

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 *

Richard D. Chennault

City and zip code of residence.

San Leandro, 94579

What is your campaign website address?

www.chennault.net

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 Sanitary 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.

Nearly 15 years if memory serves

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I am a father of mixed-race children (Chinese) and my wife and I are advocates for the asian community at the local school site level. Having the endorsement of the Caucus aligns with our commitment to support the community.

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

Evelyn Gonzales (SLUSD Board Member)
Lance Nishihira (New Haven School Board President)

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?

22 years

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

Attended CSU Hayward for undergraduate degree (did not graduate)

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

Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Life360, Inc.

Panasonic Avionics

GE Healthcare

Kaiser Permanente

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

John Muir Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization (president)

SLUSD LCAP (parent)

SLUSD CBOC (member)

James Madison Parent Teacher Organization (vice president)

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I am a father, veteran and involved parent with school age children who attend the district today. I am a technologist by profession and will bring forward my experience as both a technologist and a father to lead are district through distance learning and beyond.

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 bridging the understanding divide between parents and administration. I want to increase the use of technology as an outreach and engagement tool for our communities where empowerment is hampered because of language and cultural barriers.

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

Roughly 35%

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

Chinese, Vietnamese, Other

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

I believe any child may be at risk as long as there is a awareness barrier between families and the administration.

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

Access to resources, administration and information.

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?

Any anti-ethnic verbal and physical attacks should be taken seriously and addressed with systemic education and awareness raising.

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

No. Broader community outreach on platforms and communication mediums that are in use by the APAC community.

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.

None. I am not a politician and thus don't have endorsement record. I am father, veteran and community member. I endorse parents and families trying to make a difference.

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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