



Arnel Noquez (SFSU 2022)

Ethnicity: Chinese and Jewish
Place of Birth: Boston, MA

Party Affiliation: Democratic
Highest Elected Position:
San Mateo City Council (2019-24)

Other Positions:
Mayor of San Mateo, CA (2023);
Vice-Chair of the San Mateo
Parks and Recreation Commission;
Founding member of the San
Mateo County Asian American
Pacific Islander Task Force;
San Mateo County API Caucus

Amourence "Amo" Lee
(b. unknown)

Amourence, aka Amo, grew up in a diverse family with five Chinese adopted sisters and an African American godmother. Her father is Chinese Hawaiian and her mother is Ashkenazi Jew. Amo's path to local politics began when she became president of the Home Association of North Central San Mateo. In 2023, she was the first APIA woman and Jew of color appointed by the San Mateo City Council as mayor. With her background in public policy and public health (a Master's from Columbia University), she focused on building strong and empowered communities through economic vibrancy, affordable house, strong infrastructure, and diversity inclusion policies. In 2022, she received the San Francisco Foundation's Koshland Civic Unity Award for her contributions to the North Central neighborhood of San Mateo.