

# 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 \*

Samir Qureshi

City and zip code of residence.

Dublin 94568

What is your campaign website address?

www.samirfordublin.com

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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.

20+ years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Being an Asian Pacific American is great pride and to get Caucus endorsement would be a great accomplishment on showing the strength of Asian Pacific American in the Alameda County

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

Shawn Kumagai (<https://www.shawn-kumagai.com/>), Tri-Valley Democratic Club (<https://www.trivalleydems.com/>), Building and Construction Trades Council (<https://www.btcameda.org/>), East Bay Association of REALTORS (<https://bayeast.org/>), Tim Sbranti (Former Dublin Mayor),

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?

9 years

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

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ (1992 B.S. Accounting), Pace University, New York, NY (1998-2000, completed courses towards MBA)

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

Seagate Technology (VP Global Sales Operations and Account Management, Jan 2020-present), PayPal (Head Global Sales Operations, May 2019-Dec 2020), SoFi (VP Sales, 2017-2018)

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

San Ramon Valley Islamic Center

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

Experience being in many appointed commissions. Experience managing large financial budgets and helping my company dealing with the current pandemic crisis. Proven record of working and collaborating with other functions to deliver results.

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

Transforming our City - We have gone through high growth as a city and now it's time for us to think differently to transform ourselves for a sustainable long term future. I have been through a few corporate transformations which I believe will be relevant to this role.

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

36.6%

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

Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino

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

Although Dublin is a generally affluent community, certainly groups in which the household income is lower than city averages are more at-risk. Among the APA community in the district, the Korean sub-group in our city is at increased risk. Additionally, those newly immigrated, or that do not speak English have more difficulty.

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

Equitable representation within city government, outreach and communication directly with the APA community, access to city resources and assistance

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 would focus on putting more education series about the pandemic crisis and educating people on how it started and how we can tackle it as community and not attack our community members.

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

Asian and Pacific Americans are not represented well in our communities. We need to get more people involved in the process. This is why I am running so I can encourage the younger generation to participate so they can help shape the future.

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.

Shawn Kumagai (Council Member Dublin), Sabina Zafar (San Ramon Vice Mayor), Rameet Kohli (former Planning Commission)

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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