

Albany Democratic Club Endorsement Candidates Survey

Your name (as it will appear on the ballot) *

Ben Fong

Preferred email address *

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Office sought including jurisdiction (for example "Albany City Council" or "Alameda County Superior Court Judge, Seat 2") *

AC Transit Board Ward 1

Party registration *

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- American Independent Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Not registered for a political party
- Other:

Your ballot designation as it will appear below your name on the ballot (usually occupation or current office) *

Transportation Policy Director

List of your prominent endorsers, both organizations and individuals *

Nick Pilch, Albany Mayor
Peggy McQuaid, Albany Vice Mayor
Pete Maass, Albany City Councilmember
Rochelle Nason, Albany City Councilmember
Preston Jordan, Albany Transportation Commissioner, former Alameda CTC BPAC member
Rebecca Saltzman, BART Board Director
Phong La, Alameda County Assessor
Scott Wiener, California State Senator
Evan Low, California Assemblymember
Fred Sahakian, President of the Alameda County Management Employees Association
Gabe Quinto, El Cerrito City Councilmember
Tom Panas, West Contra Costa Unified School Board Member
Rigel Robinson, Berkeley City Councilmember
Susan Wengraf, Berkeley City Councilmember
Rashi Kesarwani, Berkeley City Councilmember
Lori Droste, Berkeley City Councilmember
Shane Krpata, Berkeley Planning Commissioner
Jeff Vincent, Berkeley Planning Commissioner
Jane Natoli, Mayor Breed's Appointee to the SF MTA Board of Directors
James Chang, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Matt Luedke, Richmond District Democratic Club Treasurer
Ben Gould, City of Berkeley Community Advisory Commission Chair
Diego Aguilar-Canabal, Berkeley Neighbors for Housing and Climate Action Co-Founder
Nima Rahimi, California Democratic Elected Delegate
Amy Smolens, Albany Strollers & Rollers Member, Albany Inside Out Co-Founder
Contra Costa Young Democrats
East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club
Berkeley Democratic Club

Brief description of your campaign – include the names of any consultants or campaign managers you will use, funds you have raised to date, and how much to expect to have to raise to win. *

We have raised \$7k to date. We aim to raise \$20k for the election. We have built this campaign from scratch and today we have 25+ endorsements including Mayor Pilch, 3 Albany Councilmembers, 4 Berkeley Councilmembers, and others.

Brief description of your history of involvement with and support for the Democratic Party and its candidates and ballot measure positions – include Democratic clubs/organizations to which you belong or which you have supported financially *

East Bay Young Dems, East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club, El Cerrito Democratic Club. Have supported many Democratic candidates in the past.

Albany prides itself on its waterfront, public schools, small town feel in a large metro area, local shopping and restaurant scene, and our city and its bodies are often debating how to make our policies and our modest city budget meet the diverse needs of our community and the needs of the region and beyond. Please provide a brief description of any impacts you have already had on the city of Albany and its residents and how, if elected, you see yourself balancing the needs of Albany with the needs of the greater region. *

I have worked closely with Albany Inside Out and my charity A Fork in the Road to help local restaurants transition outdoors during Covid. We have raised \$5.5k for those restaurants. I am a member of Albany Strollers and Rollers helping to create more bike and pedestrian areas.

We need to ensure that the 72 is not cut, that our community has representation on the board for example with moving bus stops and getting necessary bus service to stores and shops. As an Albany resident I understand the needs of our community and will bring that to the Board.

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