

EBWPA Endorsements November 2022

Candidate Profile

Candidate Name

Reichi Lee, She/her

Office Sought

Berkeley School Board, Berkeley

Party Affiliation

Democrat

Campaign Website

www.reichilee.com

How would you use the platform of this elected office to advance gender equity?

I am working hard to get elected because I would be the first AAPI woman to ever serve on the Berkeley School Board! That's an important first step. Beyond AAPI women, I have already been and will continue to support all women running for office at all levels, with special emphasis on supporting women of color - I am part of Emerge CA and Asian Pacific American Leadership Foundation where I intend on supporting other women. As an elected school board director, I will support gender equity issues in schools, such as gender equity in sports, more sexual harassment/consent education, more women in math and STEM, and data broken down by gender identifying categories so that we can have a better understand of student needs.

How will you work to end discrimination based on age, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, marital status, socioeconomic status, and disability?

This is my life's work! Back in college when I interned at the American Civil Liberties Union, I worked to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a federal bill that prohibited discrimination in hiring and employment on the basis of sexual orientation. As a foster youth attorney in Alameda County, I advocated for my youth clients in court pertaining to their safety and permanency, in IEP meetings, truancy proceedings, and suspension and expulsion hearings. As the Director of Academic Achievement at Golden Gate University, I worked with the highest needs students to help them succeed. When I was a labor and employment attorney at Meyers Nave, a law firm in Oakland, we sued employers on behalf of employees for race and gender discrimination.