

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 *

Lily Mei

City and zip code of residence.

Fremont, 94539

What is your campaign website address?

<https://lilymei.org/>

What is your campaign email address?

lily@lilymei.org

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 Sanitary 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.

I was excited to support the party which stands for greater representation and minorities. Although it is a nonpartisan position, I have long voted and contributed to the Democratic candidates and causes.
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Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Yes, since I am proud to be both a member and our city's first ever woman/minority and first API mayor.

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

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Alameda County Building Trades, Fremont Firefighters Local 1689, Congressman Ro Khanna, Assembly member Bill Quirk, Alameda County Tax Assessor Phong La

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?

26 years

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

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Drexel University, 1992

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

City of Fremont, Mayor, -prior Council member; Fremont Unified School District, Board President; 3Com Corporation, Worldwide Sales Operations Controller

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

National League of Cities, Asian Pacific Municipal Officials (APAMO) President; and National League of Cities - President of Mayors Task Force of Education. United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Advisory Board; Citizen for Better Community, Board Member ; Driver for Survivors, Advisory Board Member; Music for Minors II - Advisory Board Member; AAUW - American Association of University Women Member; Lifetime Girl Scout; South Bay Chinese Club, Board Member

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I am the only experienced candidate for this office having served on the school board, city council and mayor. I have the endorsement of every city council member, 4 members of the Alameda County Supervisors, my congressman Ro Khanna and Assembly Member Bill Quirk; I have represented by city and school district on national, state and local level.

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

COVID - first Alameda county elected official to educate and alert in the creation of fact sheets alerting county residents; raised funds, opened 2nd FREE COVID testing facility in Alameda County which transitioned to city wide mobile testing; collected and distributed over 100k face masks and 15k cloth face coverings to public safety, healthcare, skilled nursing facilities, and the public; distributed 10k boxes of food and fresh produce over 2 months.

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

Fremont is a majority Asian city and 3rd largest city in Asian percentage in population

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

Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Afghans

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

Pacific Islander , census data suggests that they are the most economically disadvantaged

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

Racial bias/hate crimes; language and representation barriers; access to health and social services

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 the incumbent, I have addressed this in providing hate crime policy and awareness campaign efforts in partnership with the Alameda County DA office; Featured speaker in a seminar with National League of Cities on COVID-19 and Racial Disparities; Hosted a media press conference with national Chinese media outlets (KTSF, World Journal, Sing Tao, U-Channel) on discrimination with Chinese restaurants and businesses during COVID

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

No, I believe we need to build a stronger pipeline. Hence why I have run for Mayor to become the first Asian and first woman Mayor in Fremont history to break the bamboo ceiling and the 3rd elected Asian Woman in US History.

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.

Betty Yee, John Chiang, Fiona Ma, Evan Low, Raj Salwan, Sue Chan, Steve Cho, Ivy Wu, Pat Gacoscos, Gabe Quinto, Sabina Zafar, Otto Lee, Kansen Chu, Grace Mah, Jay Chen, Polly Low, Benny Lee, Stephen Sham, Ken Chew

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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