

# 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 \*

Sharan Kaur

City and zip code of residence.

94587

What is your campaign website address?

[www.sharantkaur.com](http://www.sharantkaur.com)

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 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.

For over 2 decades! .....

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

As an Asian American women it's important to represent and also have the support of Asian organization to boost confidence and morale.

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

Full list is on [www.sharantkaur.com](http://www.sharantkaur.com)

Senator Bob Wieckowski

Assemblymember Bill Quirk

County Assessor Phong La

Former CA State Superintendent Delaine Eastin

Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

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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?

I've lived in Union City for 25 years and in my current district for over 8 years

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

UC Santa Cruz, 2005 – Bioinformatics  
Devry University - Technical Management

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

- State Assembly Office , field representative - 9 months
- Cisco , Program Management - 4 years
- Kaiser Permanente - 9 months

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

Sahaita Org - (International health and education non-profit) - I have been an active member for over 8 years.

Team Union City - A group of community leaders who have come together to provide free food and meals to seniors and families in need since shelter in place (March). We are still going strong and plan continue until end of the year.

Impact Club - member of Union City chapter - member for one 2 years

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I have seeking re-election for second term. I have 4 years of experience under my belt. I'm very involved in my community.

My opponent moved back to his hometown after being away for 18 years. He has no real platform at least nothing that I can find online.

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

I'm passionate about providing STEM exposure for students from young age, particularly girls and students from disadvantaged socioeconomic background. I have brought to the District it's very first mother daughter STEM discovery day which had been a fixture in the neighboring districts. We also offered 40 full time scholarship to elementary girls.

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

Over 40% of the population is Asian

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

Filipino, Chinese, Indian

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

NA

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

Rigorous academics; APA's voice in various commissions and elected offices; community wanted mandarin dual language program which we implemented last year.

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 did not personally hear or experienced anti-Asian verbal and physical attacks but certainly know elected officials who have. I support BLM but always speak out against anti-Asian attacks which were prominent shortly after the death of George Floyd.

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

I do not believe Asians and Pacific Americans have adequate representation in local or national government. I believe APA elected officials as local organizations need to mentor and support new and qualified candidates.

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.

Councilmember Jim Navarro  
Councilmember Pat Gacoscos  
Councilmember Gary Singh  
Councilmember Teresa Keng  
Councilmember Raj Salwan  
School Board Trustee Sarabjit Cheema  
School Board Trustee Linda Canlas  
School Board Trustee Lance Nishihira



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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