

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 *

Seema Badar

City and zip code of residence. *

Dublin 94568

What is your campaign website address?

N/A

What is your campaign email address? *

seemabadar@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. *

peoplepoweredprogressives.com

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I would like to seek the Caucus' endorsement to gain visibility within the Asian Pacific American community. Being Asian myself I feel my values will align well with the caucus members.

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? *

Almost 3 years

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

I currently serve as club rep and President of the Muslim Dems and Friends Club which is chartered with the Central Committee. I feel like serving on the Central Committee will bring more representation to my community. I currently serve on many other boards such as President of Kolb Elementary PFC, vice Chair of Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, Member of the Dublin Police Chief's Advisory Panel, and Board Member of Averroes High School. These boards and activities show that I am dedicated to the community. I have also ran a political campaign previously as well for DSRSD.

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? *

There is a large Asian population in my district. In my home city of Dublin the Asian population is 56%. Other close by cities: San Ramon has an Asian population of 49.7% and Pleasanton has an Asian population of 40.1%. The top three Asian groups are Indian, Chinese, and Filipinos.

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? *

1) Community Outreach: Actively reach out to Asian American communities through community events, workshops, and forums. Establishing a presence at cultural festivals or hosting events that address specific issues faced by these communities can build trust and relevance.

2) Policy Advocacy: Advocate for policies that directly impact the Asian American community, addressing issues such as immigration, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Demonstrating a commitment to these concerns can resonate with voters.

3) Engage No Party Preference Voters: Develop strategies to engage voters who identify as No Party Preference. This may involve conducting outreach events specifically tailored to address issues important to this group and actively seeking their input.

By actively addressing the unique needs and concerns of the Asian American population, as well as engaging with those who register as No Party Preference, the Central Committee can enhance its relevance and effectiveness within these communities.

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. Information Dissemination: I can assist in crafting clear and culturally sensitive messages to disseminate information about issues pertinent to the Asian/Pacific American (A/PA) communities. This can include creating content for newsletters, social media, or community events, helping to raise awareness about specific concerns and encouraging civic engagement.

2. Data Analysis and Insights: I can analyze demographic data and trends to provide insights into the specific needs and challenges faced by A/PA communities. This information can be valuable for tailoring outreach strategies and policy advocacy efforts, ensuring that the Central Committee is well-informed about the dynamics within these communities.

3. Language Support: Given the linguistic diversity within A/PA communities, I can assist in providing language support for outreach materials, ensuring that information is accessible to individuals who may speak languages other than English. This can contribute to more inclusive communication and engagement efforts, fostering a better understanding of the Central Committee's initiatives.

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

Seema Badar, Kashaf Qaadri, Sadia Khan, Mel Chiong, Janani Ramachandran, Jenny Wong

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.

Resolutions in Alameda County can positively impact the lives of Asian Americans by promoting inclusivity, addressing cultural competency in public services, and combating discrimination. Initiatives supporting affordable housing, educational opportunities, and healthcare accessibility can specifically benefit Asian American communities, fostering a more equitable and supportive environment for diverse needs and backgrounds. Additionally, community engagement programs can enhance social cohesion and understanding.

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

I believe a robust vetting process should involve diverse perspectives, ensure careful examination of potential impacts, and provide opportunities for community input.

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

Resolutions aimed at improving the quality of life for low-income Alameda County residents could include initiatives such as affordable housing programs, accessible healthcare services, job training opportunities, and educational resources. These efforts can address fundamental needs, enhance economic stability, and contribute to an overall better quality of life for individuals and families in the community.

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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