

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 *

Jamie Yee

City and zip code of residence.

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What is your campaign website address?

<https://www.jamieyee.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.

Life-long

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

As a first generation Chinese American, it's important to have the support of "my people" behind me.

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

Congressman Eric Swalwell, CA Senator Steve Glazer, CA Assembly Woman, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, the full board of the Pleasanton Unified School District, see website - JamieYee.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?

My parents moved us from Berkeley to Pleasanton in 1969. I was away for 7 years, but moved back to Pleasanton to raise a family.

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

High School and some community college

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

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Office of the Agency Director, Program and Policy Analyst, 13 years, Accent Party Rental, Director of Sales and Marketing, one year, Sales, A San Francisco payroll company (no longer in business), 3 years. 15 years, raised my children, not paid monetarily, but paid in many other ways.

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

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

Vast experience in governance and oversight as a seated school board member, a long-time advocate for school health issues and public education, excellent working relationships with our electeds. I have worked on many public education task forces and committees - State level and County level. The experience of working for Alameda County in one of the communities with the highest youth unemployment, an average family income of \$22K and the highest teen pregnancy rates.

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

Ensuring that the CFO does not hire the audit firm which was past practice. After much advocacy, regular RFPs are issued for audit firms and a board sub-committee interviews and recommends the audit firm. There is now an audit board sub-committee, where community members can apply to sit on the committee as well. This was one of the many issues and a new process was implemented to improve oversight and build the trust of the community and it's just appropriate public policy.

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

Asian students are 48% of our student population while the number of Asians registered to vote is only 7%. I have and continued to

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

Chinese, East Indian and Hispanic populations

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

Historically the small Filipino subgroup has underperformed academically, due to language proficiency but more recently, overall all ethnic groups that are also socio-economically disadvantaged.

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

Pressure from parents to perform, enroll in too many AP course at one time, academic integrity and pushing their students to enroll in accelerated math courses that have resulted in a slight decline in the Asian high school math scores. There is evidence that the Chinese students do not have a depth of knowledge of the math concepts and are impacting their whole class and the teachers having to provide more differentiated instruction than before.

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?

This has not been an issue in our community.

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

No, we are under- represented. Provide mentor-ship and connect with those that have an interest in increasing their civic engagement.

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.

Sabina Zafar, for San Ramon Mayor and Kristie Wang, Livermore School Board, Shawn Kumigai, Dublin City Council, Andy Li, Contra cost County Community College.

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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