

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 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) *

Nonprofit Organization Manager

List of your prominent endorsers, both organizations and individuals *

Assemblymember Bill Quirk, San Leandro Councilmember Victor Aguilar, Berkeley Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani, East Bay Young Dems, East Bay Stonewall 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. *

My campaign is grassroots and has no paid consultants, only volunteers. My partner Kiernyn is the closest thing to a campaign manager I have. So far, I've raised over \$10,000 and I expect to need a total of \$30,000 for a solid victory.

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 *

Earlier this year, I was elected to the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee to give people who think cities will save the planet a seat at the table. I'm currently a member of the Stonewall Democratic Club and the John George Democratic Club. I've also been involved with the East Bay Young Democrats and have supported them and many other democratic clubs with financial contributions.

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. *

A lot of modern transportation planning focuses on getting people out of the suburbs and into downtown. This remains the central pitch for AC Transit's new BRT line: that East Oaklanders now have a faster way to get downtown.

Instead, I look at it from the reverse. Not only does BRT offer East Oaklanders a fast route to downtown, it offers a way for those along the route to visit the businesses and the people of East Oakland. Instead of thinking about how to bring the people of Albany into Downtown Oakland, I want to focus on increasing regional access to the wonderful city of Albany.

COVID has decimated the revenue of small businesses all over the nation; Albany was not spared. It is imperative that we do what we can to bring people back to our local small businesses and restaurants. As an AC Transit director, I will do this by focusing on bringing high quality BRT to San Pablo Avenue, and high speed bus-only lanes along other major thoroughfares. Emeryville's Emery-Go-Round is a great example of how public transportation can support regional access to local commercial areas, like Bay St. in Emeryville. Let's do that, but in a way that also includes access to our nearby Amtrak stations and ferry docks. Getting between Albany and the San Francisco ferry building can be quite a long journey with multiple transfers and few direct connections. Instead, let's connect Albany with the upcoming ferry expansions and knit our waterfronts together.

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