

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 *

Brittni Kiick

City and zip code of residence.

94550

What is your campaign website address?

www.brittnikiick.com

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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:

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.

Since I was 18

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Looking to create deeper relationships with the APA community in Livermore. As a recently elected AD16 Democratic Central Committee Member, I know there are multiple important caucuses I will need to get to know better to make sure that I am addressing all issues intersectionally.

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

National Organization of Women, Livermore City Council Member Trish Munro, Dublin City Council Member Shawn Kumagai,

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?

5 years

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

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
B.S. Psychology, 2012

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

Business Owner, Brittni Kiick Photography, 4 Years, 2016-Now
AmeriCorps Fellow, Citizen Schools, 2 Years, 2012-2014
AmeriCorps Fellow, Cal Poly Pride Center, 1 Year 2011 - 2012

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

Director of Community Engagement & Education, Livermore Pride 2019-Now
Lead Organizer, March for Science Livermore, 2017

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

My main priorities are increasing access and education to the public about how local government works. I honestly don't know much about my opponent who has refused any requests to communicate. I am all about transparency and teamwork to ensure everyone gets a seat at the table.

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

Equity & Inclusion. I have acted as a mentor for youth activists in the BLM movement, connecting them with current elected leaders, city management, and police to make sure they can navigate democratic systems of change. With their input, our city then created an Equity & Inclusion Subcommittee and Working Group. I also helped to start Livermore Pride, the first-ever LGBTQ non-profit in the Tri-Valley.

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

Between 10-12% depending on sources. We do not have district specific statistics at this time.

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

Filipino, Asian Indian, Chinese

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

I cannot speak to that specifically in Livermore without more data and information from groups like yours.

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

I cannot speak to that properly without input from a larger sample of the community, however, anecdotally, I have noticed that many of our talented community organizers are APA, are doing great work, but are then not given a seat at the table officially, or even properly recognized for their community service.

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?

As a non-profit volunteer, I discussed and addressed this with Livermore Pride. I coordinated an informational campaign via IG to educate our following about the anti-Asian attacks and gave tools and strategies to people to ensure they could be and active ally in various situations. As a bisexual woman who has worked in LGBTQ liberation work for years, I understand that the fight for equity and justice is intersectional.

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

No. We have very little representation in elected positions, but many influential organizers in our community are of APA decent. This is frustrating, because the people doing incredible work on the ground are not given the opportunity to actually get an official seat the table. Our current representation is mostly white, middle class, and retired. This is something that can be addressed with increased education on how to become a part of community leadership and by working on addressing some of the systemic inequities within our local government systems.

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.

Shawn Kumagai, Dublin City Council 2018
Kristie Wang, School Board Livermore 2020
Sabina Zafar, San Ramon

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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