

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 *

Carol Dutra-Vernaci

City and zip code of residence.

Union City, 94587

What is your campaign website address?

www.carol4mayor.com

What is your campaign email address?

carol@dutravernaci.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.

48 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

at least I think I paid my dues question above. This question answer is that Union City is about 54% Asian. I value this endorsement.

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

see my website but the top 5 would be Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assemblymember Bill Quirk, Supervisor Richard Valle, County Assessor Phong La, SEIU Local 1021

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?

66 years (on Sept 19) I am 3rd generation

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

James Logan High 1972, Chabot Jr College, 1974 AA, Cal State University, Hayward, 1976 BA Pshchology , Cal State University, Hayward 1993 Certificate in Taxation

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

City of Union City, Mayor 8 years City of Union City, Councilmember 13 years, Self Employed Carol J. Vernaci, EA 34 years

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

New Haven Schools Foundation, Washington Hospital Foundation, Lions Club of Union City, Union City Chamber of Commerce, Centro De Servicios

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I worked my way up from the bottom. I was appointed to the original Redevelopment Advisory Committee in 1988 , and then served concurrently as a Planning Commissioner from 93 to 97, being self employed I have been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for 34 years and was President in 96/97 , I was a councilmember for 13 years, CERT coordinator for 2 years I have no interest in running for higher office. Both of my challengers have already run for Assembly, the Democrat after serving one year on the school board, the Republican with no elected official experience.

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

The Dumbarton Corridor specifically Dumbarton Rail. I am known region wide as a passionate advocate.

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

At least 54%

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

Filipino, Indian, and Chinese

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

From my visual observation , I would say Chinese. They are the largest group I see in line when I volunteer at the food distribution site on Tuesdays. If they are lining up for food that may mean that they are short on money to pay other living expenses.

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

I would say during the pandemic food insecurity. Also covid related would be housing. Last would be getting kids back to school safely.

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?

I know that these attacks were happening outside of Union City. I don't recall having heard of any in town. As a result we have not had to address this. However, if we did, I think it would be a matter of education and physical attacks would be more problematic as jails were not being used.

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

Speaking for Union City Yes, when I appoint people to commissions I pay attention to ethnicity to be sure we have representation from as many different groups as possible. We do need to get more involved, that is always a good thing.

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, Lily Mei, Anu Natarajan, Pat Gacoscos, Sharan Kaur, Sarabjit Cheema, Margaret Fujioka, Harpal Mann

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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