

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire East 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 *

Valerie Arkin

City and zip code of residence.

Pleasanton 94588

What is your campaign website address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- City of Dublin Mayor
- City of Dublin City Council
- City of Dublin, Unified School District Trustee, Area 1
- City of Dublin, Unified School District Trustee, Area 4
- City of Livermore, Mayor
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Livermore, Unified School District
- City of Pleasanton, Mayor
- City of Pleasanton, City Council
- City of Pleasanton, Unified School District Trustee
- AC Board of Supervisors, District 1
- AD 16, State Assembly Representative
- 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.

All of my life (registered since I was 18)

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I value your endorsement of my campaign as I appreciate the voices of diverse groups.

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, County Supervisor Nate Miley, Sierra Club, Tai-Valley Democratic Club, The Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County

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?

27 years

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

BS degree in Health Science, Cal State Northridge. MBA degree - Cal Lutheran University. 1985 and 1991 respectively.

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

Hively (non-profit In Pleasanton), Program Manager, 2 years. Livermore Valley JUSD, Office substitute, 1 year, Tai-Valley YMCA, Program Coordinator, 7 years.

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

I have worked for two (Hively and YMCA), others include the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City organization, Pleasanton Museum on Main

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

I am running a grassroots campaign and backed by the residents, not developers. I am the only one that has been elected to a position - current School Board Member in Pleasanton (and I've been elected 3 times, a total of 12 years in this role). I've been a Library Commissioner in Pleasanton for 8 years (terming out in 2014)

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

Transparency, Accountability, Oversight, and Communication - being responsive to the residents of Pleasanton

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

It is approx. 25 percent. Our School District (where I'm a current Board Member, is over 40 percent)

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

Chinese is by far the top. I don't have city data on the rest.

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

From a school board perspective, it's the Filipino community since we have had more issues with test scores with this group.

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

Having rigorous curriculum in the school district, advocate for non-discrimination of APAs.

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?

Those attacks are completely unacceptable and our community needs to stand up and say that. As a Council member, I would condemn those actions and take whatever action possible against those responsible and I would take steps to prevent it from happening again.

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

I think APA's need to get more involved in our city government and I will look to groups such as yours to encourage them to apply for committees, commissions, and task forces. I also make a point of reaching out to constituents on any subject, so I am responsive to community input, with all groups.

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.

Jamie Yee - Pleasanton School Board.

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 East County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 17 beginning at 6:30 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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