

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 *

Richard E "Rick" Norris

City and zip code of residence.

Fremont, 94538

What is your campaign website address?

<https://richardenorris53.wixsite.com/norrisforohlone>

What is your campaign email address?

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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

- ...
- 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.

49 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I believe that I am the best (or second-best to Sharma) qualified candidate.

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

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, John H Weed (Ohlone Trustee Emeritus), TonyT (of Ivy Boost)

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?

7 years, this time 2 years previously

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

University of California at Berkeley, Doctor of Engineering 1991, Civil Engineering
University of California at Berkeley, Master of Science, Civil Engineering 1987
Washington State University, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering 1982

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

Norris Consulting Services (Self-Employed), Principal, 18 years
CMA Consulting, Forensic Investigator, 1 year
TrendTec - assigned to Fluor Global Systems, Project Manager, 1 year

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?

Education and varied experience, focused on higher education

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

Coordination with the community to support the area High Schools.

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

at least 50%

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

Chinese, Afghan, Indian/South Asian

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

Afghan - A wide variety of economic backgrounds, including many who are struggling small business owners. The pandemic has hit many small business owners hard.

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

College preparation for high school seniors and juniors.

Instilling the desire for students to pursue higher education and the belief that it is possible in the grade- and middle-school students.

Student financial aid.

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 will support the Ohlone President, Dr. Bishop, in his outreach efforts and statements on the issue. I will also coordinate my efforts with those of Mayor Mei and other community leaders of APA heritage.

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

APA are represented broadly in local government. More representation is desirable, when qualified candidates volunteer to run for office. Development of community business leaders of APA heritage into qualified candidates is desirable and those in office can meet with potential candidates and encourage them to run, and support them in their candidacy.

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.

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei

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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