



## Fighting for Our Futures: Youth Candidates Forum Poll Results

*Disclaimer: This guide does not represent the views of ACC or OYAC members and does not represent an endorsement of any candidate. These views represent the results of the poll conducted at the event.*

ACC and OYAC held the forum 10/23/2020 from 3:30-5:30 PM for all candidates running for the open School Board and City Council seats. Youth moderators posed questions; and youth viewers watched live via YouTube then ranked their top choices in a poll. Those results form the content of this Voter Guide.

If you missed the event and want to watch the YouTube stream, visit: [bit.ly/YouthCandidatesForumLive](https://bit.ly/YouthCandidatesForumLive)

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Youth vs. Apocalypse, #ThisIsTheTime music video  
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# Oakland City Council Winners!

City Council, D1

**Winner**



**Stephanie Walton**



**Tri Ngo**



**Dan Kalb**

City Council, D3

**Winner**




**Carroll Fife**



**Lynette McElhaney**


City Council, D5

**Winner**




**Zoe Lopez**

**Winner**



**Richard Raya**



**Noel Gallo**

City Council, D7

**Winner**



**Treva Reid**



**Marchon Tatmon**



**Marcie Hodge**

At Large

**Winner**



**Rebecca Kaplan**



**Derreck Johnson**

**Memorable Quotes:**

“We have to address the root causes of our communities being underfunded in first place so we can come up with the right solutions.” Carroll Fife, District 5

“We need to defund the police. We need to promote restorative justice programs. We need investment in our community. We need to make sure opportunity is available for black and brown kids.” Marchon Tatmon, District 7

# Oakland School Board Winners!

School Board, D 1

**Winner**



**Sam Davis**



**Austin Dannhaus**

School Board, D 3

**Winner**



**Cherisse Gash**



**Maiya Edgerly**



**Van Cedric Williams**

School Board, D 5

**Winner**



**Leroy Gaines**



**Sheila Pope Lawrence**



**Mike Hutchinson**



**Jorge Lerma**

School Board, D 7

**Winner**



**Kristina Molina**



**Victor Valerio**

## *Memorables Quotes:*

"We want to end school closures and audit OUSD. We want to create authentic community engagement, and we want to build quality sustainable community schools across Oakland." Mike Hutchinson, District 5 candidate

"We don't need police at our schools we don't need students to get in trouble they need counseling to learn" Kristina Molina, District 7 candidate.

"You make a time to meet with me, and I will meet with you." Sam Davis, District 1 candidate

## Our Planning Process

Our political outreach coordinator emailed an invitation to all candidates whose names were listed as active in the East Bay Citizen Candidate List for 2020 in late September and let them know about filling out the questionnaire by our October 12 deadline. They followed up by sending reminder emails leading up to the event. Meanwhile, youth leaders responsible for social media asked questions on Instagram stories to collect question-submissions from followers of the @oakyac and @allcitycouncilousd accounts. Our event planner drew names at-random to determine the order the questions would be asked and limited the amount of time candidates had to respond to questions, in order to keep the event within confines of the two hour timeframe. The youth moderators posed three out of four questions to each candidate and provided each candidate the option to answer the fourth question via a video post they could submit by email. Table 1 shows the candidates who were invited and in attendance, while Table 2 displays the questions asked of candidates.

## An Explanation of the Results

Following the live forum, youth audience members filled out a Google Form to rank their top-choice candidates. The OYAC staff and ACC youth leaders analyzed the results which can be summarized in detail in Tables 3 through 6 below.

**Table 1: Candidates on the Ballot**

	City Council	School Board
District 1	Dan Kalb Stephanie Dominguez Walton Tri Ngo	Austin Danhaus Sam Davis
District 3	Carroll Fife Lynette Mcelhaney Gibson**	Maiya Edgerly* Cherisse Gash VanCedric Williams
District 5	Noel Gallo Richard Santos Raya Zoe Lopez Meraz**	Leroy Gaines Mike Hutchinson Sheila Pope Lawrence Jorge Lerma
District 7	Marchon Tatmon Marcie Hodge Treva Reid	Kristina Molina Victor Valerio
At-Large	Derreck Johnson Rebecca Kaplan	

*\*Confirmed but did not attend*

*\*\*Invited but were turned away because they did not confirm at least 1 day in advance*

**Table 2: Questions Posed by Moderators**

City Council	School Board
<p>1. Why are you running for City Council? Why are you the best candidate to represent Oakland Youth? If elected, what would you do to support the success of every youth in Oakland in your first 100 days in office?</p>	<p>1. Why are you running for School Board? Why are you the best candidate to represent Oakland Youth? If elected, describe how you will work with Oakland students to improve the quality of education during your time in office.</p>
<p>2. This pandemic has shown that the City of Oakland is unprepared to provide enough resources and services for vulnerable students and families. How would you address the lack of access to critical resources for the Oakland community?</p>	<p>2. What role do you believe youth should have in decisions that are made about their education? How do you plan to center the voices and experiences of youth in your decisions as a School Board member? Measure QQ, which will expand voting rights for School Board members to 16-year-olds in the District is on the November ballot. Do you support Measure QQ - why / why not?</p>
<p>3. Recently Oakland residents have seen an uptick in crime— there were 15 homicides last September and 70 this year. If you could re-prioritize city funding, how would you restructure public safety for Oakland’s residents who feel the most impacted by policing or least served by the police?</p>	<p>3. Last July, the School Board unanimously passed the George Floyd Resolution. For those who do not know, the George Floyd Resolution will redistribute money that previously funded the Oakland Schools Police Department. What are the top 3 priority investments that those funds should be reallocated to (what are alternatives to school police)? How will you ensure that youth input is included and reflected?</p>
<p>4. If elected, how do you plan to ensure Oakland enacts new legislation to promote eco-friendly development and prevent carbon emissions? What would you do to close the gap for marginalized communities who are economically disenfranchised and disproportionately impacted by effects of climate change?</p>	<p>4. Do you think charter schools benefit Oakland as a city? If yes or no, then what is your position on the growing number of charter schools in Oakland? What is your position on billionaires like Mike Bloomberg being invested in this election?</p>

*Questions were generated through youth submissions via Instagram stories via the @oakyac and @allcitycouncilousd accounts.*

**Table 3: Detailed Summary of Ranked-Choice Voting Results for City Council**

	# of Rounds	Winner	Runner Up	Third Place
District 1	2	Stephanie Walton (67%)	Tri Ngo (63%)	Dan Kalb (23%)
District 3	1	Carroll Fife (87%)	Lynette Mcelhaney Gibson (7%)	n/a
District 5	3	Tied: Richard Raya and Zoe Lopez-Meraz (87%)	Noel Gallo (10%)	n/a
District 7	1	Treva Reid (60%)	Marchon Tatmon (23%)	Marcie Hodge (10%)
At Large	1	Rebecca Kaplan (60%)	Derreck Johnson (30%)	n/a

**Table 4: Detailed Summary of Ranked-Choice Voting Results for School Board**

	# of Rounds	Winner	Runner Up	Third Place	Fourth Place
District 1	1	Sam Davis (53%)	Austin Dannhaus (37%)	n/a	n/a
District 3	1	Cherisse Gash (70%)	Maiya Egerly (50%)	Van Cedric Williams (43%)	n/a
District 5	3	Leroy Gaines (77%)	Sheila Pope Lawrence (73%)	Mike Hutchinson (40%)	Jorge Lerma (6%)
District 7	1	Kristina Molina (77%)	Victor Valerio (10%)	n/a	n/a

**Table 5A-B: Number of Rounds for Ranked Choice Voting Results**

D1	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Stephanie	12	8	5
Dan	7	6	13
Tri	9	10	8

D5	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Richard	15	6	5
Noel	3	8	16
Zoe	8	13	5

**Table 6: Number of Rounds for Ranked Choice Voting Results**

D5	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice
Leroy	8	10	5	3
Mike	8	4	3	8
Sheila	10	6	6	2
Jorge	2	5	7	9