

# WOMEN'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE – STATE PAC

Please type or print your answers. Please complete the answers to all the questions. When using a separate sheet of paper please include the question along with the answer.

1. Candidate's Name Kelly Gonez
2. Office Seeking Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (District 6)  
(Please include the number of your district.)
3. Description of the District: (If you are seeking statewide office answer only section b.):
  - a. Cities in district; location of the district. How much of your district is new due to redistricting? Please attach a map of the district to this questionnaire.

LAUSD School Board District 6 is located in the East San Fernando Valley. The area encompasses the City of San Fernando and parts of the City of Los Angeles, including the neighborhoods of Arleta, Lakeview Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, North Hollywood, Pacoima, Panorama City, Shadow Hills, Sunland-Tujunga, Sylmar, Toluca Lake, and Valley Glen. The vast majority of my district remained the same in the redistricting process; new portions include Valley Glen, portions of North Hollywood, and Toluca Lake.

- b. Voter Registration: Include ethnic, party, and gender breakdown for the seat for which you are running according to total population, total registration, and total number of high propensity voters.

The ethnic, party, and gender breakdown is as follows:

## Ethnicity Statistics, BD6 (Registered Voters)

Latino	175,049
White	136,163
Asian	21,638
Black	6,146
Pacific Islander	65

Party Statistics, BD6

Democrat	184,722
Republican	50,104
Independent	93,353

Gender Statistics, BD6

Female	172,121
Male	156,047

- c. Past elections: How did your AD and SD vote for Governor and Controller in 2018? How did your AD and SD vote for President in 2016?

**Please be sure to answer all parts of the questions.**

In 2018, the overlapping state Assembly and state Senate Districts voted for Betty Yee for Controller and Gavin Newsom for Governor. In 2016, they voted for Hillary Clinton in the Presidential election.

4. If your election dates are not consistent with California State Elections, please note the dates of your Primary and your General.

The election is consistent with California State Elections. The primary took place on June 7, 2022, and the general election will take place on November 8th, 2022.

5. Who is the present holder of the seat for which you are running? If this person is not a pro-choice Democrat, when was the last time a pro-choice Democrat held this seat?

I am the current LAUSD Board Member representing District 6 and the President of the LAUSD Board of Education. I am a pro-choice Democrat.

6. Major Challenger: Marvin Rodriguez

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7. Campaign Team:

Campaign Manager: Manuel Gonez

Campaign Field Director: Anthony Garcia

8. Fundraising:

a. How much money have you raised? (Please do not include pledges.)

\$45,000

b. How much do you need to raise?

\$400,000

c. How much money are you allowed to raise if there are limits?

There are no limits to the total amount of money raised; the individual limit is \$1,300.

d. How much cash do you have on hand?

\$40,000

e. How much is a loan from you to the campaign?

\$0

f. How much money has your major challenger(s) raised?

\$0

For the next 2 questions please do not include money transferred.

g. How much money have you raised this last reporting period?

\$45,000

h. How much money has your major challenger(s) raised in this last reporting period?

\$0

i. If there is a voluntary spending cap will you take it, and what is the limit if you accept the cap?

There is no voluntary spending cap.

9. What is your campaign strategy (mail, media, etc.)?

We have built a strong movement and coalition in support of my re-election campaign, including tens of thousands of classified workers in LA Unified, the LA County Federation of Labor representing workers throughout Los Angeles, community leaders, parents, and students. The partnerships I have developed throughout my time in office have resulted in robust community support throughout Board District 6. We plan to dedicate significant time and resources to connect with voters throughout Board District 6, with particular attention to new neighborhoods that have been added through redistricting, by leveraging an extensive field, digital, and mail campaign. We have already launched virtual house parties and regular canvassing efforts with our partners, working diligently to ensure that we are introducing voters to my background, message, and accomplishments.

10. Has any polling been done in the last two months? Please share the results.

No, we plan to conduct a poll in early September to ensure we get the most current data possible.

11. What is your position on choice? Please check yes (if you agree) or no (if you disagree) with the following:

- a. A woman has the right to choose an abortion for any reason up to the point of viability, as determined by a physician and in accordance with the principles of Roe v. Wade.  
YES  NO
- b. A woman has the right to choose an abortion at any time during her pregnancy to protect her life and health. YES  NO
- c. Every patient, in consultation with her physician, has the right to determine the best medical procedures and practices with regard to reproductive health and abortion. YES  NO
- d. All women should have the ability, regardless of income level or age, to access safe, confidential and affordable abortion and reproductive care (with or without parental consent).  
YES  NO
- e. There should be public funding for family planning and abortion services. YES  NO
- f. There should be **no** waiting period to obtain an abortion.  
YES  NO
- g. We should have comprehensive and evidence-based (accurate) sex education. YES  NO
- h. A minor should have access to abortion services without having to notify a parent or responsible adult. YES  NO

If you are running for statewide office you may skip question 12.

12. Please list the State Senate or Assembly and Congressional seats that overlap your district. List both the name of the present occupant and number of the district.

a. State Assembly District # Name of Occupant

AD 39, Assemblymember Luz Rivas

AD 46, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian

b. State Senate District # Name of Occupant

SD 18, Senator Bob Hertzberg

SD 25, Senator Anthony Portantino

c. Congressional District # Name of Occupant

CA 28, Congressman Adam Schiff

CA 29, Congressman Tony Cardenas

13. List only the names of any non-incumbent women who you supported in the previous primary election running for:

Congress: Christy Smith

State Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_

Statewide Office: \_\_\_\_\_

14. List only the names of non-incumbent women candidates who you are supporting for Congress, State Senate, and Assembly in the current election cycle.

Congress: Christy Smith

State Senate: Caroline Menjivar

Assembly: Pilar Schiavo

15. If you are an elected official and leaving office, please list the name and

contact information of the woman who you are supporting to run for your seat in the primary. If you are not supporting a woman for your seat, please leave this blank.

          N/A            
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone)

16. Please list your paid professional experience for the last six years. Indicate if it was full- or part-time.

Since July 2017, I have been the elected Board Member representing the East San Fernando Valley on the LAUSD Board of Education. I have been a full-time Board Member throughout the duration of my first term in office. I was a full-time classroom teacher (7th grade science) in South Los Angeles during the 2016-2017 school year, while campaigning for school board on a part-time basis. Immediately prior to returning to the classroom, I was a full-time education policy advisor in the Obama Administration.

17. Please list your present and past community involvement for the last six years:

Since my election, I have spent the majority of my time focused on serving as School Board Member. That said, I worked alongside many organizations in the East San Fernando Valley, both in my official capacity and as a personal volunteer. As the Board Member for the East Valley for the past five years, I have been to countless community events and volunteer activities with a variety of community based organizations and nonprofits. Some of those events include:

Pacoima Holiday Parade  
HOPE Garden Project Gardening Day  
NAACP-LA Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast  
Vamonos Drive-Through Backpack Giveaway  
Toy Giveaway at Osceola Elementary  
Board District 6 Picnic in the Park

18. Please list the present and previous elected office(s) that you have held:

I am the current representative for Board District 6 on the LA Unified School District Board of Education. My term began in 2017.

19. Do you support the ERA? YES  NO

20. Please list the following:

a. Committee name: Kelly Gonez for School Board 2022

b. Campaign ID#: 1449110

c. Campaign mailing address: 16633 Ventura Blvd. #1008 Encino, CA 91436

21. In the event that you are endorsed by the WPC, in addition to any monies that WPC should contribute to your campaign, we will also list you on our website. For this purpose we will require the following information:

Candidate campaign website: [www.kellygonez.com](http://www.kellygonez.com)

22. We can post a donation link during our zoom call. Please provide a link below. Many candidates provide a WPC specific link to track donations, and we welcome that if you choose to do so.

Campaign donation URL:

[https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gonez\\_website\\_general](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gonez_website_general)

**23. High resolution, chest up, vertical headshot.** Please provide a “portrait” (vertical) chest up headshot. We use the headshot to showcase endorsed candidates on our website. Horizontal landscape headshots do not work. **Please email this photo and your questionnaire to: [tonidon@mac.com](mailto:tonidon@mac.com) Photos must be 250 PX wide x 450 PX high at 72 PPI.**

### **Biography:**

Kelly Gonez serves as President of the Los Angeles Board of Education and proudly represents Board District 6, which encompasses most of the East San Fernando Valley. During that time, she championed the needs of the most historically underserved students as a Board member. She has authored policies leading to increased services for homeless students and removing barriers to college for our high-needs students. Kelly has helped to increase investment in early childhood education in Los Angeles Unified and pioneered the expansion of ethnic studies for all students in the District, including as a high school graduation requirement. She has been a voice for increased investment in public education, devoting countless hours to advocating for our State and Federal governments to provide more funding and resources for our public schools.

Kelly grew up in an immigrant family and was the first in her family to attend college; while earning her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley, she worked three jobs, over 50 hours a week, to pay her way through college and support her working family. After she graduated college, she returned to the Northeast San Fernando Valley to be a math and science teacher in LAUSD.

She also previously served as an education policy advisor in President Obama's administration, where she led initiatives to support English Learners, homeless students, immigrant students, and foster youth, among others. Kelly lives with her husband and two young children in North Hollywood.