

2022 Primary Endorsement Questionnaire

DEADLINE: Submit by 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 18, 2022

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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 submit your responses by 12 Noon, Monday, Apr. 18. All questionnaire responses will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Terry Wiley

City and zip code of residence.

Oakland 94618

What is your campaign website address?

Terrywileyforda.com

What is your campaign email address?

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Are you a registered Democrat? The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats *

Yes

No

Are you an APA Democratic Caucus member? *

Yes

No

How long have you lived in the district which you are seeking to represent?

11 months

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

Oakland NAACP and Charles Houston Bar Association

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What actions have you taken to address anti-Asian discrimination/bullying/harassment?

Please explain in what capacity you have acted and whether any of these actions were prior to 2020. (i.e., as an elected representative, member of commission/board/organization, and as an individual.

As a 32 year member of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and the current Chief Assistant District Attorney (No. 2 ranking DA) and Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. I have actively been a leading voice against Anti-Asian Hate and all hate crimes. In 2020, the District Attorney's Office created a Anti-Asian Strike Team that include a group of excellent lawyers who handled all of the cases involving Asian Hate.

2. One out of every 3 Alameda County residents is of Asian ancestry but are underrepresented in elected office. What have you done and will you do to elevate their issues of concern?

I have a strong relationship with the Asian Community and have always worked to cultivate the relationship. As the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, I have worked hard to hire Asians at all levels of the District Attorney's Office. I also continue to work on promotion of our Asian employees at all levels.

3. One-third of Alameda County residents were born in another country. Do you believe that the needs of immigrants have been adequately addressed by the office you are seeking to represent? What changes are needed to better center their needs?

I have never been satisfied with level of services we have provided the immigrant communities. As a member of law enforcement I understand that there is a natural reluctance of immigrants to seek assistance from our office. I do not believe in cooperating with ICE and as District Attorney we will continue to wall off ICE from completely from the immigrant community. We have trained our DA's to consider immigration consequences in every criminal case.

4. What have you learned about Asian Americans in the past year that you were previously unaware of and how has that impacted you?

I never fully appreciated how deep the “foreigner” treatment runs in the American blood in its treatment of the Asian community. I didn’t appreciate the daily intentional and unintentional insults American born Asian citizens have endured since their arrival on this continent. As an African American I can identify with the feeling of not belonging based on the many intentional and unintentional daily insults.

5. What is the difference between supporting Asian American/Pacific Islander issues and being an Ally?

The only difference is understanding some of the cultural issues that may be unique to each respective group. Just as South Asian issues may differ from other Asian groups. Its important to understand that Asians are a diverse group of different cultures and not a monolith.

6. What resources (people/organizations) will you tap to increase your knowledge and understanding of the on-going needs of the Asian and Pacific Americans living in your district?

Being aware of the different Asian organizations is very important. APAIA, VADA, and a host of other Asian Organizations is vital to being keyed in on issues impacting Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

7. Please identify any Asian Pacific American candidates whom you have publicly endorsed/supported over the past 5 years including this election cycle. If there are none, please explain.

Nancy Tung for San Francisco District Attorney in 2018, and Rob Bonta for appointment to California Attorney General.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Only candidates who submit questionnaires by noon Monday, April 18 will be considered for endorsement.

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