



VOTER GUIDE



COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA
2022 – 2023

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VOTING PROCEDURES



VOTER GUIDE:

USE THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA VOTER GUIDE TO GET TO KNOW ALL OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR MISSIONS BETTER. MEET THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT WIDE STUDENT TRUSTEE AND ASCOA SENATOR POSITIONS, AS WELL AS REVIEW NEW PROPOSITIONS.

HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:

Online voting will begin on Tuesday, April 12th and end on Wednesday, April 13th. The website link will be posted on the College of Alameda's student election page (alameda.edu/ascoa-elections/). Students may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student ID number is required for voting.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

SENATORS

- KARENT TORRES
- MACARENA VALENZUELA

STUDENT TRUSTEES

- LISA HOGAN
- SARAH LATINO



CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: KAREN TORRES



Karen Torres was Born in California and raised in The East Bay. Karen strives to become the first in her mediated family to receive a B.A. Now, Karen is completing courses with the Peralta Community College District and building relations with students and faculty within programs like Puente, Acceso and ASCOA. In the interim of re enrolling into UCSC, Karen is an entrepreneur centered on Business strategies within Marketing and Development plus financial management. Karen gained her experience throughout her career at a former fortune five hundred financial company as a Multi Team Manager in office within the Bay Area. Karen then expanded her experience by working with attorneys who were setting up new practices, this exposed her to different areas of the law. Karen took her experience and initiated a Non-Profit designated for school age children and their guardians. At We Parents PTO Karen was able to put in

place a platform which did the following: Engaging the school's community of Families, Student and faculties through communal events, fundraising and meetings. Karen held the position of Treasurer and President. Currently, Karen is advising three startups which appear to have bright futures. These organizations establish Educational Resources and Generational Prosperity through conversations and advocacy. By providing her perspective in identity, culture and awareness, Karen leads conversation regarding DEI and the importance of building a strong foundation for our future. Karen's mission is to establish spaces for qualified Latinos plus other ethnic groups lacking representation in the higher levels positions of STEM and thriving Industries. As a Student Senator, Karen will starve to expand student life by promoting dignity, education, and diversity.



CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: MACARENA VALENZUELA

Hello Everyone! My name is Macarena Valenzuela. I am currently studying at the College of Alameda and am so glad to have the opportunity to represent my campus community again this Spring semester.

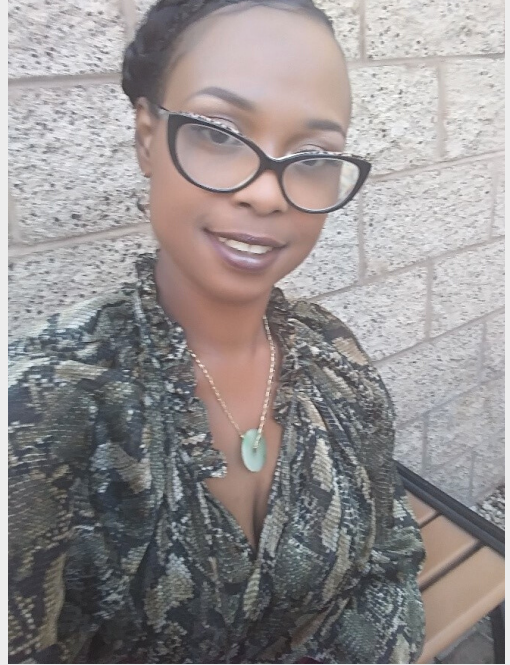
During this past year, students have overcome the challenge of adjusting from the transition of in-person classes to virtual learning. For many students, the transition may have been quite smooth and for others, it may have caused some difficulty. In addition, I know from experience that this time has been difficult for students of color, and I want to make it known that being a part of student government as a Senator and representing such a large campus is an honor and a privilege.

I am running for the position of Senator within the Associated Student government because I believe that encouraging representation for all students at the College of Alameda will help our community become stronger and more aware of the issues that are most important and impactful within our college. I am grateful for the opportunity

to hopefully be re-elected as the a representative for the College of Alameda and voice the the perspective of our large student population regarding the issues that most affect them and their college journey. If I were to earn the position of Senator within the Associated Student Government, I would make it my mission to represent the vastly diverse student population of my campus to the best of my ability.

As a student of color, I hope to use my experience in public speaking and community service from when I was Club President for "Jefferson Awards- Students in Action" in high school to further amplify the voice of my fellow students and ensure that their perspectives are acknowledged and valued within our student government. During my time as Senator, I envision the positive changes that students will create as we each continue our journey through college. I am optimistic that as I work alongside my fellow members of student government, we will each become the best representatives possible and create a supportive environment for each other.

CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE: LEESA HOGAN



Hello people I am Ms. Leesa. I would like to opportunity to continue of serving our college in the best way possible. I have been where most new college students are when starting their own educational journey, not sure on how to make the best of my experience. In 2021, I had the privilege of sitting on the ASMC student council as Vice President of Preparatory Governance and currently servings as Vice President of the ASMC while also serving as one of the two student representatives on Peralta College District Board of Trustees. The exposure from being a part of student government provided me with experience on how to be a voice for not only myself but my peers and the community we live in. I am learning more so that I can do more. I currently serve my community of Oakland by being an active Early Childhood Educator working for OUSD and by promoting an all-inclusive non bias education philosophy. I will do my

absolute best to promote the same philosophy for all students within our district if I am elected for this position. I am proud to be a part of such a great educational community. Merritt College is the original home of the Black Panther Party which is a legacy that should never be forgotten. I want help ensure that every student that attends a college district has the resources available to reach their full potential. I will participate in discussion forums on upcoming events and ideas and collaborate regarding student issues so that we can be the change we want to see in the community and world we live in.



CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE: **SARAH LATINO**

Hello! My name is Sarah Latino and I am running for the position of Student Trustee. It would be an honor to represent the students of Berkeley City College, Merritt College, College of Alameda, and Laney College as a member of the Peralta Board of Trustees.

My continued experience in those roles will serve as a guideline to address the obstacles, resources, and services that affect your success during your time at the Peralta colleges. As Student Trustee, I will continue to advocate for your needs and make sure that your voices are heard by all members of the Board. Thank you for your time!

As a BCC Student Ambassador and Campus Life Student Assistant, I've had personal experience being the first point-of-contact for new and continuing students who are looking to further their education at a community college. As an Ambassador, I have been able to help countless students from all backgrounds with the OpenCCC enrollment process,

navigating Student Campus Solutions, obtaining documents from the Admissions & Records department, and much more. My role as a CL Assistant has allowed me to support student organizations and engage with many of you outside the classroom in virtual and in-person events, such as Club Rush and our monthly Food Pantry. Beyond that however, these positions have allowed me to view the school system through two perspectives: as a student and as a faculty member. This has given me a better understanding in how to communicate your opinions and ideas to those in higher positions who have the power to generate change. I am running for the position of Senator within the Associated Student government because I believe that encouraging representation for all students at the College of Alameda will help our community become stronger and more aware of the issues that are most important and impactful within our college. I am grateful for the opportunity to hopefully become the representative

PROPOSITION A: EASYPASS



PROPOSITION

Shall the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees require students with 6 (six) or more units to pay \$42.88 per semester for the AC Transit "EasyPass". The purpose of the fee is to provide students with an AC Transit "EasyPass" with access to AC Transit local and Transbay service (valued at \$2,592) for each qualified student for the academic years covering Fall 2022 through Spring 2025

ACTION TO TAKE

Vote "YES" if you are in favor of the EasyPass
Vote "NO" if you are not in favor of the EasyPass

IF STUDENTS ELECT TO PASS THIS PROPOSITION,

THE FOLLOWING WILL OCCUR:

- The EasyPass program will make transportation more affordable for students, especially students who cannot afford to attend college due to the cost of transportation. The EasyPass program will increase bus ridership, thereby decreasing dependency on automobiles and reducing the environmental pollution caused by automobiles.
- WITHOUT the AC Transit EasyPass, the cost of riding the bus will be as follows: \$2.50 cash fare per-ride for adults; \$84.60 for an adult 31- day pass; and \$216 for an adult 31-day Transbay pass. With the AC Transit EasyPass, students riding AC Transit buses will save a minimum of \$923 annually if purchasing a local 31-day pass each month and will see savings of \$2,500 when compared to the cost of a monthly Transbay pass.
- Students enrolled in 6 (six) or more units per semester will pay \$42.88 per semester for the transportation fee.
- All qualified students registered in the Fall semester will have access to the EasyPass. The EasyPass will be valid from one week before the first day of instruction in the Fall semester through one week after the first day of instruction in the Spring semester. For Example: Fall 2022 EasyPass active dates will be from August 22, 2022 through January 30, 2023
- All qualified students registered in the Spring semester will have access to the EasyPass. The EasyPass will be valid from one week before the first day of instruction in the Spring semester through one week after the first day of instruction in the Fall semester. Spring semester EasyPasses are valid all summer long.
- The AC Transit EasyPass will provide students access to all bus lines administered by AC Transit, including Transbay routes.
- A student only enrolled in summer session will not pay a fee and will not be qualified to receive a valid EasyPass unless they enrolled in units the previous Spring semester.
- The fee rates are fixed and will remain throughout the duration of the agreement. Fall 2022–Spring 2023 \$42.88, Fall 2023–Spring 2025 \$46.46. Continuance of the program after 2024–2025 academic year would require student approval with a new student election



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