

2022 Endorsement Questionnaire- General Election - City Elections

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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 *

Kevin Jenkins

City and zip code of residence.

Oakland94621

What is your campaign website address?

jenkinsforoakland.com

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- City of Alameda, Mayor
- City of Alameda, City Council
- City of Alameda, School Board
- City of Albany, City Council
- City of Albany, School Board
- City of Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 8
- City of Berkeley, School Board
- City of Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- City of Dublin, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Dublin, City Council
- City of Dublin, School Board (short term)
- City of Dublin, School Board, Area 5
- City of Emeryville, City Council
- City of Emeryville, School Board
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 4
- City of Fremont, School Board, #3
- City of Hayward, City Council
- City of Hayward, School Board (long term)
- City of Hayward, School Board (short term)
- City of Livermore, Mayor

- City of Livermore, Mayor
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Livermore, School Board
- City of Newark, Mayor
- City of Newark, City Council
- City of Newark, School Board
- City of Oakland, Mayor
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 4
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 6
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 2
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 4
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 6
- City of Piedmont, City Council
- City of Piedmont, School Board
- City of Pleasanton, City Council, Dist 1
- City of Pleasanton, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of San Leandro, Mayor
- City of San Leandro, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of San Leandro, City Council Dist. 5
- City of San Leandro, School Bd., Area 2
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 4

New Haven School District, #4

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?

I am seeking the caucus's endorsement because are values are aligned. I believe that we will be effective partners.
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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).

Councilmember Sheng Thao; Alameda County Assessor Phong La; Wellstone Democratic Club; Supervisor Nate Miley; Supervisor Dave Brown

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?

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

San Francisco State University- Urban Studies- 2012

California State University East Bay- MPA- 2016

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

United Way Bay Area- Director of Housing 1 yr

Youth Ventures JPA- Project Manager- 3 yr

Pacific Community Ventures- Communications-2yr

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

100 Black Men of the Bay Area
Oakland Rotary # 3
OK Program

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/or as an individual.

As an elected representative at Peralta Community College District, I along with my colleagues passed a resolution condemning Anti- Asian hate.

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?

I am unsure of how to answer this question. I am not Asian so I can not determine the adequacy of the efforts of the Oakland City Council. What I do know is that Asian elders do not feel safe in the city. This is something that needs to be addressed.

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?

Public Safety is the biggest issue in the city of Oakland. Our Asian community does not feel safe. We need to do a better job at protecting our residents

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

Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino

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

The most at risk APA community in Oakland is our elders. Our elders are being attacked. We as a City must help keep them safe.

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've learned about the resiliency of the community. I am encouraged by the stand against violence in the community.

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.

We as a community have to stand up to all forms of hate. We need to address verbal harassment in the moment. It is not enough to be a bystander. I am committed to working with our APA community to eradicate hate in our city and nation. I have not been witness to harassment, if I was aware I would intervene.

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 work with our Asian Senior Centers; Political organizations; chamber of commerce and other orgs to continuously understand the needs of the community

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

Sheng Thao

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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