

# 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 \*

Zarina Kiziloglu

City and zip code of residence.

94566

What is your campaign website address?

[www.zarina4pleasanton.com](http://www.zarina4pleasanton.com)

What is your campaign email address?

[zarina4pleasanton2020@gmail.com](mailto:zarina4pleasanton2020@gmail.com)

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.

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Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

yes  
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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).

None as of today. I am still interviewing.  
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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?

6 years

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

UCSB- BS in Biology 1996  
CSU East Bay- MPA 2020

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

UCSB, UCLA and SFUS

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

Pleasanton Housing Commissioner  
Tri-Valley Anti-Poverty Collaborative- Steering and Housing Committee  
Muslim Community Center- East Bay

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

I have volunteered extensively and I know the issues affecting our community.

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

Affordable housing for essential workers. Rezoning to make homes affordable for new college graduates.

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

About 17% of the general voters about 6,700 voters out of 46K

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

Chinese, Koreans and Vietnamese

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

Indonesians are not represented in the APA groups.

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

APAs are concern about colonialism and want to restore their heritage, language and culture. In my district like anywhere else, they want to be acknowledged and accepted for who they are today. APAs want to have cultural and educational events for communities to bring awareness and restore dignity for their people.

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?

Partner with other community members who have been targeted, demonized, vilified through media and continue to be marginalized because of their faith, the Muslims. Partnership will help heal and prevent further ostracizing for both groups.

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

It is a relative comparison. Compare to the white and Latinos no. Compare to Muslims, APAs are in much better position.

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 did not observe an Asian Pacific American candidate in local elections.

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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