

Albany Democratic Club Endorsement Candidates Survey

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

Lateefah Simon

Preferred email address *

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

BART Board Director, District 7

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) *

Incumbent

List of your prominent endorsers, both organizations and individuals *

Labor
AFSCME 57
Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County
Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council
SEIU 1021

Organizations
Alice B. Tolkas Club
Berkeley Democratic Club
Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee
Contra Costa Young Democrats
East Bay Young Democrats

El Cerrito Democratic Club
Harvey Milk Club
National Union of Healthcare Workers
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee
San Francisco Latino Democratic Club
San Francisco Women's Political Caucus
San Francisco Young Democrats
Sierra Club
United Democratic Club of San Francisco
United Educators of San Francisco
Wellstone Democratic Club

Elected Officials

Aisha Wahab, Hayward City Councilmember
Betty Yee, California State Controller
Dan Kalb, Oakland City Councilmember
David Chiu, California State Assembly
Elizabeth Echols, East Bay Regional Parks Director
Holly Mitchell, California State Senator
London Breed, Mayor of San Francisco
Matt Haney, San Francisco Supervisor District 6
Michael Tubbs, Mayor of Stockton
Nancy Pelosi, California Congress Member
Nancy Skinner, California State Senator
Rebecca Salzman, BART Board Director
Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San Jose
Shamann Walton, San Francisco Supervisor District 10
Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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 working with the consulting firm SCRB Strategies. The current amount of funds raised to date is about \$45,000 and the fundraising goals is at least \$300,000.

Ballot statement: BART faces an unprecedented crisis in its 50-year history. I bring over 25 years of executive leadership in the public and private sector - with a clear vision for a safe, reliable and equitable system. As a transit dependent, working mother, I've always depended on BART to commute to work and pick up my two daughters. I'm fighting to make sure BART will be there for all of us. Prior to the pandemic, we were making steady progress on cleaning up the stations, successfully advancing police reforms, and making BART safer. There's still a long way to go. And the COVID-19 budget crisis is making things tougher. I'm committed to galvanizing elected coalitions and community members to keep BART moving. We must never give up on making BART a world-class system. With vision, knowledge and determination, we can fix the problems and see a brighter future for mass transit in the Bay Area. When you elected me, I promised to shift the status quo at BART. I've done just that. I'd be honored to have your support.

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 *

The majority of my Party work has come from supporting CDP endorsed candidates, such as Senator Kamala Harris, Governor Gavin Newsom and BoE Member Malia Cohen. When I am able, I try to attend local Democratic clubs, the CDP Black Caucus (formerly African American Caucus) and other affiliated organizations surrounding the Democratic Party. I was also active in both the 2017 and 2019 Kimberly Ellis CDP Chair campaigns.

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 am running for re-election to District 7 to continue providing steadfast leadership. During this time of crisis I will continue to do so and much more starting with ensuring transparency of the BART budget and accountability of BART Police.

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