

Green Party Endorsement Questionnaire Nov 2016 Alameda School Board Election

Candidate Ardella Dailey

1. Motivation -- Why did you choose to run for the office of Auditor or Treasurer?

I am running for Alameda Unified School District School Board because Alameda Unified is undergoing significant changes and I felt it was time to step forward to be part of the solution. I had previously served as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principal and Director of Child Development over a 24-year period of time. I am now a grandparent of a student in this district and committed to working collaboratively to provide equity and quality education to all our students.

2. Program and Priorities -- Elected office provides the opportunity to proactively lead by placing new ideas on the agenda for consideration and development. What are some specific ideas you intend to pursue if elected? What do you believe are the main priorities for the Auditor or Treasurer?

I am not running for the Auditor or Treasurer position. I am a candidate for Alameda Unified School District School Board. If elected I would become one of five votes for issues concerning the school district. Since at least (a majority) three out of five board members must agree in order for an agreement to be reached, it is important that I work to collaborate and facilitate an agenda that addresses three main priorities: equity, fiscal responsibility and ensuring a quality educational system.

3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of Auditor or Treasurer. If you are not an incumbent, what specifically in your background do you believe qualifies you for this position? If you are an incumbent, what issues can you point to in your time as an incumbent that have had a positive impact? As an incumbent what can you tell us about your service in your current position, and share with us the decisions you have made in this capacity that you believe made a difference for the City. In addition, you have never faced a competitor in your previous campaigns. Why do you believe this is now the case in the current election?

I am not running for the Auditor or Treasurer position. I am running for a School Board Member.

As a former Alameda Unified School District Superintendent, K-5 principal and Director of Woodstock Child Development Center, I have been deeply committed to educational excellence within AUSD for 30 years. My children attended and graduated from Alameda schools and I currently have a grandchild in elementary school. My long-term experience and historical perspective within AUSD provide me with the knowledge, training and commitment necessary to represent you and the children on the Board. I served on the Base Reuse Advisory Group and the Social Services Human Relations Board as well.

This is my first time campaigning for a city official position. I felt a urge to run now because Alameda Unified School District is undergoing significant changes and I wanted to be a part of the solution and help steer the school district toward growth.

4. What do you believe is Alameda's most important financial issue? What suggestions or policy changes would you offer?

I believe securing resources and funds is Alameda's most important financial issue. Therefore, I will work on identifying and using all possible resources available to the district to provide the support necessary to meet the needs of all students. The Parcel Tax Renewal is a measure that will be on November's ballot that will ensure the resources necessary to support student needs are available. The passage of the parcel tax is critical if we want to maintain our wonderful neighborhood schools, attract and retain excellent teachers and staff and maintain our small class sizes. I am committed to supporting the Parcel Tax.

5. Accountability -- Concretely and specifically, how will you make yourself accountable to the voters who elect you? How can the voters participate in holding you accountable if you are elected?

Being on the school board will hold me accountable since I am serving the city as an elected official. I will also make myself accessible to the community through my website and participation in school and other public events.

6. Campaign Funding -- How much money do you currently have for this race? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from? Describe sources of financial contributions for your campaign that you would refuse to accept (if any).

I am currently taking individual donations online through my website and at my campaign party in September. I do not have specifics of those donations.

7. Endorsements -- Who has endorsed you thus far?

I am currently in process of getting individuals to endorse me that are residents in the city of Alameda. I will have a kick off event on September 3, 2016 at Buena Vista Methodist Church in the Social Hall at 2311 Buena Vista Ave, Alameda 94501. I will then post an endorsement list on my website at Ardelladailey.com

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