pleasanton community the at-risk are unseen, I do know that the school district employs full time parent liaisons who speak Chinese and Hindi. These staff are only funded to work with the socio-economically disadvantaged.

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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?

With more Asians coming forward regarding hate activities, it makes me realize growing up my family was in denial and would not address or even talk about when we were being discriminated against.

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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.

During a city Economic Vitality Commission meeting I called out the Chamber CEO for only having a white board and PAC. I think these observations need to be a part of daily conversations so the normalization that it is okay to have an organization that is not diverse and inclusive is brought to light.

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?

The school district is probably the best place to get a pulse of the on-going needs. I have and will continue my connection and keep open lines of communication with the students services staff.

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

Lena Tam and Shawn Kumagai

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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