

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 *

Sara Prada

City and zip code of residence.

94541

What is your campaign website address?

votemrsprada.com

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

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.

My whole voting life, so about 20 years.

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I want to connect with our Asian community in Hayward. I feel like they are often over looked in our local politics. I tried to reach out to the Asian parents when I found that not only where Black students being racially bullied, but Asian students were also suffering from the same thing. I want to make sure every student in Hayward is heard, and is able to thrive in a save and inclusive environment.

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

Congressman Swalwell, Nate Miley, Aisha Wahab, Trustee Dr. Oquenda, and Board of Education District 5 Janevette Cole. votemrsprada.com

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?

I have lived here for 10 years.

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

BA from San Francisco State University in Photojournalism . University of Michigan EX current graduate student in Leading Ambitious Teaching and Learning. Graduate from Emerge CA. Graduate from Hayward Promise Neighborhood Community Leadership Initiative program from CSUEB.

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

Sara Marie Photography 2005-present owner. Lifetouch Photography 2006-08 staff photographer. The Hill Newspaper 2004-2005 contract photographer

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

Hayward Promise Neighborhood, African American Student Achievement Initiative, American Black Beauty Doll Association

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I want to make sure all of our students have a safe and inclusive school environment to thrive in. This mean we need to listen to parents, educators, and students when we create policies that will affect their education. My opponents have their own agendas, and often times that does not include input from the community, or consideration on how this will impact the students. I am a parent, an education advocate, and I intend on bringing the change we need to this district so that all of our students have a chance.

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

Bringing ethnic studies for K-12 children is important to give them pride and help them learn about other cultures. I have worked with the African American Student Achievement Initiative for 7 years in Hayward, bringing educational programs to schools, and volunteered across the district.

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

22% of Hayward residents are of APA ancestry and I intend to make their voices heard.

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

The top 3 in Hayward are Filipino, Chinese, and Indian.

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

With the current political climate, I am most concerned about our Chinese community, though discrimination is also affecting others.

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

Quality of education and not meeting standards, lack of translation into languages beyond Spanish, and limited opportunities for recruitment into higher education.

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?

My campaign manager is a political scientist in Hayward who specializes in Asian communities. We work together on a plan to address discrimination, and it's one of the reasons I push for ethnic studies--so that the communities can better understand one another starting in the classroom and extending to parent events.

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

Absolutely not. Elected officials barely visit Asian community groups and are rarely in elected office. One of my key endorsers is one of the only officials in Hayward, and we regularly discuss ways to improve participation, starting with listening to parents and getting their input into board and city council decisions.

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 have endorsed Aisha Wahab, who also now endorses me. We haven't had many candidates recently, and I entered the race not as a career politician, but as a concerned parent. So I haven't been solicited for endorsements until recently.

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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