



2011 Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in being considered for endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Brief answers are satisfactory.

Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review.

CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name: Ana Apodaca

Permanent Address: --

City, State, Zip: Newark, CA
94560

Office Sought: Mayor

District: Newark

Are you the incumbent? No

Campaign Website:
www.AnaApodacaforMayor.com

Campaign Email:
VoteApodaca@gmail.com

Campaign Phone:
510.506.0656

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a registered Democrat? Yes
(The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats)

Are you an APA Caucus member? No

Why are you seeking our endorsement? What does the APA Caucus endorsement mean to you?

I am seeking the endorsement of the APA caucus so Asian, Democratic voters understand that I am the best Mayoral candidate to represent them.

List any endorsements you have received.
Please refer to the attached full endorsement list.

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? Yes!

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words.

1. If elected, what are your top priorities during your term? What would you like to accomplish and how would you go about doing so? Please be specific.

My top priorities are public safety, re-building Newark's economy and improving city communications with residents.

First and foremost we must fund public safety. When a catastrophic decline in city revenue threatened Newark's ability to provide vital services I worked with Newark Firefighters to find the solution that maintained excellent fire services for residents and saved taxpayers \$2.7 million over five years. In addition, I led the voter-approved effort that restored funding for essential public safety services in Newark. I will continue to seek out-of-the-box solutions to fully-fund public safety.

To re-build Newark's economy I will bring additional manufacturing, and research and development to bring jobs and economic relief to our city. I will raise Newark's regional presence so CEO's and business owners recognize our city as an outstanding location for their firms and employees to reside. I will establish Business Attraction Forums and expand the city's relationship with the school district, Ohlone College, the ROP program and business owners to ensure a quality workforce of trained, local residents.

Newark needs to communicate better with residents. I will revamp our website so residents are notified of updates on issues important to them. Allowing residents to opt-in for updates on; recreational activities, council agendas, economic development – the areas which are important to them.

Currently, the city has two commissions—the planning commission and the senior advisory commission. If elected, I will create a youth commission and a parks and recreation commission allowing residents of all ages the opportunity to be involved in our city's future.

2. How have you in the past and how will you in the future use your position to expand the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Americans in public policy and politics?

As I have in the past, I will continue to be involved with Asian Pacific American organizations and community members. Attending events and meeting with organizations to listen to their needs to better understand their specific needs and concerns. As well as meeting with, mentoring and supporting various Asian Pacific Americans in their own political campaigns.

Additionally, while serving as Senator Liz Figueroa's District Director I managed the Senator's internship partnership with Citizens for Better Community. This was a wonderful opportunity to mentor high school students with an interest in politics and public policy.

3. What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific American interests in the following areas (and if you have not contributed in these areas, please discuss any area(s) in which you have made a contribution):

- Education

The biggest contribution I have made in this area is mentoring and exposing high school students to public policy and politics through the CBC internship program. IN addition I have contributed to the South Bay Chinese Club Scholarship program.

- Health Care

For two years I worked hard to ensure the Newark Health Center remained open and in Newark. The result of my efforts is an expanded health center; the center has nearly doubled in size and has added specialty care services, such as mammography as well as video interpreting for non-English speakers.

As Mayor I am committed to working with residents of all ethnicities not only to better our city but to improve our community and our lives. In regard to the issue of business development, and the Asian Pacific American community I believe people of all ethnicities can contribute to the rebuilding of Newark's economy.

Deadline for responses: 5 p.m. Sunday, October 9, 2011

Please e-mail your completed questionnaire to
cw.fong@comcast.net and phongla@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to seek our endorsement.

ANA APODACA FOR MAYOR **ENDORSEMENTS**

Alameda County Fire Association Local 55
Operating Engineers Local 3
Laborers Local 304
Alameda County Democratic Party
League of Conservation Voters
Alameda County Labor Council
Tri-City Democratic Club
Building Trades Council
Carpenters, Local 713
UAW, Region 5
Bay East Association of Realtors
South Alameda County Young Democrats

State Senator Ellen Corbett. District 10
Hon. Sheila Jordan, Superintendent, Alameda County of Education
Hon. Eileen MacDonald, Alameda County Office of Education Trustee
Hon. Vivien Larsen, Ohlone College Trustee
Hon. Greg Bonaccorsi, Ohlone College Trustee
Hon. Teresa Cox, Ohlone College Trustee
Hon. Tom Handley, Union Sanitary District
Hon. Paul Sethy, Alameda County Water District
Hon. Charlie Messinger, Newark School Board
Bernie Nillo, Newark Planning Commission
Aref Aziz, Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commissioner
Former Newark School Boardmember Andi Francis
Sen. Liz Figueroa (Retired)
Assemblymember Johan Klehs (retired)
Hon. Anu Natarajan, Fremont City Councilmember
Hon. Sue Chan, Fremont City Councilmember
Hon. Bill Quirk, Hayward City Councilmember

Hon. Mark Salinas, Hayward Councilmember and Kids Breakfast Club
Hon. Francisco Zermeño, Hayward City Council
Hon. Barbara Halliday, Hayward City Council
Hon. Olden Henson, Hayward City Council
Former Councilmember Carol Dutra- Vernaci, Union City
Former Councilmember Richard Valle, Union City
Hon. Jim Navarro, Union City Councilmember
Hon. Pat Gacoscos, Union City Councilmember
Hon. Emily Duncan, Union City Councilmember
Hon. Tim Sbranti, Mayor of Dublin
Hon. Nate Miley, Alameda County Supervisor
Hon. Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Supervisor
Barbara Aro-Valle, Former New Haven School Boardmember
Hon. Jim Prola, San Leandro Councilmember
Hon. Diane Prola, San Leandro School Boardmember
Hon. Jesus Armas, Hayward School Boardmember
Hon. Wil McGee, Hayward School Boardmember
Hon. Bryan Gebhardt, Fremont School Boardmember
Hon. Lara York, Fremont School Boardmember
Hon. Elsa Ortiz, AC Transit Boardmember
Sergio Santos
David Bowlby
Dan and Clara Apodaca
Mark Gonzalez
Chris and Lori Cabrales
Guillermo Nevarez
Joceyln Pagsolingan
Francisco and Nayeli Preciado
Moina Shaiq
Jean Ficklin
Lupe Suarez
Claudia Sladen
Chermain and Osmond Chung
Fran Swingle
Terry Roderick-Alderete

Alejandra Alejos-Carlos

Dr. Raj Salwan

Dr. Joseph Joly

Tim Jones

Bill Rausch

John Dutra

***Partial List