

Fremont mayor announces bid for state senate seat

SUBMITTED BY MEI FOR SENATE CAMPAIGN

In a statement released June 1, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei announced her candidacy for California State Senate District 10 in the 2022 election. The seat is currently held by State Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) whose current term ends December 4, 2022.

Mei was first elected to the Fremont City Council in 2014 and became the city's first elected woman and Asian-American mayor in 2016. She



already has endorsements for her Senate campaign from other elected officials including Congressman Ro Khanna who represents California's 17th district, which includes southern Alameda and northern Santa Clara counties.

"As Senator, I'll take my bold innovations and proven results in addressing our homeless crisis and creating jobs and affordable housing while maintaining safe and healthy schools to all Californians," Mei said.

Prior to joining Fremont government, Mei served two terms as a School Board

Trustee to the Fremont Unified School District. She also is a board member for Citizens for Better Community, board advisor to Music for Minors II, a former board member and lifetime member of the South Bay Chinese Service Club, and was active in organizations such as the Silicon Valley Leadership Group -- Minority Women Leadership Day/Education Summit and American Association of University Women.

Governor Draws first winners in Vax for the Win Giveaway



SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

On June 4, Governor Gavin Newsom selected the first 15 lucky Californians to be awarded \$50,000 for doing their part in getting vaccinated against COVID-19. The \$750,000 awarded in the randomized drawing is part of California's new \$116.5 million Vax for the Win program – the largest vaccine incentive program in the nation – which includes \$50 incentive cards to newly vaccinated residents and cash prize drawings for all who have received at least one dose. This historic program is designed to motivate Californians to get vaccinated leading up to the state's reopening on June 15th.

"California has made incredible progress in the fight against COVID-19, with the lowest case rates in the entire country and millions more vaccines administered than any other state. But we aren't stopping there, we're doing everything it takes to get Californians vaccinated as we approach June 15 to help us safely reopen and bring the state roaring back," said Governor Newsom.

More than 21 million Californians aged 12+ are at least partially vaccinated and automatically entered to win in the cash prize drawings. The second \$50,000 drawing will take place next Friday, June 11, when an additional 15 Californians will be selected. On June 15, when California safely reopens, 10 winners will be selected to receive \$1.5 million each – adding up to a total of \$15 million in cash prizes. On top of that, the 2 million newly-vaccinated Californians who get their dose since Vax for the Win launched will be eligible to receive \$50 prepaid and grocery cards.

Winners from the June 4th drawing live throughout the state in the following counties: Mendocino, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Alameda, San Diego, San Francisco, Orange, San Luis Obispo. They start being notified directly by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) within hours of the drawing and over the next four days by telephone, text, email or other contact information associated with the person's record in the state's vaccine registry. To protect their privacy, all winners will have the option to accept their cash prize while remaining anonymous or decline it altogether.

Winners must complete their vaccination in order to claim their prize. If someone under 18 wins, the cash will be put in a savings account for them until they turn 18. For more information about Vax for the Win, please visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/vax-for-the-win>.

Webinar series in support of AAPI community

SUBMITTED BY SANDHYA PADMANABHAN

Aram Sei is a volunteer driven non-profit organization with a vision to support grassroots charities worldwide. During Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage month, Aram Sei worked closely with community leaders to put together a series of webinars in support of the AAPI Community. The series will discuss challenges members of the AAPI community face, what we can do to help, and more.

The webinar on June 12 will focus on learnings from BLM, civil rights movement, laws and legislation on Affirmative Action and what is involved in a truly multicultural U.S. This panel will have the following speakers:

- Manjusha P. Kulkarni is the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), a coalition of over forty community-based organizations that serves and represents the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Los Angeles County. Manju also serves as a Lecturer in the Asian American Studies Department of UCLA.
- Supervisor Otto Lee, Santa Clara County District 3. Lee served on the Sunnyvale Planning Commission and was then elected to serve on the Sunnyvale City Council from 2003 to 2011, including one term as Mayor.
- Louis Chicoine, Chief Executive Officer Abode Services has helped the organization become the leading provider of housing and services to residents experiencing homelessness in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Napa counties.
- Beckie Masaki has worked in the field to end gender-based violence for over 30 years. She co- founded Asian Women's Shelter (AWS) in San Francisco, and served as the founding executive director for over twenty-one years. She is also a movement maker in the Move to End Violence (MEV).

The final session, scheduled for June 26, is designed as an interactive workshop for today's youth. It aims to increase awareness about AAPI issues among teens. The workshop will be led by Dr. Joanna Thompson, Director of Office for Multicultural Learning at Santa Clara University, with the help of three Aram Sei Youth volunteers. Dr. Thompson has helped create workshops at SCU that are a mix of information sharing, audience participation and a "Call to Action" at the end.

The sessions are free and intended for ages 12 and up. Go to <https://www.aramsei.org/fundraisers/asian-unity/> to sign up and Zlearn more.

AAPI Webinars
Saturday, Jun 12 & Saturday, Jun 26
3 p.m.
Register online
<https://www.aramsei.org/fundraisers/asian-unity/>

LIFE ElderCare resumes assisted rides

SUBMITTED BY DEEPA CHORDIYA

LIFE ElderCare is restarting its door-through-door assisted rides program for seniors in Alameda County. Funded in part by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), this program is for ambulatory people with disabilities or who are age 60+ and meet eligibility requirements. If sight, mobility, or health issues make it difficult to get to the doctor or go grocery shopping, LIFE ElderCare may be able to help.

Longtime client Mary Galvez, who is 95 years old, was excited to hear that assisted rides would be resuming soon. "I am glad to hear that LIFE will be able to take me to my appointments again," Galvez shared. "Their drivers are always so friendly and patient, and they make sure I'm able to get my errands done. It's really a wonderful program for seniors like me who need some help to get around."



Are you looking for a volunteer activity that not only gives joy, but is also joyful to do? LIFE ElderCare is looking for vaccinated volunteer drivers who are willing to provide seniors with a steady arm, visual guidance and support, and basic assistance at the destination. We also need volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels and visit with isolated seniors. To learn more, sign up for LIFE ElderCare services, or become a volunteer, call (510) 894-0370 or email info@LifeElderCare.org.

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