

# 2020 Endorsement Questionnaire

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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 \*

DAN KALB

City and zip code of residence.

Oakland, 94618

What is your campaign website address?

[www.dankalb.net](http://www.dankalb.net)

What is your campaign email address?

[Janine@dankalb.net](mailto:Janine@dankalb.net)

What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- Alameda City Council
- Alameda School Board
- Berkeley, Mayor
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 2
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 3
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist.5
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 6
- Berkeley, Unified School District Trustee
- Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 1
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 3
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 5
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 7
- Oakland, City Council, At-large
- Oakland City Attorney
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 1
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 3
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 5
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 7
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 1
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 2
- AC Transit Bd. of Directors, At-Large
- EB Regional Park Dist. Bd. of Directors. Ward 1

Regional Council, Bd. of Directors, Area 1

AD 15, State Assembly Representative

AD 18, State Assembly Representative

Peralta Community College District, Bd. of Director, 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.

42 years .....

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Respect for and appreciation of the diversity of Asian American communities and for the good work of the local Democratic Party.

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

Betty Yee, Rob Bonta, Libby Schaaf, Fiona Ma, Oakland Firefighters Local 55  
[www.dankalb.net/endorsements](http://www.dankalb.net/endorsements) (including CA Nurses Assoc.)

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?

15-1/2 years

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

University of San Francisco - Master of Public Administration\Nonprofit Organization Management, 1988

University of California, Berkeley - Baccalaureate of Science\Conservation of Natural Resources, 1982

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

Oakland City Councilmember (since Jan. 2013)

Union of Concerned Scientists, CA Policy Director (9 years)

Sierra Club, Chapter Director (3 years)

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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.

Rebuilding Together Oakland

Oakland Public Education Fund (readings to elementary school students)

Jewish Community Relations Council

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

Prior to my election in 2012, I had more than 20 years of hands-on policy-making experience, as well as substantial experience with large, institutional public sector budgets. Now, I have nearly 30 years of policy-making experience and of course substantial experience with Oakland's city budget.

I have a proven record of accomplishments -- including legislative policies and budget items that address affordable housing, anti-displacement, climate justice, public safety, wildfire prevention, partnerships with OUSD, and much more.

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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.

Housing Affordability: I have been a passionate advocate for more affordable housing. We have D-1 projects under construction or in the pipeline that I helped make happen. I have also been a steadfast advocate to reduce the displacement of our renters. I was a co-author of the emergency eviction moratorium this year and have a long record of promoting protections for our renters in Oakland.  
Proud to be named an Affordable Housing Champion this year by EBHO.

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

Approximately 11.5% (new Census will provide updated numbers)

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

Chinese American, Japanese American, Vietnamese American

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

Difficult to answer. Depends on if we're talking about being subjected to hate speech and abuse, or if we're talking about economic security and poverty.

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

Crime Reduction  
Housing Affordability  
Business & Jobs Recovery

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?

The guy in the White House has repeatedly incited hate--including during this serious pandemic. Oakland and all of the East Bay must come together to push back against any and all hate targeted to our Asian American residents--including any hate stemming from the Trump purposeful mis-statements. I have and will continue to call out any hate speech or worse against our neighbors. Tolerance of hate leads to more hate.

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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?

Oakland has two Asian American City Councilmembers and one Asian American School Board director. One of our County Supervisors and one of our state legislators are Asian American, as is our County Assessor. Our State Controller and State Treasurer are also Asian American.

Is this 'adequate'? I would say not.

It is critically important that Asian and Pacific Americans be appointed to city and council boards and commissions. It is also important that our City of Oakland workforce mirror the city's overall population. This requires additional outreach including recruitment from within our Asian and Pacific American communities.

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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.

Betty Yee, John Chiang, Fiona Ma, Jean Quan, Aimee Eng, Gary Yee, Wilma Chan, Phil Ting, Phong La

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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 North County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 24 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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