

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 *

Igor Tregub

City and zip code of residence. *

Berkeley 94710

What is your campaign website address?

www.climatelaborprogressives.org

What is your campaign email address? *

climatelaborprogressives@gmail.com

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. *

Climate Labor Progressives

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I feel honored and grateful to have had a long and fruitful relationship with the APA Democratic Caucus. I have been a member of and participant in the Caucus in one way or another for over ten years, and my life partner once served on its board. I have supported and mentored several caucus members in their respective races for various roles. It was deeply meaningful for me to have been endorsed by the Caucus when I previously ran for the Berkeley Rent Board and, later, the Berkeley City Council.

I am seeking the Caucus's endorsement for my reelection because I believe that our ACDCC is at a crossroads. Over the past four years, the majority of the ACDCC has made decisions that, even if unintentionally, impacted the voice of AAPI-identifying Democrats. After unexpectedly becoming chair less than two years ago, I have worked hard to ensure that we work to restore trust between some of these Democrats and the ACDCC. As a native of Ukraine, I identify with many in the community, as their sacrifices in the name of democracy are familiar to me.

It is my firm belief that democracy is stronger when we are united on the core democratic values that bind us, and therefore, the ACDCC must be a body that is open, accessible, welcoming, and inclusive to all, not the least of it being members of the AAPI community. While in the past twenty months, we have accomplished a lot together, our work is far from complete. Therefore, I have made the decision to run for a second term in an effort to bring the ACDCC together and do everything I can to ensure that the Caucus and AAPI Democrats writ large always have a voice in our internal processes and decisions. It would be an honor to earn your endorsement once again.

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? *

20.5 years

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

Igor Tregub chairs the Alameda County Democratic Party and the California Democratic Party's Environmental Caucus. Professionally, he serves as the Strategic Partnerships Director and Senior Policy Advisor at Reimagine Power, a women-owned boutique consultancy advocating for renewable energy solutions for multifamily housing and those who have been historically left out of the clean energy transition. His local public service experience includes two elected terms on the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, various appointed roles, and service on the Sierra Club's California Executive Committee and other nonprofit boards. Igor has founded and/or has served as a partner at several small businesses specializing in campaign strategies consulting, and regulatory and legislative advocacy. He holds an M.S. in Engineering Management from Duke, a Certificate in International Security from Stanford, a Certificate in Public Leadership from the University of San Francisco, and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley. Outside of his local and state advocacy, he is organizing to bring distributed solar and storage and energy democracy through the deployment of an Energy Security Marshall Plan to his homeland of Ukraine.

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? *

Most recent voter file data for Assembly District (AD) 14 shows that approximately 12.5% of voters identify as AAPI and approximately 15.3% of households have at least one member who so identifies. Note: the voter file unfortunately does not disaggregate between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. According to the 2020 Census, Chinese Americans, South Asian Americans, and Korean Americans make up the three largest AAPI ethnicities.

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? *

Over the past eighteen months, on my watch, the Central Committee has striven to be significantly more community-facing, and we have invested considerable resources in tabling and holding voter registration drives at community events. We are also in discussions about how we can return to offering voter registration at post-naturalization ceremonies, which our members used to participate in about a decade ago (returning to this posture must be done in compliance with CA Secretary of State requirements, which have been tightened since then). I have also personally striven to be present at and promote cultural events like the Lunar New Year x Black History Month. It was an honor to be invited by Dr. Stewart Chen to be part of the Lunar New Year parade in Chinatown alongside newly elected AAPI and other leaders to show that the Democratic Party is deeply invested in these communities and is here to serve. Another tangible effort we made over the past 18 months was translating many of our endorsement information on our website and in texts that we sent to include several new languages, including Mandarin, Tagalog, and Korean.

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. *

1) Attend listening sessions with the APA Democratic Caucus and other members of the AAPI community to learn of issues of concern and brainstorm solutions. I have been in conversations about doing so with members of the South Asian Democrat community in Alameda County as well.

2) Build upon the transparency of our monthly ACDCC meetings (ensuring that they can be attended or viewed in a variety of forums) and invite members of the AAPI community to address us during special orders of business. For instance, I am in conversations with having Supervisor Lena Tam speak at a future meeting and have in the past, on the Berkeley Rent Board as well as at the ACDCC, hosted Assessor Phong La.

3) Build on the implicit bias trainings we hosted last year to ensure that AAPI voices are present and that we are cognizant of AAPI representation in who we elect and appoint. While we have made history by helping elect the first Hmong-American woman mayor of a major city last year and several other members of the AAPI community, more can and must be done.

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

CA State Controller Betty Yee, CA State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Alameda County Assessor Phong La, Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao, AC Transit Boardmember Sarah Syed, Berkeley Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani, San Leandro Councilmember Xouhoa Bowen, Jamie Yee for Pleasanton City Council, Alfred Twu for AC Transit Board, Rent Board Commissioner James Chang, East Bay Regional Parks District Boardmembers Dionisio "Dee" Rosario and Olivia Sanwong (previously we also endorsed her for Zone 7 Board), Union City Councilmember Scott Sakakihara, Albany Councilmember John Miki, Berkeley Councilmember Rigel Robinson, Lance Nishihira for BART Board District 6

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.

I believe that the most impactful resolutions have been the ones which we unanimously passed to show solidarity and support during dangerous times - such as when incidences of hate against members of the AAPI community were (and still are) on the rise and we passed a "Stand Against Hate" resolution. We also passed several resolution in support of immigrants and supporting Alameda County's sanctuary policy in the face of Trump's dangerous, anti-immigrant rhetoric. Lastly, unlike the California Democratic Party, the ACDCC can accept and has adopted several resolutions calling on the governor to grant clemency for several members of the Alameda County community who have done their time but are now at risk of being deported, several of whom identify as AAPI. I describe their impact in Question 7.

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

I have learned over the past year - including through conversations with several members of the APA Democratic Caucus - that we can and should do more to vet what may at first glance be noncontroversial resolution. These have been valuable lessons, and I intend to work with the ACDCC Resolutions Co-Chairs and Committee to put into practice some standards around checking to see if there may be another legitimate "side" to the issue the resolution attempts to address. Furthermore, while I think all or the vast majority of ACDCC members support a ceasefire in Gaza, the resolution that narrowly passed on November 1, 2023, included in its whereas clauses language that was incendiary and divisive to many members of the Jewish community with which I identify (no members of the slate I'm a part of voted for this language, and we attempted to craft a more balanced version of the same resolution). As such, I plan to work with the Resolutions and Bylaws Committees to put forth processes around having language be available for several days to the membership prior to its ability to be considered at a voting meeting.

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

The most impactful resolutions on the quality of life for low-income Alameda County residents have been ones where we followed up with action - whether they were submitting our resolutions in support of expanding renter protections in unincorporated Alameda County and my speaking at multiple Board of Supervisors meetings where this issue was discussed or publicizing our resolution professing our support of the undocumented community, many of whom in Alameda County are lower-income than their citizen counterparts, in a variety of fora. While resolutions can be brought by any member of the ACDCC, it is my hope that through continued education we shift our focus toward those resolutions that unify rather than divide and that can truly make a difference as they lend themselves to follow-up with decision-making bodies.

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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