

Albany Democratic Club Endorsement Candidates Survey

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

Elena Condes

Preferred email address *

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

Alameda County Superior Court Judge, Seat 2

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) *

Trial Attorney

List of your prominent endorsers, both organizations and individuals *

Elected/Appointed: Retiring Incumbent Judge Carol Brosnahan; 35 Superior Court Judges (31 from Alameda County) Congressman Eric Swalwell; Sen. Nancy Skinner; Alameda County Public Defender Brendon Woods; Assemblymembers Buffy Wicks, Rob Bonta and Rebecca Bauer-Kahan; County Supervisors Keith Carson, Wilma Chan, Richard Valle and Nate Miley; Mayors Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft – Alameda, Christian Patz – Emeryville, John Marchand – Livermore, Carol Dutra-Vernaci – Union City, and Alan Nagy – Newark

Organizations: Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, Bay Rising Action, Berkeley Democratic Club, Black Women Organized for Political Action, Courage California, East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association, East Bay Women's Political Alliance, Equality California, Green Party of Alameda County, HONOR PAC, John George Democratic Club, Latino Task Force, Muslims and Friends Democratic Club, Our Revolution – East Bay, Tri-Valley Democratic Club and Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club.

Workers Organizations: Building and Construction Trades Council; Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (AFL-CIO), Hayward Firefighters Local 1909, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5, National Union of Healthcare Workers, Boilermakers Local 549, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 3, Int'l Longshore and Warehouse Union NCLC, Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595, Iron Workers Local 378, Int'l Union of Painters and Allied Trades, LiUna! Laborers Local 304, Operators Engineers Local Union 3, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 342, Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices Local 483

Individuals: Civil Rights Attorneys Eva Paterson, Walter Riley and Mal Burnstein; Alison Grady, President, East Bay Young Democrats; Brendalynn Goodall, CA Democratic Party LGBT Caucus Exec. Bd. Member and Member-elect Alameda County Democratic Central Committee; Arjav Rawal, Vice-Chair California High School Democrats; Melissa Shuen-Mallory, Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, Jose Camacho, APALA 1st Vice-President; East Bay Times Editorial Endorsement

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 running for Alameda County Superior Court as a candidate with 26 years of experience as a trial attorney, practicing in Alameda County. It is a barrier-breaking campaign in that I am the first Latinx to run for judge in Alameda County and, if elected, I will be the first Latina Lesbian on the Alameda County Bench.

My campaign team is comprised of my wife, Danielle and friend Chrissy. We are working with 50+1 as Campaign Consultants, SEOWENS for Compliance and Accounting and Annie Eagan Consulting.

Since the Primary, my campaign has raised \$87,000 and I expect to have to raise another \$20,000 before the end of the election to win.

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 *

Presently, I am a member of the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club. I have not been involved in politics really until I filed for election for the Judicial seat. The free time that I have had, has been spent on volunteering in Berkeley Public Schools, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association supporting Latinx law students in the East Bay through mentorship and scholarships, and Soroptimist of El Cerrito, among others.

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 live in North Berkeley, close to the Albany/Berkeley/Kensington borders. I have maintained a law practice in Berkeley for over 20 years and have lived in Berkeley for 30 years. As a local area resident, I have appreciated and frequented the waterfront and shops in Albany for many years and as local area attorney I have represented residents in Albany. If elected, as a judicial officer, I will work to make the justice system more accessible to the residents of Albany. Albany no longer has a local courthouse as it did when the regional court in Berkeley included Albany in its jurisdiction. Now, Albany residents must travel across the county to access the courts. That's from traffic or criminal in Oakland to Hayward for Family law, restraining orders and landlord/tenant disputes. If elected, I will advocate for regional courts to hear more diverse matters to relieve the burden of Albany residents seeking justice through their courts.

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