

## **GREEN PARTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY**

### **Berkeley School Board Director Candidate Questionnaire 2016**

Your response will help inform our endorsement process, and will be posted to our website. We realize that time is short, and that you may not have the time to answer everything, or some questions as completely as you might like. Please understand that we appreciate your participation in our process, to whatever degree you feel capable.

If you have any questions, and to return your questionnaire, please contact us at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Questionnaire@soffer.us" Questionnaire@soffer.us](mailto:Questionnaire@soffer.us). Please return your questionnaire as soon as possible. To ensure that your responses can be fully considered in making our endorsement and for the voter guide write-up, we need to receive your questionnaire by September 1. We will accept your questionnaire any time after that as well, and post it to our website.

**Motivation -Why did you choose to run for this office?**

I am running for School Board because I want Berkeley School District to be a place where all children have an equal opportunity to have high quality education, all students are taught to enjoy learning not that they have to. As a parent I know what kind of environment requires for students to become lifelong learners. I attended Schools in Bangladesh, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, and USA including UC San Diego, being founder of a nonprofit educational institute and a for profit Software company in Berkeley I have the diverse background to understand all the stakeholders in BUSD.

**Qualifications - Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for being a School Board Director.**

My two children currently attend Berkeley public institutions. Having a Ph.D. in Computer Science and training in Teaching & Learning in higher education I have the skill, experience and commitment to ensure that we use our resources efficiently. I will listen to all stakeholders and will incorporate their suggestion in the decision making process. Together we can achieve impossible. If elected I will work to have a safe, fun and friendly environment for our children to be successful including special need students. My goal is to facilitate practical oriented curriculum for our children to be ready to go to college or enter into workforce and live a productive life.

**Priorities -What do you believe are the major issues facing the District? What are some specific tasks (e.g. specific legislation, policies, et.) you intend to accomplish while in office?**

Increase resources for special need students, help parents with after school cares.

**What specifically do you think the School District can or should do locally to fight climate change? To reduce the District's carbon footprint to zero?**

Encourage students to bike or walk to school, educate and create more awareness about

carbon footprint.

What are your positions on the any or all of the eleven Berkeley Ballot Measures? Specifically, what is your position on Measure AA, amending the Rent Ordinance?

Yes.

Endorsements :

Who are you endorsing, from President all the way down ballot to local races?

President: Hilary Clinton, Senate: Kamala Harris

Who, if anyone, are you endorsing for the other seat in your own race?

Judy Appel

Who has endorsed you?

Who do you expect to endorse you?

Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee, Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County, Berkeley Democratic Club.

Anything Else? Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

I am a progressive minded strong supporter of green energy.