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 *

Carole Marasovic

City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley 94702

What is your campaign website address?

TBD

What is your campaign email address?

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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

○ 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.

All my life.

Are you an APA Caucus member?

○ Yes

● No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I would appreciate the endorsement because my candidacy, through APA's endorsement, would incorporate an important growing population in Berkeley/Alameda County whose needs merit being addressed.

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

All endorsements/people are important so that it is difficult to list the top five.
Berkeley Councilmember Susan Wengraf; 2. Jacquelyn McCormick; 3. Elliot Halpern, northern chapter of the ACLU; 4. Boona Cheema, former nonprofit, Executive Director; 5. Berkeley Democratic Club For many, also important, others: refer to candidate statement filed with Berkeley City Clerk.

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?

18 years

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

J.D., John Marshall Law School, 1983; M.S., community mental health, Northern Illinois University, 1975; B.A.,political science, Northern Illinois University, 1973

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

City of Berkeley, over eleven years on City advisory commissions, Chair, Homeless Commission (Chair, six terms); Mental Health Commission (Chair, 2 terms, Vice-Chair, 3 terms); Mental Health Services Act Advisory Committee, Commission on Labor/ Independent contractor/attorney/legal representative(about 3 years)included acting as co-counsel in federal court representing plaintiffs in police misconduct litigation, research in environmental litigation/representing complainants in front of citizens' police review board/ Attorney, California Center for Law and the Deaf (2 years).

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

Table host, Loaves and Fishes monthly dinner for the homeless and low-income people (have been volunteering regularly for about 15 years); Alameda County Attorneys for Children Holiday Toy Drive, volunteered for 3-4 years.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I have experience representing persons challenging discrimination which they have faced. I am open to differing viewpoints and easily communicate with a variety of people of different cultures and socio-economic backgrounds as well as persons with a range of disabilities. I work to move away from polarization to consensus.

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

Increasing access to housing/challenging discrimination. On the Homeless Commission, I have initiated multiple housing proposals including developing a mechanism to enforce the local source of income discrimination ordinance in housing.

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

About 20%.

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

Chinese, South Asian, Koreans

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

Immigrants because of existing biases and emerging biases that are spreading fear, mistrust and hatred, causing divisiveness; changing legal regulations that threaten stability.

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

1. Immigration issues; 2. Discrimination; and 3. Housing and education affordability.

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 am not an incumbent. On a personal level, I have encountered people who made xenophobic remarks against Asians and have stood up against those comments and prejudices. As a candidate/prospective office-holder, I will always stand up against any form of discrimination. I will take a position, whether as an office-holder or in my personal capacity, to not only make a symbolic declaration but to explore a means of documenting these incidents, insuring that they are properly addressed and explore means to prevent these incidents from reoccurring. I will also seek that the City provide community education and culturally competent mental health resources to provide support for survivors of racist attacks and xenophobic biases.

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

There are two members of the Berkeley City Council that are Asian. There are Council aides that are Asian. There are also several Asian City employees. There is an Asian Rent Board member. It is important to have an inclusive environment to improve participation.

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.

None. However, were the current Rent Board member, who is Asian, up for reelection, I would have no hesitation endorsing him and have collaborated with him on community issues. Currently, I am focusing on my own candidacy.

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.