

# 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 \*

Teresa Cox

City and zip code of residence.

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What is your campaign website address?

[www.teresacox.org](http://www.teresacox.org)

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.

30 years .....

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

It would be an honor to have your endorsement because it will speak volumes to the Asian people of my district that this Caucus supports my candidacy and to recognize my long standing collaborative relationship with the Asian community over 20 years.

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

Assemblymember Kansen Chu  
Alameda County Board of Supervisor Wilma Chan  
Alameda County Board of Supervisor Scott Haggerty  
Fremont City Councilmember Jenny Kassan  
Newark Mayor Al Nagy  
Union City Mayor (fmr) Mark Green

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?

Over 30 years

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

Teresa became the first African-American woman in the United States to earn a degree in Nuclear Engineering when she graduated from Northwestern University. Soon after, she completed her MBA Degree from the University of Rochester's Simon Graduate School of Business Administration.

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

Senior Procurement Executive, County of Santa Clara overseeing \$5 billion budget of procuring goods & services.

Western Digital - IT Manager

SonicWall - Senior Procurement Manager

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

Ohlone College Foundation Board Member

Councilmember, US Dept of Commerce's California District Export Council appointed by Obama Administration and re-appointed with current Administration for small business initiatives, promote international business opportunities with the foreign government representatives, and international trade missions.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. same sorority as VP Nominee Kamala Harris and provide educational opportunities and college scholarships.

Western Area Leader for Legislative Affairs, Links, Inc., same organization as VP Nominee Kamala Harris to provide advocacy, legislative, services to youth, the Arts, International and Domestic Trends & Services, and provide over \$1 million dollars for philanthropic efforts and college scholarships in Bay Area.

Horner Middle School PTSA Officer, Horner Athletics as Team mom for girls basketball

Irvington Athletics Team Mom for boy's varsity volleyball

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

Only female candidate

Only elected candidate for the last 12 years by Fremont APA voters and working in the Fremont community for many years.

Experience matters with decade- long experience in managing Ohlone College to rise to be ranked 5th out of 115 California Community Colleges and top 7 nationally. Managing public entity during Covid-19 and Cal Fires and strong budget with accountability and transparency.

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

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

About 45%

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

25% Filipinos, 10% Chinese, 10% East Indians

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

Filipinos & Chinese are most at-risk APA community due to COVID-19 shutdown of many restaurants and now have to operate at a fraction of business before COVID-19.

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

Affordable housing, small businesses, and local job creation.

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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?

Zero tolerance for racism. Address racism/social injustices by making sure each ethnic group is represented at decision-making table and work together.

Promote, support, and pay tribute to multi-ethnic cultural celebrations and recognize the contributions of each group.

Teach tolerance and work together starting at our youth.

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

Yes well represented. Work together to improve APA participation.

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.

Sue Chan for Ohlone College Trustee, Raj Salwan for Fremont City Council, Gary Singh for Union City Council, and Congressman Ro Khanna.

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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