

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 *

Alex Lee

City and zip code of residence.

San Jose 95133

What is your campaign website address?

www.votealexlee.com

What is your campaign email address?

ca.alex.lee@gmail.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.

7 years (since I have been 18 and eligible to vote)

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

As a API Democrat seeking to representing one of the only plurality API districts in the Assembly, I would be honored to received your endorsement.

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

Congressman Ro Khanna
State Senator Bob Wieckowski
State Assemblymember Kansen Chu
CA Democratic Party
API Legislative Caucus

(please see website for full list)

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?

25 years

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

UC Davis (2017) B.A.'s in Communications and Political Science

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

State Assembly - District Representative for Asm Evan Low (2019)

State Senate - Legislative Aid for Sen Henry Stern (2017-2019)

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

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

Bob Brunton (Republican), conservative businessman and former community college trustee. I am a progressive Democrat that won the primary despite being outspent 15 to 1

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

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

40%

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

Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino

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

Working class APA members, especially in the Vietnamese and Filipino community

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

Access to healthcare, housing affordability, and workers rights

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 candidate (and if I were an incumbent), it's important to use my platform to combat hate and misinformation with the truth. We must call out problematic behavior but also continue to tell the truth about the pandemic

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

No; there needs to be more culturally competent and direct outreach to members of the Asian community to be constant participatory members

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.

Lucy Shen for Fremont School Board + Aziz Akbari for Alameda County Water District + Tiffany Vuong for Milpitas City Council

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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