

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 *

Cheryl Davila

City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley, 94710

What is your campaign website address?

www.cheryldavila.vote

What is your campaign email address?

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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: City of Berkeley, City Council District 2

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.

Lifelong Democrat

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I believe civil justice and affinity organizations are extremely important in our democratic system due to their power to organize, create consensus, advocate for, and best communicate the needs of their communities. Because of the strength of this organizing power, as a City Councilmember I often rely on groups like APA to give input on community plans. Berkeley has a large Asian American demographic that needs to have collaborative allies (and ideally representation!) on the city level. Though I cannot be that direct representation, I can work to uplift Asian Americans within my commission appointments and through the legislation that I support while in office.

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

Berkeley Tenants Union
East Bay Working Families
John George Democratic Club
Our Revolution East Bay
SEIU 1021
West Berkeley Artisans & Industrial Companies (WEBAIC)
Ben Bartlett
Councilmember,
City of Berkeley
District 3

Kate Harrison
Councilmember,
City of Berkeley
District 4

Gus Newport
Former Mayor,
City of Berkeley

Carol Kennerly
Former Vice Mayor,
City of Berkeley

Ying Lee
Former Councilmember,
City of Berkeley

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?

39 years in our apartment, as renters, in District 2, married 33 years, our children, now adults went through Berkeley Unified School District.

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

Business Economics major, Dance minor, Mills College, 2013 with an academic award from Omicron Delta Epsilon (An International Honors Society in Economics)

African American Studies, Associates Degree, Nassau Community College 1976

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

Councilmember, City of Berkeley 2016- present, Staff Accountant/ Bookkeeper, various temporary positions, 2013-2016, Office Manager, Mills College Children's School 2002-2013

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

Infaith Council of Alameda County; Founder of Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force & RV/ Tiny Home Solutions to Homelessness Task Force both regional; Women's Drop In Center; First They Came For The Homeless; Consider the Homeless; Where do we Go?; Friends on Wheels; Friends of Sabeel North America; CAIR; Sunflower Alliance, 350 East Bay, 350 Bay Area, United Nations East Bay (Received UNA EB Global Citizen Award for climate leadership); Youth Spirit Artworks; Strawberry Creek Lodge; Mobilize Berkeley, Green the Church, Transition Berkeley and more...

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

This Black woman leadership has been effective, changed outcomes, am truly progressive, won't be bought or sold, while I listen & hears and act appropriately and accordingly without incident to find solutions that benefit all not just a few. I'm honest with integrity and ethics that will not be compromised, my political career is not in the equation, truthfulness, authenticity, ethical, accountable and principled all the time, everyday. I have perfect attendance on the Council, have authored and co-sponsored over 300 pieces of legislations, have made connections, built relationships and have changed lives, I listen, and act to benefit my constituents and the citizens at large. My accomplishments: Welcome to the City of Berkeley Ohlone Territory replaced city limits signs, Banned Flavored Tobacco & Tear Gas, Founder of 2 regional task forces, hold monthly office hours, the 3rd in the world -Climate Emergency Declaration and Fossil Free Resolution influencing 1772 governments around the world to follow suit and 102 cities in the USA with 25+ in the bay area. For the first time being an elected my record is outstanding, on the right side of policing from my first vote on the council in December 2016, ended BPD's participation in Urban Shield, the list is long...

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

District 2 is receiving the attention it deserves and has not had for prior to my leadership. The West Campus Pool is open all year round, now with a shower program and expanded shower program at Willard pool not in District 2. Approximately, 400 showers taken weekly with about 125 showers at the West Campus Pool in District 2. Sixth (6th) Street was paved, major accomplishment, sidewalk repairs, all four parks are in line or completed already capital improvements, including the Bay Trail in the Marina

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

20.3% approx in the COB

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

Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Filipino

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

Everyone is at risk in this economy, under this unrepresentative administration, anyone who slightly appears to be a POC is at risk. I'm currently most concerned for immigrants in the APA community because of the continued anti-immigrant sentiments, the economic burden of COVID-19, the high cost of housing, and the difficult to maneuver social systems that aren't always language and user-friendly.

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

Racism, affordable housing and immigration

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?

Sent the unrepresentative, #45 a letter requesting he stop using the racist term about the Corona virus. Submitted an item to the City Council, now at a policy committee, Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis, a Threat and Safety Issue in the City of Berkeley, asking to hold townhalls to start the conversations of the harms from racism and disparate treatment that we feel in our community.

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

Not diverse enough, encourage more APA to lead and overcome the stigmas.

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 endorsed Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto to be a Councilmember of the City of El Cerrito and Rigel Robinson for the Berkeley City Councilmember.

Additionally, I have the endorsements of Ying Lee, Berkeley's first Asian American representative on the City Council, Mariko Yamada (Former California State Assemblymember), Jane Kim (Former San Francisco Supervisor) and Ruscal Cayangyang, Former Vallejo School Boardmember.

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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