

# Albany Democratic Club Endorsement Candidates Survey

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

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

AC Transit District Director, At-Large

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) \*

AC Transit District Director, At-Large .....

List of your prominent endorsers, both organizations and individuals \*

Peoples For AC Transit At Large Director  
Current Endorsements (13 September 2020)

Groups

The Sierra Club  
League of Conservation Voters of The East Bay

Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County and Contra Costa Building Trades  
Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 192 (AC Transit Operators and Mechanics)  
AFSCME Local 3916 (AC Transit Professionals and Para-Professionals) (Dual)

Alameda Democratic Central Committee  
Contra Costa Democratic Central Committee  
Berkeley Democratic Club  
Hayward Democratic Club  
Tri-Cities Democratic Forum  
Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club

#### Elected Officials

Senator Bob Wieckowski (10th SD)  
Assemblymember Rob Bonta, 18th AD  
Assemblymember Dion Aroner, 14th AD (Ret.)  
Senator Loni Hancock, 9th SD (Ret.) (Assemblymember 14th AD, Ret.)

Alameda Supervisor Keith Carson, District 5

Alameda Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sheila Jordan (Retired)  
Alameda County School Board Member Gay Plair Cobb (Retired)

Contra Costa Supervisor John Goia, District 1

City of Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
City of Alameda Vice Mayor, John Knox White

Albany Mayor Robert Lieber  
Albany Vice-Mayor Peggy McQuaid  
Albany Transportation Commissioner Preston Jordan

Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin  
Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates (Ret.) (and Assemblymember 14th AD (Ret.))  
Berkeley City Auditor Anna Rabkin (Ret.)  
Berkeley Council Candidate and Transportation Committee Member Terry Taplin  
Igor Tregub, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner; Immediate Past Chair, Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board; Immediate Past Chair, Berkeley Housing Advisory Commission; AC Transit Parcel Tax Oversight Advisory Committee

El Cerrito Mayor Greg Lyman  
El Cerrito Councilmember Janet Abelson  
El Cerrito Mayor Pro Tem Paul Fadelli  
El Cerrito Councilmember Gabriel (Gabe) Quinto (Dual)

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei  
Fremont Mayor Bill Harrison (Ret.)  
Fremont Councilmember Raj Salwan

Hayward Councilmember Kevin Dowling (Ret.)

Newark Mayor Alan Nagy

Oakland Mayor Elihu M. Harris (Ret. and Assemblymember 13th AD, Ret. and Peralta Community College District Chancellor Ret.)

Oakland Councilmember Pat Kernighan, District 2 (Ret.)

Oakland Councilmember Larry Reid, District 7

Oakland City Auditor Courtney Ruby

Oakland School Board Member Shanthi Gonzales, District 6

Oakland School Board Member Robert Spencer, District 2 (Ret.)

Oakland Port Commissioner Michael Colbruno

San Leandro Councilmember Corina Lopez

San Pablo Mayor Arturo Cruz

San Pablo Councilmember Rita Xavier

Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

Union City Mayor Mark Green (Retired)

AC Transit Board Member Jeff Davis, Ward 5 (Retired)

AC Transit Board Member Rocky Fernandez, Ward 4 (Retired)

AC Transit Board Member Elsa Ortez, Ward 3

AC Transit Board Member Diane Shaw (Ward 5)

AC Transit Board Member Joe Wallace, (Ward 1)

AC Transit Board Member Mark Williams (Ward 4)

AC Transit Board Member Matt Williams, At-Large (Ret.)

AC Transit Board Member John Woodbery, At-Large (Ret.)

BART Board Member Bob Franklin, District 3 (Ret.)

BART Board Member Tom Radulovich, District 9 (Ret.)

BART Board Member Robert Rayburn, District 4

BART Board Member Rebecca Saltzman, District 3

BART Board Member Sherman Lewis, District 4 (Ret.) (and many other hats)

EBMUD Director Andy Katz, Ward 4

EBMUD Director Doug Linney, Ward 5

East Bay Parks Director Karen Weinstein (and Elected Member, Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, 145h AD)

East Bay Parks Director Elizabeth Echols (and Elected Member Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, 145h AD)

Peralta Community College District Trustee Alona Clifton (Ret.)

Peralta Community College District Trustee Nicky González Yuen

Peralta Community College District Trustee Abel Guillen (Ret.)

Peralta Community College District Trustee Karen Weinstein

Michael Barnett, Elected Member, Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and Executive Board, California Democratic Party

Joel Freid, California Democratic Party Central Committee

Kathy Neal, Elected Member, Alameda County Democratic Central Committee

Frank D. Russo, Chair, Alameda County Democratic Party (Ret.)

Stege Sanitary District Director Al Miller

#### Transportation Leaders\*

Michael T Burns, Transportation Consultant, Former GM (CEO) SF MTA, SC VTA, Executive SEPTA, MBTA, Consulting. Penn Central

Mark Brucker, Berkeley Transportation Activist and Air Quality Expert

Douglas J. Cross, Principal, D. J. Cross Transportation Consulting

Janet Cox, Legislation Chair, 350 Silicon Valley

Kathy Dervin, Berkeley Transportation and Climate Activist

Jaimie Levin, Director of West Coast Operations, Center for Transportation and the Environment

Jack Lucero Fleck, 350 Bay Area

Peter Lydon, Member, Sierra Club Transportation and Compact Growth Committee

Doug Faunt, Transit, Bicycle and Emergency Preparedness Activist

Mary Clare James, AC Transit Transbay Riders

John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club Transportation and Compact Growth

John Katz, Transportation Planner (Ret.)

Kathleen Kelly, Principal, Kathleen Kelly Consulting

Michael Kiesling. Transbay Joint Powers Authority CAC, Transbay Redevelopment CAC, Caltrain CAC

Don Lattin, Author and Journalist, former Examiner Phantom Commuter

Timothy Lipman, TSRC Co-Director, UC Berkeley

Tom O'Neill, Public Transit CIO (Ret.)

David Schonbrunn, President, TRANSDEF

Tim Sasseen, Market Development Manager, US, Ballard Corporation

Jon Spangler, Vice-chair, BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF), League Cycling Instructor #3175  
Peter Straus, San Francisco Transit Riders  
David Isaac Tam, Transportation and Recycling Activist  
Jesus M. Vargas, President of VSCE

#### Disability Advocates\*

Janet Abelson, AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee (and El Cerrito Councilmember)  
Pam Fadem, Chairperson, AC Transit Accessibility Access Advisory Committee  
Hale Zukas, AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee and BART Accessibility Task Force

#### Community Leaders\*

Carl Anthony, Breakthrough Communities, Founder Urban Habitat (Ret.)  
Lorri R. Arazi, Real Estate Broker and Oakland Neighborhood Activist  
Carol Babington, Oakland Lawyer and Community Leader  
Judy Bertelsen, Berkeley Political Leader  
George Csicsery, Zala Films, Oakland Documentary Film Maker  
Sharon Cornu, Oakland Political and Labor Leader  
Bruce De Benedictis, Bruce De Benedictis Piano Tuning and Repair  
Judy DeVries, Berkeley Community Leader  
Kurt De Stigter, Fremont Community Leader  
Cynthia Dorsey, Oakland Community Leader  
Ronnie Caplane, Oakland Political Leader  
Kevin Dalley, Oakland Computer Expert  
Douglas Faunt N6TQS, Emergency Preparedness Activist and Transit User  
Stuart Flashman, Esq., Rockridge Neighborhood Activist and Environmental Attorney  
Annette R Floystrup, Oakland Neighborhood Activist  
Louis J Goodman, Hayward Lawyer and Community Leader  
Fred Goss, Oakland Lawyer and Democratic Activist  
Tom Guarino, Senior Public Affairs Representative, PG&E  
Glenn Kirby, Hayward Environmental Leader  
Jeffrey Lewis, Partner, Keller Rohrbach L.L.P.  
Janice Lin, Founder & CEO Strategen; Co Founder and Director Emeritus California Energy Storage Alliance; Founder and President Green Hydrogen Coalition  
Dr. Gwendolyn Mok, Berkeley Community Leader  
Peg Janosch, Friends of Piedmont Ave Branch Library  
Elisabeth Jewel, Berkeley Political Leader  
Jim Mordecai, Retired Oakland teacher  
Judy Nakadegawa, Berkeley Community Leader  
Dr. Paloma Pavel, President, Earth Health Center  
Howie Perlin, Oakland Democratic Activist  
Pat Rayburn, Oakland Neighborhood Activist and NCPD Board Member

Rena Rickles, Oakland Lawyer and Political Leader

Susan Rosenthal, Oakland Political and Labor Leader

Robert Spencer, Principal, Urban Economics

David A. Stein, Esq., Oakland Attorney, Candidate, Oakland District 4 (Ret.)

Harold P. (Peter) Smith, Oakland Lawyer and Political Leader

William J. Smith, Alameda Housing Activist, Former Chair, County of Alameda Planning Commission

Bob Swanson, Castro Valley Community Leader

Victoria Wake, Boardmember, Diamond Improvement Association

Molly A. Walker, Walker Communications

Valerie Winemiller, Piedmont Avenue Activist

\*(Organizations for identification purposes only.)

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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. \*

I am a very strange politician, I neither solicit or spend money on my campaigns. With 1.4 million constituents, 800,000 of whom are voters, I would need to raise \$250,000 in order to run a traditional campaign with mailers and campaign offices. As a result, I depend on getting endorsements from every group with a mailing list of more than 200, like the labor councils and environmental groups and doing well in the press endorsements. Since I retired from the practice of law ten years ago, I work at my AC Transit job full time. I am also a nationally and internationally known expert on zero emission buses, and when I speak, that becomes clear. It seems unusual, but I have won six times that way, five of them contested.

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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 \*

My first campaign was working for Jack Kennedy in 1960 (I was only 13). I have worked on virtually every Democratic campaign since then in a variety of roles from precinct walker to campaign manager. When John Laird (who I knew from college) was running against Bakersley for state senate, I took two weeks off, went down and slept on my dad's couch and worked on his campaign. I was the General Counsel for the Northern Alameda County United Democratic campaign for 16 years, one of those years I sued the registrar four times in one week and won each of the suits. I have participated in numerous initiative campaigns at both the state and local level and have served as co-chair of each of AC Transit's parcel tax campaigns, including the one in 2016. I have also worked on every transportation sales tax in Alameda and Contra Costa counties for the last 30 years. This November I am also working on the fight to save AB 5, working against Prop. 22, Assemblyman Bonta's bill against cash bail, Prop. 25 and Schools and Communities First, Prop. 15.

There are 19 Democratic Clubs in my District and I occasionally attend each of them. I have been a member of MGO (the Metropolitan greater Oakland Democratic Club) for over 40 years and attend it regularly. I have been a member of the John George Democratic Club and the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club since each was founded and attend them regularly. I have been a member of Alameda County Democratic Lawyers Club for over 35 years. It has been more or less active over the years, but I attend when it has meetings. The City of Alameda Democratic Club meetings now conflict with AC Transit Board meetings, but I attend their holiday party at the Pasta Pelican every year and go to their fund raisers. I attend the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club, the Hayward Area Democratic Club and El Cerrito Democratic Club regularly.

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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. \*

AC Transit provides major transit service to Albany, both local and TransBay. One of our major routes, the 72 series, runs through the middle of Albany. It was our first "Rapid" route and is being considered for "full blown" BRT (Bus Rapid Transit).

i worked with Steve Newhouse, one of AC's planners, in the development of our first bus stop "parklet" on Solano in Albany -- a very successful re-purposing of some bus stop space into outdoor space for the adjacent eating establishments -- this even before the pandemic.

AC Transit has partnered on some housing developments on San Pablo.

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