

# 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 \*

Mary Jo Carreon

City and zip code of residence.

Pleasanton, CA. 94588

What is your campaign website address?

maryjoforkids.org

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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.

38 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Pleasanton is made up of a diverse population and I want to represent everyone. Asians are 33% of Pleasanton's population and growing per the 2019 Census. As the fastest growing racial or ethnic group in the United States I want to represent them.

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

Nate Miley-Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
Alameda County Democratic Party

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?

I have lived in Pleasanton for 27 years.

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

UC Davis graduated in 1985 with a BA in communication

UC Davis graduated in 1986 with a teaching credential

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

I retired in June 2020 after working as a teacher for 33 years. I taught in Pleasanton Unified School District for 27 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 volunteer at East Bay Healing Center

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

I worked as a teacher for 33 years. I have experience working with all races and ethnicities and have been trained in teaching all cultures. I have spent years developing relationships and understanding different cultures.

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

I am passionate about keeping students and staff safe during Covid-19. I served on the PUSD Reopening of School Task Force this summer before I retired. We looked at various ways to keep students safe and how to safely open schools. I continue to research models for opening schools.

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

Pleasanton has 50% APA according to Kidsdata.org

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

Pleasanton has Chinese, Asian Indian and Korean as three largest APA ethnicities.

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

The most at-risk in my district is Chinese. The income inequality among this group is growing especially during Covid-19. The gap between the richest and poorest has nearly doubled.

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

First, there are Covid challenges of distance learning. There needs to be equal access for all students.  
Next we need culturally responsive teaching  
Last, the inequality gap is widening especially during Covid.

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?

As a teacher last year I had several Asian students who were bullied due to Covid 19. I took this as an opportunity to teach tolerance and anti-bullying to my class. As a board member I would support anti-bullying policies and training for our teachers and staff.

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

Currently, we do not have enough Asian and Pacific Americans representing us. Elected officials can recruit and encourage Asian and Pacific Americans to participate in local government as well as support local student body elections. In Pleasanton, we have one high school student who is a school board member. Board members need to encourage APA to apply for this.

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.

This is my first time running for political office and I have not been asked to endorse anyone yet.

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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