

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire

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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 *

Susan Wengraf

City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley

What is your campaign website address?

1404 Le Roy Ave

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- Alameda City Council
- Alameda School Board
- Berkeley, Mayor
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 2
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 3
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist.5
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 6
- Berkeley, Unified School District Trustee
- Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 1
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 3
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 5
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 7
- Oakland, City Council, At-large
- Oakland City Attorney
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 1
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 3
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 5
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 7
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 1
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 2
- AC Transit Bd. of Directors, At-Large
- EB Regional Park Dist. Bd. of Directors. Ward 1

Regional Assembly, Bd. of Directors, Area 1

AD 15, State Assembly Representative

AD 18, State Assembly Representative

Peralta Community College District, Bd. of Director, 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.

48 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

It would be an honor to receive the APA endorsement. I have received it in previous campaigns and I have always been proud to carry it. The APA endorsement is another strong indication of support from an important segment of Bay Area voters, of my commitment to fairness, equity and accountability.

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

State Senator Nancy Skinner; Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks; Supervisor Keith Carson; State Senator Loni Hancock (ret); Mayor Jesse Arreguin. For more endorsements go to: susanwengraf.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?

31 years

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

Brooklyn College, CUNY, B.A.; Hunter College, CUNY, M.S

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

Berkeley City Council; Legislative Aide, Berkeley; Emma Goldman Papers, UC Berkeley

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

Berkeley Relief Fund; Friends of the Rose Garden; Berkeley PathWanderers;

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I have experience an an elected official, my opponent has none. I have experience raising a family in Berkeley and being a working mother, my experience has none.

I have experience working with a divided council and bringing them together to consensus, my opponent has none. I have experience working regionally with other agencies and jurisdictions to achieve goals; my opponent has none.

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

Wildfire safety

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

due to UC closure, the numbers have fallen. About 12% of permanent residents.

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

Chinese, Indian, Korean

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

If we exclude the APA student population at CAL, the Chinese population is the most at risk due to age.

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

Safety, fiscal accountability, schools

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?

Attacks because of racial or ethnic or gender identity must be addressed immediately and not tolerated. I am very sensitive to this issue having grown up as the victim of anti-semitic attacks. Personally, an attack on any religious or ethnic group is an attack on all. This is the type of behavior that has been encouraged by our President.

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

The more minorities we have in local government, the better. I encourage my constituents who are of Asian and Pacific American identity to serve on city commissions. I have worked very closely with many of them on significant legislation and on community initiatives like Disaster Preparedness and Wildfire Safety.

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.

Jenny Wong, Rigel Robinson, Rashi Kesarwani, Michael Chang

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 North County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 24 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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