

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 *

Shelia Young

City and zip code of residence.

San Leandro 94578

What is your campaign website address?

no specific site; Facebook Shelia Young, Oro Loma Sanitary District

What is your campaign email address?

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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?

Because you offered the opportunity and because you are a well respected organization in Alameda County

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

I have not actively sought endorsements from individuals; I am seeking Alameda County Democratic Party and other local clubs who offer the opportunity.

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?

40+ years

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

East Tenn. State University (1962-64) Chabot College (2008-2010) Went back to school after a very long absence in order to finish when there was time available. Received an AA in 2010

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

One year contract working with Wilma Chan, Supv. Alameda County (2010-11); government consultant (self-employed) 2006-10; 2011-14. Founder/Owner Young Secretarial 1973-2002.

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

San Leandro Boys & Girls Club Foundation; SOS/Meals on Wheels

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.

To my recollection there have been no opportunities for me to address the issues which you have mentioned. Of course, serving as I have for eight years at Oro Loma, there is no discrimination in the service of sewer infrastructure and residential trash collection, recycling and greenwaste which is the core mission of our organization.

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?

Please see my response to #1 above; additionally, we have a very diverse body of five representatives at Oro Loma, including gender and ancestry of all members.

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 Oro Loma is nondiscriminatory in its service of sewer services and trash collection. The only additional service we could and do provide is our website with access to many different languages which are spoken by residents of our district. We are careful to provide informational and instructional materials in many languages.

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

Hispanic, Asian, Portuguese

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

I am not aware of this information

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 been in elected office for many years and have learned much to assist me in response to requests from the community. I cannot specify anything specific in the last two years related to the work I do at Oro Loma that fits this category.

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.

I am cognizant of the issues you mention because of the public attention given to individuals who have been harmed. I am unaware of the things I can do besides stand ready to defend anything I see publicly or privately.

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 have many friends who are involved in the API community and indeed are members of your organization. I am constantly learning from them and what I read in the media.

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

It has always been my practice when I am on the ballot that I do not endorse other candidates who cross over my district. I do not think it is appropriate. I only endorsed one candidate and that is Dennis Waespi for the HARD board. We have been personal friends for many years. I do provide space in the yard of my home for campaign signs and currently have many for candidates for office, including AA whom I support.

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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