

# 2020 Endorsement Questionnaire East 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 \*

Kashef Qaadri

City and zip code of residence.

Dublin 94568

What is your campaign website address?

kashef4dublin.com

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- City of Dublin Mayor
- City of Dublin City Council
- City of Dublin, Unified School District Trustee, Area 1
- City of Dublin, Unified School District Trustee, Area 4
- City of Livermore, Mayor
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Livermore, Unified School District
- City of Pleasanton, Mayor
- City of Pleasanton, City Council
- City of Pleasanton, Unified School District Trustee
- AC Board of Supervisors, District 1
- AD 16, State Assembly Representative
- 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.

About 24 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

This endorsement will bolster my position as a candidate. I would use the platform to promote and represent the diversity of Dublin.

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

Waiting on: Sierra Club, Firefighters Association, East Bay Realtors, Tri-Valley Democrats, and Alameda County Democrats.

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?

About 3 years.

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

Howard University, BS Microbiology 1999, Temple University 2001, Masters in Public Health, and Northeastern University, Health Policy Administration.

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

Bio-Rad Laboratories, Cloud Strategy, 2+ years, One Codex, VP of Marketing, 2+ years, and Benchling VP, Sales, <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.

Teens in Health, Volunteer/Mentor, Alameda County, CA, May 2020 - present

Youth Mentor, Committee Lead/Organizer, Muslim Community Center, Plesanton, CA, September 2019 - present

Foodbank (Pantry) Volunteer, Islamic Center of Fremont, Fremont, CA, June 2019 - present

Adopt A Highway, Volunteer, Muslim Community Center, Plesanton, CA, March 2019 - present

Language Instructor, Volunteer, Muslim Community Center, Plesanton, CA, September 2018 - present

Parent-Faculty Club (PFC), Committee Lead/Volunteer, Amador Elementary School, Dublin, CA, August 2018 - present

Science Ambassador (STEM Program for elementary, middle, and highschool students), Hercules, CA, July 2018 - present

Non-denominational Prison Chaplain, Volunteer, Santa Cruz Main Jail, Santa Cruz, CA, March 2010 - April 2015

Non-denominational Hospital Chaplain, Volunteer, Washington Hospital, Fremont, CA, July 2008 - September 2016

Community (Free) Health Clinic, Board Member, Muslim Community Association, Santa Clara, CA, July 2008 - July 2015

Homeowners Association (HOA), Board Member/Officer, Rosewood of Fremont, Fremont, CA, January 2008 - August 2018

Interfaith Health Fair Committee, Organizer, Congregation Shir Hadash, Los Gatos, CA February 2007 - present

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

My combination and commitment of over 15 years of community work in the Bay Area and operational management (fiscal responsibility, partnerships, and connecting with customers (VOC) uniquely suited to address this challenge.

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

We need to work towards a city that is sustainable economically and environmentally. We also need to provide a center of activity for the city, within our existing urban footprint; promoting more active and sustainable lifestyles.

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

In Dublin at least 36.6% of residents are of APA heritage.

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

The three largest APA ethnicities are Chinese, Indian, and Filipino

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

Currently the most at-risk APA community in Dublin would be Indians, who have an extremely high risk for diabetes and other cardiovascular disease. As a city with a significant population of Indians, we need to expand services and resources that cover all aspects of health and wellness, including education.

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

1. Racism, unfortunately, continues to be an issue 2. Lack of healthcare access and health education and 3. Lack of specific ethnic programs and resources, particularly for seniors.

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?

Absolutely, I have seen this and our current president is not helping the situation. Fundamentally, there is a lack of communication within Dublin, which needs to be addressed. There has been limited communication regarding the issue of racism in the context of the pandemic. Furthermore, this communication should provide scientific facts and not propagate hate based on myths and fabrications.

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

No, currently there are 2 city council members of APA heritage. Based on our current population, there should be more diversity and representation, particularly of APA heritage.

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 Ro Khanna, Lily Mei, Raj Salwan, Aziz Akbari, and others while living in Fremont. Previously supported Arun Goel and Shawn Kumagai in Dublin.

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 East County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 17 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.

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