

Rainbow PAC Endorsement Questionnaire – Jackie Wong

Submitted 10/12/16

1. Do you support the mission and purposes of Rainbow PAC, as outlined on the PAC web page? How have you helped or will help to achieve RainbowPAC objectives?*

I support the mission and purposes of the Rainbow PAC. In my career history as a social worker (from direct practice to policy advocacy/development) fighting for equality and inclusion have been a part of my career legacy. When I worked at the local level in a high school, I provided support to the development of a Gay Straight Alliance for our students who were LGBT and also encouraged LGBT students to be involved in school site council and other leadership positions. In addition to this, I have advocated and supported the implementation for inclusion of LGBT training for foster parents and in policy development in my role as a children's advocate. In my current role at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), I work with our Pride Law Fund Tom Steel Fellow to develop a project that will help further public policy discussions related to LGBT children and youth.

I intend to continue to bring issues of inclusion and access forward in everything that I do if elected to office and in my professional career.

2. Are you a current member of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce? If yes, since when? And, are you or any of your staff or key volunteers openly LGBT?*

No I am not a current member of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce. I do not have staff, but I have key volunteers who are openly LGBT.

3. Describe how you would support/oppose the use of programs to insure equal opportunities, policies, laws, and/or ordinances that protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the workplace.*

In my current role, as part of the National Center for Youth Law's management team, I have supported and advocated for training for Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Expression (SOGIE) and diversity awareness, as well as SOGIE inclusive changes in our administrative policies. I believe that our organization's past policies were developed within a framework that was not sensitive to LGBT, Female or Diverse lenses and have strongly advocated that the culture, policies and practices be changed to align and honor the diverse backgrounds of our staff and clients that we serve. I will continue to support and advocate for these types of programs and policies, if it is within my jurisdiction to do so whenever feasible.

4. Describe your position on gender-neutral restrooms in public schools and public facilities.*

I support gender-neutral restrooms in public schools and public facilities and have supported this in my current workplace.

5. Would you support mandatory diversity training that includes LGBT issues for public employees, law enforcement personnel and correctional peace officers? Why or why not?

Yes, I support mandatory diversity training that includes LGBT issues for public employees, law enforcement personnel and correctional peace officers. As I shared earlier in the questionnaire, this is something that I have supported in my current organization because I have a firm belief that diversity training within the workforce helps to develop an environment that is more conducive to productive and effective communication but moreover awareness in how to develop policies and practices that are culturally appropriate. This in turn creates safer communities.

6. What is your position on funding for HIV/AIDS services, including, but not limited to, needle-exchange programs?

I support funding for HIV/AIDS services, including, but not limited to, needle-exchange programs.

7. What is your position on age-appropriate public school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and anti-bullying?

I support this and this is something that I advocate for in my current role at the National Center for Youth Law.

8. Explain your position of support/opposition the right for a woman to access reproductive healthcare.

This is an issue that I am currently working on in my current role at the National Center for Youth Law. In partnership with Planned Parenthood, we have identified an area of the state where reproductive health services were being denied to foster youth and have developed a multi-layered strategy to ensure that there is statewide implementation of a program that will require that foster youth have full access to reproductive health services, supports and education. So beyond supporting this issue, I am actively working to ensure that everyone has access to reproductive health services.

9. Explain your position of support/opposition to comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship.

I am not an immigration policy expert, but I do support Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR). This perspective is informed by the fact that I am a refugee child and personally understand the importance of immigration policy on my community.

Often times policy discussions related to immigration reform are thought to impact, primarily, the Latino population and the discussions lack a nuance that includes the impacts on the API community. A recent example of this was the Republican discussions related to their concept of “Anchor Babies” applied to APIs. The US was created to support the needs of all peoples who wanted to create a better life for their families and the narrative of a white majority creating “otherness” attacks the fabric of our democracy and the intentions of what the US was built upon.

I believe that discussions related to CIR must take into account the unique diaspora of all people over the history of the US and must include pathways to citizenship for all, which include support for amnesty programs and the federal DREAM Act.

10. Describe your community involvement. List specific organizations and roles.

Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP) Board Member, Chief Justice's Keeping Kids in School Initiative Steering Committee Member, Sacramento Stonewall Democratic Club Member, Co-Founder Banteay Srei (non-profit serving at-risk Commercially Sexually Exploited Southeast Asian Minors in Oakland), Member- Asian and Pacific America Women of Excellence network founded by Senator Carol Liu, Former Board President Young Women United for Oakland, Former Board Member East End Child Development Center, Assistant Coach – West Sacramento U10 Girls Soccer League, Student – ATA Martial Arts School.

11. Who has endorsed your candidacy? Please be specific.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- West Sacramento Mayor **Christopher Cabaldon**
- Sacramento Mayor-Elect **Darrell Steinberg**
- WUSD School Board President **Alicia Cruz**
- WUSD School Board Vice-President **Sarah Kirby-Gonzalez**
- WUSD School Board Clerk **Katie Villegas**
- WUSD School Board Trustee **Norma Alcala**
- WUSD School Board Trustee **Coby Pizzotti**
- Yolo County Supervisor, District 1 **Oscar Villegas**
- West Sacramento City Council Member, **Mark Johannesson**
- West Sacramento City Council Member, **Chris Ledesma**
- West Sacramento City Planning Commission Chair **Martha Guerrero**
- CA LGBT Legislative Caucus Chair, Assemblymember **Susan Talamantes-Eggman**
- CA Superintendent of Public Instruction, **Tom Torlakson**
- CA Board of Equalization Chairwoman, District 2, **Fiona Ma**
- Former CA Superintendent of Public Instruction, **Delaine Eastin**

KEY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Washington Teachers Association**
- **California School Employees Association, Riverview 168**
- **Yolo County Democratic Party**
- **Sacramento Central Labor Committee, AFL-CIO**
- **Sheet Metal Workers Local 104**
- **FemDems of Sacramento**
- **National Association of Social Workers, CA Chapter**
- **Asian Pacific Islander Democratic Club of Sacramento County**
- **Stonewall Democratic Club of Sacramento**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- Former River City High School Teacher, **Rose Casselman-Penrose**
- Owner, NextGen Real Estate, Southport Parent, **William Council**

- WUSD Teacher, WUSD Parent, **Sharon Council**
- West Sacramento Pre-K Parents, **Corina Dragan and Roy Yang**
- Former West Sacramento Aging Commission Chair, Parent, **Dawnte Early-West, PhD, MS**
- Southport Parents, **Brandi and LV Foster**
- Former Southport PTO President, WUSD Parent, **Laura Federico**
- West Sacramento Residents and Our Lady of Grace Parents, **Patrice and Walter Griffith**
- Small Business Owners **ATA Martial Arts, David and Anna-Marie Jung**
- President, Operation Protect and Defend (a civic engagement program of the Anthony M. Kennedy Learning and Library Foundation), Southport Parent , **Kelley Lincoln**
- Former WUSD School Board President and Current Stonegate Parent, **Adam Menke**
- Southport PTO Treasurer, WUSD Parent, **Christy McKinney**
- Stonegate Parent, **Stephanie Lynn Ridgeway**
- Senior Member -Rivercrest Homeowners Association, Yolo County Educator, West Sacramento Parent,**Jen Drewek Shilen**
- President, Friends of the Main Drain Parkway, **Chip Wallace**
- Former Westmore Oaks Teacher and WUSD Sallie Mae Teacher of the Year, **Karen Yamamoto**

12. What are the most pressing issues facing our region and how do you propose we resolve them?

I believe that one of the most pressing issues facing our region is ensuring that our children and youth are well prepared for a 21st century workforce. This can be addressed by better understanding the current business needs of our community through strategic partnerships with our businesses and ensuring that our education systems support multiple pathways to meeting these business needs. This can take the form of electronic badging, stronger articulation and concurrent enrollment with our higher education agencies and strategic career pathways programs that are integrated into our curriculum.

13. What is your vision to attract major business/Fortune 500 companies into our region?

I believe that major business/Fortune 500 companies will be interested in our region if we can articulate a career plan that will meet their workforce and business needs. As mentioned earlier in this questionnaire, integrating education into these discussions will be a key factor in building long-term business relationships as our region grows.

14. Share your vision to make our region a better place for small businesses?

I believe that small businesses are a key part of our community. I hope to better engage local businesses in supporting our education system through business outreach and including them in the discussions related to the aforementioned strategies regarding integrating local business needs into education curricula.

15. How do you envision expanding and improving our local and regional mass transit system?

This is an area where I would need to conduct more research. I believe that although the primary jurisdiction for these types of decisions would be made through the city council and/or county boards, and transit agencies, I would like to build relationships with these entities so that they can prioritize the transit needs of our students in the mass transit system discussions.

16. Describe your position on Community Benefit Resolutions, Living Wage Ordinances, and Project Labor Agreements?

I am not expert on Community Benefit Resolutions Living Wage Ordinances or Project Labor Agreements, but support them in concept.

17. Do you support increasing the minimum wage, locally and/or statewide? Do you support a \$15 minimum wage? How would you propose to mitigate the impact of a minimum wage increase on small businesses?

I support increasing the minimum wage locally and statewide and support a \$15 minimum wage, but believe that such increases need to keep the operations of small businesses in mind and should be graduated over time.

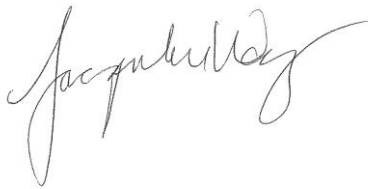
18. What is your position on in support/opposition to the Affordable Care Act and requiring employers to provide health care insurance to workers and families.

I support the of the Affordable Care Act and requiring employers to provide health care insurance to workers and families.

Signature

The undersigned stipulates that the information provided within is his/her own true and accurate statement AND represents the position of their candidacy.

Print Name: Jackie Thu-Huong Wong



Signature: _____

Date: 10/12/16