

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 *

Daphne Lin

City and zip code of residence.

Fremont, CA 94536

What is your campaign website address?

facebook.com/daphnelin2022

What is your campaign email address?

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?

It is important that I have the support of the Caucus not just because I believe in what the Caucus stands for but to reach out to the AAPA community. As an AAPA woman, I will speak out for and represent the interests of the community.

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

I submitted some answers to the Green Party but have not sought or received endorsements so far.

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?

19 years

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

I received my BA in political science from UC Berkeley in 1993 and my J.D. from the University of Washington (in Seattle) in 1997.

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

Trump, Alioto, Trump & Prescott, LLP, attorney, from 2005 to present; self-employed for four years; Acker, Kowalick & Whipple, attorney, for 7 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.

I'm semi active for Cal Alumni Association and Sierra Club. I used to volunteer for Save A Bunny and other rescue activities but due to the pandemic, I have not participated in any in-person activities for the last 3-4 years.

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 do not hold any public office but as an individual, I try to raise awareness by speaking to friends and neighbors who are not AAPI about the issues. I also sign online petitions and donated money to AAPI-oriented organizations.

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?

EBRPD's board of directors has seven wards and only one of them is of Asian ancestry; the others are white. The board clearly does not reflect the diversity of the Bay Area or Alameda County and their policy tends to reflect the values of rich and older white population. As example, EBRPD favors equestrians and ranchers over bikers.

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?

As mentioned above, EBRPD's board of directors tend to favor activities mostly engaged in by rich whites-horseback riding and ranching, as opposed to hiking, biking and picnicking enjoyed by immigrants and/or less affluent persons. I believe there should be a change in policy with regard to EBRPD's contracts with ranchers. It should also build bike-only trails, allow class one e-bikes on these trails, and facilitate the completion of the East Bay Greenway project so that more East Bay/Alameda County residents can enjoy EBRPD's parks and other resources.

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

Indian, Chinese and Filipino

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

Seniors. Since the pandemic, there have been many violent attacks on persons of AAPI ancestry, especially seniors who are physically vulnerable.

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 have come to realize that as much progress as I thought we had made, Asian Americans are still vulnerable and treated as "foreigners" by more in our society as I'd like to believe. It saddens me and makes me feel that there is much more to be done. I've decided to run for EBRPD's board partially as a result of this- we need to be more vocal and we need more representation in all parts of government.

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.

The office I'm running for may not be directly responsible for providing education, which I think is one of the most fundamental ways to change hearts and minds. However, every aspect of life can make a difference if we are committed to it. For EBRPD, better security should be provided at parks to prevent and/or address aggression or threats against Asians and other minorities. Last year, a driver purposely veered his truck towards me at the corner of an intersection while I was riding on my bike. He then drove half a block and parked at what appeared to be his driveway. I think he did so because he thought he could intimidate a petite Asian female and got away with it. I confronted him from the street and told him that it was not OK what he did. Thinking back, it might not have been the safest thing to do but I felt that if I had kept quiet, he would continue behaving the same way.

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?

I will start with JACL Alameda County Chapter, Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County, and APALA, Alameda County Chapter.

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

None so far.

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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