

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 *

Sarah Palmer

City and zip code of residence.

Livermore, 94550

What is your campaign website address?

www.palmerforzone7.com

What is your campaign email address?

palmer.sarahL@gmail.com

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?

42 years

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

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, Rotary International

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.

Some of my direct action in this regard has been as a teacher in the University setting and at the Livermore valley's public high schools (30 years combined for university and high school teaching): Livermore High, Foothill High School, and Dublin High School. My classes were very diverse and I had a zero tolerance policy for discrimination and bullying. Presently I am working to create a Standing Committee with the Association of California Water Agencies for DEI.

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?

Everyone, regardless of ancestry or personal choices in their lifestyle, needs to be heard and respected.

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?

The role of director of a Water Agency has little influence on the direct needs and representation of n of immigrants. We must work to include the consideration of immigrants' needs as board policy and encourage our General Manager to keep that in mind when hiring.

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 was seriously not aware of the animosity shown to Asian Americans by so many members of the public, although I must admit, given the atmosphere encouraged by the past Presidential administration, I should have been.

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

Support would be more active, while being an ally would be a more distant supportive relationship.

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?

Your organization is a good start. My membership with the Asian Art museum and friendship with their docents helps. More open discussion with my Asian American Friends and neighbors would help me have a more honest viewpoint. My involvement as chair of the Delta Conveyance Stakeholders Committee (www.dcdca.org) has helps hone my ability to truly listen to the concerns of people whose views may be different from or come from other perspectives than my own.

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.

Olivia Sangwong (Zone 7 Bord of Directors)

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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