

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire South County

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APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County



PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY SEPT. 9, midnight. Please take time to review the questions before filling in the boxes since you cannot save the responses for later completion. Thank you for your interest in being considered for an endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members and the public to review.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Angela Andrews

City and zip code of residence.

Hayward 94545

What is your campaign website address?

angelaforhayward.com

What is your campaign email address?

angelaforhayward@gmail.com

What is the office that you are seeking? *

- City of San Leandro City Council
- City of San Leandro School Board
- City of Hayward City Council
- City of Hayward, Unified School District Trustee
- City of Fremont, Mayor
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 5
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 6
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 1
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 4
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 5
- City of Union City, Mayor
- City of Union City, City Council
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 1
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 2
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 3
- City of Newark, Mayor
- City of Newark, City Council
- City of Newark, School Board
- City of Newark, School Board, Short term
- Eden Healthcare District
- Washington Hospital Healthcare District
- Oro Loma Sanitarv District

Ohlone Community College

Alameda County Water District

AD 20, State Assembly Representative

AD 25, State Assembly Representative

Ohlone Community College, Area 2

Other:

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

How long have you been a registered Democrat? If less than 5 years, please explain your reason for becoming a Democrat.

2000

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Asian American community is not only the largest demographic in Alameda County but a population that supports Hayward. Immigrants need to feel supported especially during this time of xenophobia and COVID.

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assembly Member Bill Quirk, Mayor Barbara Halliday, South Alameda County Young Democrats, Hayward Area Democratic Club, <https://www.angelaforhayward.com/endorsements>

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

Yes

No

Maybe

How long have you lived in the district which you are seeking to represent?

4 years

Educational background: What schools have you attended, date graduated, major and degree(s) earned.

UCLA, BA Political Science and Sociology, 6/2000

USC Masters in Urban Planning 5/2005

Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

Capital Program Manager, West County Wastewater District 12/2019 - Present

Senior Project Manager, Pacific Charter School Development 5/2016-11/2019

Associate Director of Real Estate and Asset Management, Rocketship Education 11/2013-5/2016

What are the names of any community or nonprofit organizations with which you have been an active volunteer in the past 3-5 years.

Chair, Keep Hayward Clean and Green

Hayward Advisory Council, Downtown Streets Team

Vice-Chair, Hayward Planning Commission

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What differentiates you from your opponents for the elected office that you are seeking?

My volunteer experience and professional experience makes me well suited for City Council. As Vice Chair of Hayward Planning Commission I review projects to vote based on what is best for the community. I obtain input from residents and business owners to understand all sides of an issue. I also feel my time as Chair of Keep Hayward Clean and Green gave me the opportunity to get to know my community while improving it. I organized clean up efforts and public art projects to give back to my city.

2. Describe one issue for the district you want to represent for which you have provided leadership and about which you are passionate.

Being on the Hayward Advisory Council for Downtown Streets Team it provides me the opportunity to help our unhoused community in Hayward. Downtown Streets Team is a job reentry program that allows community members the opportunity to clean streets in exchange for gift cards, eventually pay, and home placement. Homelessness is a problem in not just in Hayward but throughout the Bay Area. As part of the council I help with drives to provide toiletries, fundraising, and social media.

3. What percentage of the district you [or intend to] represent are of APA heritage?

Hayward is at large and APA residents represents 25.4% of the community.

4. Please identify the three largest APA ethnicities in your district.

The 3 largest ethnicities are Filipino, Chinese, and Asian Indian descents.

5. Please identify the most at-risk APA community in your district and explain why.

I feel the most at-risk community of the APA community may be the Chinese community due to the xenophobia surrounding the coronavirus. I also understand human trafficking is a serious problem and continues to be present in the Bay Area including Hayward I know there have been cases impacting Chinese immigrants and most likely have impacted other APA ethnicities as well. I will need APA Caucus support these issues more in order for me to help address.

6. List the three top concerns of members of the APAs in your district.

I believe the top three concerns in Hayward is xenophobia due to the coronavirus, concerns surrounding immigration and the fear of deportation, and economic development as small businesses are suffering due to shelter in place.

7. During the COVID-19 pandemic, reports of anti-Asian verbal and physical attacks have arisen. If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed this? If you are a candidate how will you address this?

Hayward has a sign that there is no room for racism but it's not enough. We need to ensure that cultures are not just tolerated but also celebrated. I will support efforts to celebrate APA cultures within Hayward but also encourage residents to support APA businesses in Hayward.

8. Do you believe that Asian and Pacific Americans are adequately represented in local government? What can elected officials do to improve participation?

Although we have representation on Hayward City Council currently, we need representation of the Asian and Pacific Americans in diversity of opinion as this community is not a monolith. Although I am Black, I feel I understand many of the issues facing the APA community as my mother is an immigrant, my parents owned small businesses in the past, and the lack of representation in government. Elected officials can help with increasing diversity in see more representation on our boards, task forces, and commissions throughout the Bay Area which could lead to more opportunities in local government.

9. Please identify all Asian Pacific American candidates whom you have personally endorsed over the past 5 years including this election cycle. If there are none, please explain.

I have campaigned for Kamala Harris presidential candidacy.

10. If you were faced with a situation that involved an Asian Pacific American community, would you seek consultation with our Caucus as a resource?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please submit your responses by Sept. 9, 2020 midnight. Our South County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 20 from 1 to 3 pm on Zoom. Only those candidates submitting the questionnaire on time will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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