

# **Rainbow PAC Endorsement Questionnaire – Jackie Wong**

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## **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.