

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 *

Patricia (Trish) Munro

City and zip code of residence. *

Livermore 94550

What is your campaign website address?

none yet

What is your campaign email address? *

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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. *

yes, the Pragmatic Progressives

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I am relatively new to the ACDCC, having been appointed in March, so I have not yet joined any Caucuses, although I plan to in this next year. Each of us, as individuals, as members of different minority groups, and as Democrats bring unique perspectives that should be heard to shared values and groups. We are stronger as Democrats and democracy itself is stronger when we appreciate and learn from our differences and build on our common values, ensuring that we not only talk an inclusive talk, but walk that walk. I hope that I have done so in my past political life.

While on Livermore City Council, I recruited and supported Asian women to run for local offices and continue to work with them as colleagues. I worked to ensure all voices were heard, especially during the upsurges of anti-Asian hate. I have worked with my AAPI colleagues in CalCities to support diversity efforts as well.

For all the above reasons, I would deeply appreciate the APA's endorsement.

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? *

35 years

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

My PhD in Sociology, concentrating on Culture and Religion, gives me a foundational understanding of how institutions and groups work. It also has given me extensive experience in both listening and explaining, as a given situation requires. (With regard to the AAPI community, it has also given me an understanding of the similarities and differences that exist among the many Asian communities, comprising more than one-third of the world's population.) My work with my synagogue, on arts boards, and in working politically has given me a practical understanding of how to build community through reaching out and including people. However, serving on Livermore City Council gave me the most experience in supporting the AAPI community in Livermore.

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? *

District 16 includes Livermore, Pleasanton, and most of Dublin. Dublin and Pleasanton are around 50% Asian (Dublin a little higher, Pleasanton a little lower), while Livermore is about 17% Asian. For all three cities, the Indian population is the highest, followed by Chinese, and Filipino. However, those numbers are based on somewhat old data. What is really important to note is the differences with the Asian population itself throughout Alameda county.

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? *

While I understand that

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. In conjunction with APA, reach out to key people across Alameda County for focus groups to listen to the concerns of different A/P communities.
2. Develop educational material about the Democratic Party in Alameda County that can be shared in many languages--as translators are available.
3. Ensure that the mechanics of participating are transparent.

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

Among others: Betty Yee, Fiona Ma, Phong La, Sheng Thao, Sarah Syed, Jamie Yee, Alfred Twu, James Chang, Scott Sakakihara, John Miki, Rigel Robinson, Lance Nishihira

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 question whether proposing and adopting resolutions SHOULD be one of the main functions of the CC. They are, almost without exception, symbolic actions that take time from working toward actual goals--the "pragmatic" part of our slate's name. As a relatively new and appointed member of the CC, I don't think I voted on any resolutions that impacted the APA community, however, my criteria for voting yes are that they speak to local issues, not national and international issues and that they are intended to build an inclusive Democratic community, not serve as ideological purity tests.

Rather than spending time on resolutions, the ACDCC should be working on educating everyone, recruiting new Dems, supporting policies that lead to thriving and equitable communities, and vetting and supporting good Democratic candidates.

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

No. What vetting process? While some of the resolutions appear well-written, others are sloppy and submitted late. This is an area of deep concern--and frankly, anger--for me.

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

As above, not very, because resolutions are, by their nature, symbolic actions.

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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