

East Bay Women's Political Alliance General Election Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Gender Pronouns	Office Sought
Sara Prada	She/her	Hayward Unified School Board Trustee
Party Affiliation	Campaign Website	FPPC #
Democrat	votemrsprada.com	

For the following questions, please check "Yes", "No", or "Other".	
Do you support the passage of a federal Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as follows: "Equality Of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex."?	Yes
Do you support requiring employers to provide paid sick days to their employees that can also be used to care for ill family members?	Yes
Do you support mandatory minimum paid parental leave?	Yes
If you answered "Other" please provide additional information below.	

The following questions seek input regarding your position on choice. Please check "YES" if you agree or "NO" if you disagree.	
A woman has the right to choose an abortion in accord with the principles of Roe v. Wade.	Yes
A woman has the right to choose an abortion at any time during her pregnancy to protect the woman's life and health.	Yes
Women of limited financial resources have a right to public funding for family planning and abortion services.	Yes
Women should be able to receive an abortion without a waiting period.	Yes
Comprehensive, medically accurate, age appropriate sex education should be provided to all students.	Yes
FDA-approved emergency contraception should be offered without delay to all victims of rape or incest in all hospital or clinics.	Yes
FDA-approved emergency contraception should be provided in accordance with appropriate dispensing regulations, without delay or obstruction, to all women at all pharmacies in the United States.	Yes
You may provide additional information to clarify a "Yes" or "No" answer here.	
If you marked "other" for any of the above, you must provide additional information. Please specify the question you answered as "other" and provide the additional information here.	

How would you use the platform of this elected office to advance gender equity?
As a school board trustee I will be able to introduce policy that will further protect women's rights. I will also make sure that girls are able to get their education in a safe environment where they can

thrive without fear of gender biases. I want to serve as an example of a strong Black woman who provided the space for all students to have a voice in their education.

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?

As a school board member, I want to support policy that is Anti racist, creates equity, and protects students sexual identity. If that policy doesn't exist, then I will be the one to create it. Our district has homeless families that need extra support, especially the students who are trying to complete school while facing housing insecurity. Hayward is a town of hard working immigrants. Our English Learners deserve more support in the classroom, and teachers that will give them the support they need to master a second language.

We also have a large group of special education students, and high percentage of them are African American. A lot of these students are not getting the support they need in the classroom, because we have a lack of teachers who can provide the services needed to thrive in their education. I also believe that bringing Ethnic Studies curriculum to K-12. Teaching our students about their culture and other cultures is so important in creating empathy and relationships. I also want to have Social Justice classes starting in Middle School.

What do you think are the top 5 issues that impact women that are relevant to the elected office you are seeking? (Please rank in order of priority)

1. Not being listened to
2. Being seen as angry because I'm defending my children
3. Biased voters who think I'm not a leader
4. Fundraising difficulties
5. Fear of being seen as bragging about my qualifications

What have you done to mentor women?

I started mentoring young women in photography while I was a student in college. My last student was the first to enter the Oratorical with visual art. Her portfolio received a standing ovation and the attention of several board members. As a Emerge Alum, I hope to mentor more young women who are thinking of going into politics.

What is the gender breakdown of your campaign staff/volunteers?

There are four women and one man, who happens to be my very supportive husband. Most of the adult volunteers are women, though we also have some students of all kinds.

How many volunteers are on a part of your campaign?

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If you are currently in public office, please provide examples of votes that you have taken or positions promoted which supported women's gender equality and/or reproductive health.

Please paste here your biography (up to 500 words).

Sara Prada is a bilingual mother of three school-aged children, wife of 13 years, business owner, former DC photojournalist, Educational Leadership graduate student, and award-winning community activist.

Her plan is to make the board listen to families better, improve Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), and spend our money wisely on what really matters to kids and teachers.

Please use the space below to provide any additional information to complete your questionnaire.