



**WEST LA DEMOCRATIC CLUB  
APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ENDORSEMENT  
AND CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**CAROLYN JIYOUNG PARK**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am a registered Democrat and that the statements in this document and those in any attachments are true and correct. If any part of this application or any information provided during the endorsement process is found to be false, it may be cause for an immediate revocation of any endorsement. I understand that my application is available to any WLADC member upon request.

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Signature of Candidate

Carolyn Jiyoung Park  
Print Full Name

May 3, 2022  
Date

Name of Candidate: Carolyn Jiyoung Park Name of Office Sought / District/Seat Number: Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 118

**Candidate Questionnaire**

**In order to focus on specific questions pertaining to the office you are seeking, please provide written answers to the questions below (please use a separate page if necessary):**

1. Statement of Viability – 250 words or less  
I want to diversify the bench and elect more attorneys who work directly with system-impacted people . I ran in the California Democratic Party ADEM elections in 2021. I was the top vote getter in Assembly District 51 (to be AD 52 soon) and served as the CDP Executive Board Member and Ex Officio LACDP Central Committee member representing the district until February 2022, when I resigned to run for this seat. I was also elected to be a Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board member in 2021. I have experience and success running for elected office. I am honored to be endorsed by over 40 organizations, elected officials, and community leaders.  
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2. What are your top issues?  
As a judicial candidate, I am prohibited from taking a position on issues that could come before the court. That said, I am running on a platform of bringing fairness, diversity and a common sense approach to the bench. All parties in a dispute deserve to be able to present their case and have the law applied fairly. “Justice for all” requires judges with diversity of thought. Currently, the majority of judges are former prosecutors or corporate lawyers, and male. I believe that needs to change.  
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3. How much do you expect your campaign to cost? How much money have you raised? How do you plan to fund the rest of your budget?  
I expect my campaign to cost about \$50,000. I have raised approximately \$23,000. I will continue to raise funds by doing daily call time. There are a few fundraisers being planned by supporters.  
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4. Who do you see as your main opponents in this election?

There are a total of six (6) candidates running for Judge of the Superior Court, Office No. 118. Of my five (5) opponents, I am not sure who is a main opponent. If I had to guess, it would be Georgia Huerta (a deputy district attorney endorsed by Jackie Lacey) or Klint McKay (an administrative law judge).

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5. What are the top three (3) items you expect to accomplish at the completion of your first term of office, if elected?  
As a judicial candidate, I am prohibited from taking a position on issues that could come before the court. That said, I am running on a platform of bringing fairness, diversity and a common sense approach to the bench. I would like to advocate for language justice. My website is the only judicial candidate website I know of that has Spanish and Korean language text.
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6. Please list your top five (5) individual and organizational endorsements.  
La Defensx, Working Families Party, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Councilmember Mike Bonin
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7. How long have you been a registered Democrat? Have you been registered as a member of another political party? If so, which party and why?  
I have been a registered Democrat for most of the time I have been registered to vote. I first registered to vote in 1992. I was registered as an independent for a few years in the 1990s/2000s without realizing that I was registered with the Independent Party. I believe I re-registered as a Democrat in 2012, and I have remained a Democrat since then.
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8. Please list any Democratic clubs and/or organizations with which you are a member, including the length of your membership and any leadership position you have held in each Democratic club and/or organization.  
I am a member of the Culver City Democratic Club and Silver Echo Feliz Democratic Club. I recently resigned as the CDP Executive Board Member and Ex Officio LACDP Central Committee member representing Assembly District 51 to run for this seat. Judicial candidates are prohibited from holding leadership positions in political parties.
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9. Please list any organizations with which you are a member, including the length of your membership and any leadership position you have held in each organization.  
I have been a Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, At-Large Governing Board Member since April 2021. I have been a member of the Progressive Neighborhood Council since May 2021, and a Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Liaison to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council since about July 2021. I have been a Sustainable Economies Legal Fellow since April 2021. I became a Just Transition Lawyering Institute initial cohort member in October 2021.
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10. Please feel free to include any other information you would like us to know about you.  
I am a daughter of Korean American immigrants and was born and raised in Los Angeles. I graduated from John Marshall High School, a public school in Los Angeles. I earned a B.A. at Tulane University in New Orleans, and a J.D. at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. During law school, I externed at the Disability Mediation Center at Loyola Law School. I also externed for Federal Magistrate Judge Stephen J. Hillman before passing the California Bar Exam in 2003. I was fortunate enough to have been educated at respected institutions. I have experience in administrative, civil and criminal law. I worked for over six years at a public sector union as a staff attorney litigating cases before the State Personnel Board, Public Employee Relations Board, Office of Administrative Hearings, and in civil court. I represented union members in arbitrations and in collective bargaining. I currently have a private general practice which handles civil rights, labor, tenant and social impact business matters.
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