

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 *

Amanda Chagoya

City and zip code of residence.

Newark 94560

What is your campaign website address?

Www.amandachagoya.com

What is your campaign email address?

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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.

I officially registered as a democrat in 2018, I was registered as independent prior.

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

As a new comer and not a political insider, I want to share my views with as many groups as possible so voters know which candidate best matches their values and goals.

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

None so far.

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?

6 years.

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

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Salem State College, 2004

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

Ergobaby, associate director of product marketing 2014-present. Bébé au Lait, Marketing Manager, 2011-2014. Schwartz MSL, Marketing Manager, 2005-2011.

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

Bernie Sanders campaign, YesOn15 campaign, Mission Valley Swim Club, Birch Grove Intermediate School Site Council

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I have children who go to school in the district. The decisions that are made impact my family directly. Additionally, my opponent has stated he supports building a new school at a time when the district is currently considering closing schools to make up for budget deficits. I will not approach the decision about closing or building schools with a predetermined mindset. An independent council is currently putting together recommendations and I think it is too early to have made any definitive decisions as impacts have not yet been considered.

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

The decision about whether to close schools in order to “right size” the district is a major issue facing my district and will be one of the first issues voted on after the election. I’ve been vocal about the need for open and transparent communication from the district in previous board meetings as well as through email with current board members and the superintendent. If elected I will continue to press for completely transparent deliberations and decision-making.

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

I believe around 30%

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

Filipino, Chinese and Asian Indian

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

I believe the most at risk community in my district is the English language learner population as a whole. Virtual learning has impacted these students disproportionately, and we’ll need to ensure extra resources to get students back on track.

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

In terms of education, overall quality of education, STEAM curriculum opportunities and communication.

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?

Students must be taught from the beginning that all forms of bullying and harassment are wrong and will not be tolerated in Newark schools or the community as a whole. Anti-bullying and cultural sensitivity trainings should be part of the curriculum starting in Pre-K all the way through high school.

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

No- I think elected positions are not diverse enough and I think elected officials can help to change this by reaching out to communities, involving diverse communities in discussions and mentoring people of color to seek elected office.

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've personally endorsed Alex Lee for State Assembly.

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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