

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 *

Varsha Chauhan

City and zip code of residence.

Hayward, 94542

What is your campaign website address?

Under Development

What is your campaign email address?

Varanusha@yahoo.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.

Cant recall but since i started to vote

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

It will be an honor and privilege to get endorsement from the group

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

Alameda Democratic Club, Council member Sara Lamnin, Fremont Mayor, Eden township Board chair

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?

since 1997

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

CSUEB- Masters in Health Care Administration- 2020

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

CEO- Kindred, Chief of Health- State of Oregon, Executive Director- Alameda Health System

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

Family violence Law center board member

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

Fresh perspective with a first hand experience of health care in all dimensions with a background of being a doctor, a cancer survivor, a care giver, a foster mother, and a health care executive

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

Access to care for all including mental health

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

close to 35% (Alameda county 31.1%)

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

Filipino, Chinese, Asian Indian

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

Chinese- increase in numbers is not compatible with receiving basic services or needs being met- for example housing, jobs, and access to healthcare and education

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

Access to health care including mental health, access to education, access to housing

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?

Increase awareness among the community, make the issue as a burning platform- Asian lives matter, involve officials and governmental agencies to create forums, policies, and venues for safety of the Asian Pacific Americans

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

No, they are a minority. Elected officials need to help create equal opportunity venues for more leaders from APA to be able to join the local government. Also act as mentor to assist emerging youth leaders to join the 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.

Council member Aisha Wahab, Wilma Chan, Betty Yee,
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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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