

# 2024 Central Committee Questionnaire

*We expect the responses to be based on each candidate's individual lived experience.*

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Basic Information

Endorsement Questionnaire



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. Caucus members attending our Endorsement meeting on January 13 will be provided a ballot to vote. Only candidates who have submitted their completed questionnaire will be listed on the ballot. Questionnaires must be submitted by December 28 at 5 PM.

Personal Information

Candidate Name \*

Alfred Twu

City and zip code of residence. \*

94704

What is your campaign website address?

<https://peoplepoweredprogressives.com/index.php/ad-14/>

What is your campaign email address? \*

[alfred@alfredtwu.org](mailto:alfred@alfredtwu.org)

What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- Central Committee AD 14
- Central Committee AD 16
- Central Committee AD 18
- Central Committee AD 20
- Central Committee AD 24

Are you an incumbent? \*

- Yes
- No

Are you a registered Democrat? \*

Yes

No

Are you on a slate? If so, please identify. \*

People Powered Progressives

Are you an APA Caucus member? \*

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? \*

The Caucus has an important role in representing Asian Americans the largest group in Alameda County

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

Yes

No

Maybe

How long have you lived in the district in which you are seeking to represent? \*

20 years

Please list what experiences most qualify you to serve on the Central Committee (e.g., education, work, volunteer, life experiences, political campaigns) \*

- Part of many local and statewide Democratic organizations
- Involved with housing, transportation, redistricting, and other local issues
- Experienced as campaign treasurer, communications, and other practical tasks as well

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS - Central Committee

1. What percentage of the district in which you are running are of APA heritage? And what are top three Asian ethnic groups? \*

Approximately 20%. Largest groups are Chinese, Indian, and multi-ethnic Asians

2. Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in Alameda County and are in the majority in three cities. While the majority are Democrats, a growing number are registering as No Party Preference. How can the Central Committee be more relevant to these communities? \*

CC needs to support Asian American communities facing challenges, show up at events, recruit and support more AAPI candidates

3. List three ways in which you could help the CC promote a greater awareness of issues of concern to the A/PA communities and support greater representation on elected bodies. \*

Represent CC at AAPI community events, connect CC members with APADCAC & other AAPI political organizations, introduce resolutions and legislation endorsement requests on issues of importance to our community.

4. Please name local Asian American candidates the Central Committee has endorsed in the past 10 years. \*

2014 AC Supervisor: Wilma Chang; Union Sanitary: Jennifer Toy; Berkeley Rent Board: James Chang; Dublin Council: Abe Gupta; Fremont Council: Raj Salwan; Pleasanton Council: Olivia Sanwong; Union City Council: Kashmir Singh Shahi; Ohlone CCD: Ishan Shah; Fremont USD: Moina Shaiq; New Haven USD: Sarabjit Kaur Cheema, Lance Nishihira; AC Transit: Kewal Singh; BART: Lena Tam; 2016 AC Judge: Margaret Fujioka; Alameda Council: Malia Vella; Castro Valley Sanitary: Daniel Akagi; Dublin USD: Sameer Hakim; Fremont Council: Raj Salwan; New Haven USD: Sharan Kaur, Lance Nishihira; Pleasanton USD: Jamie Yee; Union City Council: Gary Singh; AC Water District: Aziz Akbari; Washington Township Healthcare: Chitra Ramanathan; 2018 AC Supervisor: Wilma Chang; AC Assessor: Phong La; Zone 7 Water: Olivia Sanwong; Union Sanitary: Jennifer Toy; Berkeley Auditor: Jenny Wong; Berkeley Rent Board: James Chang; Dublin Council: Shawn Kumagai; Emeryville Council: Dianne Martinez; Hayward Council: Aisha Wahab; Union City Council: Harris Mojadedi; Ohlone CCD: Suzanne Chan, Lovedeep Jhamat, Tejinder Dhami; Alameda USD: Gary Lym; Fremont USD: Fahria Khan; New Haven USD: Sarabjit Kaur Cheema; Oakland USD: Aimee Eng; BART: Anu Natarajan; 2020 Alameda Council: Malia Vella; Dublin Council: Samir Qureshi; Fremont Council: Teresa Keng, Raj Salwan, Yogi Chugh; Pleasanton Council: Zarina Kiziloglu; Ohlone CCD: Lance Kwan, Amit Patel; Livermore USD: Kristie Wang; New Haven USD: Jatinderpal Sahi; Newark USD: Phuong Nguyen, Bowen Zhang; Pleasanton USD: Jamie Yee; AC Water District: Aziz Akbari; Washington Township Healthcare: Chitra Ramanathan; 2022 Alameda USD: Gary Lym; Albany Council: John Anthony Miki; Albany USD: Sadia Khan; Berkeley Auditor: Jenny Wong; Berkeley Council: Rashi Kesarwani, Rigel Robinson; Berkeley Rent Board: Negeene Mosaed; Dublin Council: Kashef Qadri; Dublin San Ramon CSD: Seema Badar; Livermore Council: Mel Chiong; New Haven USD: Shruti Kumar; Oakland Mayor: Sheng Thao; Oakland Council: Nikki Fortunato Bas, Janani Ramachandran; Pleasanton Council: Jamie Yee; San Leandro Council: Xouhoa Bowen; Union City Council: Scott Sakakihara; AC Transit: Alfred Twu, Sarah Syed; BART: Lance Nishihira; 2023 Sasha Ritzie-Hernandez

5. Proposing and adopting resolutions is one of the main functions of the CC. Some of the resolutions over the past several years impacted members of the APA communities. Please comment on what you think of those resolutions. \*

\* Incumbents - response is required.

There have been some resolutions where more outreach ahead of time would have been helpful. While there isn't time at the full CC meeting to debate most resolutions, more effort could be made at Resolutions Committee.

6. Do you believe that the vetting process for Resolutions is adequate? Please explain your response. \*

Most vetting is done by the Resolutions Committee, which is very small and does not have enough members to fully represent the diversity of the county

7. How impactful have the past resolutions been on the quality of life for low-income Alameda County residents? \*

There have been resolutions on local economic issues such as pandemic era hazard pay, tenant protection policies, and transportation, that have had an impact on shaping local policy on these issues.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please submit your responses by Dec. 28, 5 pm. Our Zoom Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for January 13 beginning at 10 am. 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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