

# 2022 Endorsement Questionnaire- General Election - Special Districts

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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 note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review. Please submit your responses by Tuesday, Sept. 6 by 5 pm.

## Personal Information

Candidate Name \*

April Chan

City and zip code of residence.

Fairview 94541

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What is your campaign website address?

[www.vote4aprilchan.com](http://www.vote4aprilchan.com)

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What is your campaign email address?

[abchan411@gmail.com](mailto:abchan411@gmail.com)

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What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- AC Transit Board of Directors, Ward 3
- AC Transit Board of Directors, Ward 4
- BART Board, Dist. 6
- Dublin San Ramon, Area 5
- EBMUD, Ward 3
- EBMUD, Ward 7
- East Bay Regional Parks District, Ward 3
- Livermore Area Rec and Parks District
- Fairview Fire Protection District
- Oro Lomo Sanitation District
- Eden Area Healthcare District, Area 3
- Eden Area Healthcare District, Area 5
- Peralta Community College District, Area 3
- Peralta Community College District, Area 5
- Peralta Community College District, Area 7
- AC Transit - At-Large
- Other: .....

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

This is race where I think it is important to have the support of my community. A win in this race would be significant in that I would be the first Asian American female elected to EBMUD.

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

Rep Eric Swalwell, EBMUD Director Frank Mellon, AC Supervisor Nate Miley, AC Assessor Phong La, EBMUD Director John Coleman

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If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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

12 years

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

CSU Hayward, Masters in Public Administration, 1997  
CSU Hayward, Sociology, 1995

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

I make a living money from investments, financial portfolio and rental properties. Congressional Aide, Rep Barbara Lee; Public Outreach Specialist, Barbara Lee and Elihu Harris Lecture Series

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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 Clubs of Castro Valley and Hayward, Fairview MAC, Castro Valley Huddle

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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/or as an individual.

I spoke out multiple times in public meetings as a member of the Alameda County Fire and the Fairview MAC about Asian hate. Also, I attended multiple rallies in Oakland Chinatown. I began to organize a rally in Castro Valley, but the sponsoring organization decided to combine it with Oakland Chinatown.

2. One out of every 3 Alameda County residents is of Asian ancestry but are underrepresented in elected office and make-up 28% of all eligible voters in the County overall. Do you believe the legislative body you are seeking to represent has adequately served Asian and Pacific Americans? Why or why not?

EBMUD has an office in Oakland Chinatown and staff has attended anti Asian Hate rallies, released press releases supporting the API Community and hired the first Asian American general manager in California. There is also an Asian American affinity group at EBMUD.

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?

Yes, I believe that EBMUD is taking positive steps to create a culture of tolerance and inclusion for employees. EBMUD offers payment assistance to those who are economically disadvantaged (such as some new immigrants) for water (50%) and waste services (30%). I am not sure if they have multi-lingual speakers who work at the call center.

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

The three largest APA ethnicities in my district are Chinese, Asian Indians, and Filipinos.

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

Elderly people are the examples of violence most people see on the television. Chinese and Vietnamese businesses have been particularly targeted in nearby communities for theft.

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6. What have you learned about Asian Americans in the past 2 years that you were previously unaware of and how has that impacted you?

I am heartened to see how the Asian American community can rally together under the right circumstances and how much support there has been for those who are victimized.

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7. How do you think microaggressions and verbal harassment against Asians and other marginalized community members can be better addressed and what will you commit to doing? If you have intervened in the past, please describe what you did.

Organizations needs staff wide training on implicit and explicit harassment against minorities, Asians included, and a fair grievance structure that addresses these issues in individual cases. People need to be educated that the coronavirus is not a Chinese disease. I will work to ensure that these programs are budgeted and prioritized and that the Asian affinity groups are encouraged so people can speak about their experiences and feelings safely.

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8. 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?

APAPA, Lena Tam, Carl Chan, Bob Sakai and Benny Lee

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9. Please list any Asian American candidates you have publicly endorsed.

Shawn Kumagai and Lena Tam.

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Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please Submit your responses by Sep. 6, 5 pm. We will be holding several zoom endorsement meetings covering all three regions of the County before the end of September, tbd. Only those candidates completing the questionnaire will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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