

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 *

Wendy Bloom

City and zip code of residence. *

Berkeley 94703

What is your campaign website address?

<https://climatelaborprogressives.nationbuilder.com/>

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 Progressive Slate

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I think it's important to hear from all constituents when electing leadership to the Central Committee. I appreciate the diversity in our county. The APA voters are 28 % of Alameda County. It would be an honor and of immense supportive to our slate if we were able to receive the endorsement from the Caucus.

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? *

42 years

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

I have been a working registered nurse at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland for 37 years. I have been a union leader there as a member of the CA Nurses Association. I have been a Delegate in the Alameda Labor Council for over a decade. I have served as a delegate to CADEM since 2008 with numerous terms on the EBoard. I am in my second term on the Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, now serving as a Vice Chair. I have worked as a volunteer on many political campaigns locally and nationally, traveling out of state to work on Presidential campaigns since 2008. I also traveled to Georgia last year to campaign for Senator Warnock. I have worked as the organizing director for the non profit Protect Us with Senator Richard Pan where we worked on public health legislation. I was responsible to guide and mentor youth who volunteered on some of our legislative campaigns. I believe that politics is about relationships so have built connections to so many of our state leaders and fellow delegates. I am a skilled organizer and pride myself in being a consistent and dedicated volunteer who shows up to do the work.

I am a single mother of three adult daughters and have 4 grandchildren. My family all live in AD14. We have a multi racial and multi religious makeup.

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? *

Piedmont is 1%, Berkeley 20% North Oakland is 16%, and Albany 30%

Top three Asian ethnic groups are Chinese, Indian and Filipino

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? *

We should do more outreach in those communities and educate them about what the Democratic Party is all about. We should really encourage them to attend our meetings and to serve on committees and run for ADEM or Central Committee if they are registered Democrats. I myself encouraged a friend who is Asian to run on a slate in AD 16. She had never been involved in that way but is a leader in the Labor Community. It's so important for community members to see people like them serving in leadership roles in the Central Committee and the state party.

I also think we should mentor young people so they can see a reason to register as Democrats.

It is important that our members know what the issues are for the APA community and how we can bring their concerns to our elected leaders and elevate their issues to help improve their lives.

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. *

As I stated above we should encourage people to run for the ACDCC. They can also first serve as associates or alternates if they aren't sure they want to run for a seat. We should have feedback from your Caucus and Democratic Clubs that have A/PA membership regularly if not monthly to inform us what the ongoing issues are in the A/PA communities in our county. It's important to hear directly from those communities what they feel is needed from us and the state party leadership. We should make sure the A/PA community is aware of the pathways to serve in the Party as appointed delegates as well as elected ADEMs. We are fortunate in our County to have so many high profile elected A/PA leaders that can guide and mentor others to follow in their footsteps. We should also continue to have election leadership training programs that can nurture people to successfully run for office .

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

Rob Bonta, Sheng Thao, Betty Yee, Phong La, Alex Lee, Nikki Fortunado Bas, Janani Rhamachandran, Rashi Kesarwani, Lena Tam, Wilma Chan, Malia Vella,

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.

To be honest I do not know all the resolutions passed in the last ten years. I do know we passed several asking for clemency for AAPI inmates. We passed one in 2021 denouncing AAPI hate. We passed one that asks the Democratic Party to be a refuge for the oppressed, the poor, immigrants.... Including API Americans. That resolution directs the Party to pursue victories against oppressors of all kinds so that people can achieve their hopes and dreams.

I think it's very important that our Central Committee stands in solidarity with our APA siblings and does our part to fight for their rights and needs in our community and state. I support all these resolutions. Resolutions are statements of principles so it signals to the Party and the residents in our county that the APA community should always be seen, advocated for and included in the work we do.

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

Honestly I think we can do better and others are realizing that too. Our resolutions are usually straight forward and easily get support. Several months ago we had a controversial resolution that didn't receive a consensus in the Resolutions Committee. That led to another open meeting before the monthly meeting which increased the controversy. Then our regular meeting was packed with 500 non members. The resolution was still being crafted 3 hours before the meeting and many didn't have time to read it carefully. It was a raucous meeting that was somewhat intimidating. Someone had a Nazi swastika in their Zoom background. The resolution was on the issue of Israel and Gaza.

The chat had to be disabled because of all the toxic comments. That was a terrible way to try to reach consensus and to pass a resolution that represents peace in the region.

In the future I believe outsiders should not be in the Zoom or the room when votes are being taken, especially if they can't remain civil. We can stream it live on Facebook. The resolutions should also be presented to the body no later than one week in advance to their being presented to the body for a vote. It is critical that all our membership feels safe and free from bullying when votes are occurring. We should post resolutions publicly before the vote so people can reach out to members if they have questions or concerns with the resolution. We should do outreach for comments from groups that will be impacted directly by the proposed resolution.

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

Resolutions are a statement of principles that guides our elected leaders and Democratic Party delegates. I think many of our resolutions have helped shift public policy and legislation. I think they help set a tone as well for how we see our role in our broader community. I hope that they help those not directly involved in Party politics see how much the Democratic Party cares about their diverse body of constituents. I think local leadership in Alameda County especially seek out our committee to weigh on multiple topics. This is a way that community members can directly highlight their concerns. Non committee members can craft their own resolutions to us.

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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