

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 *

Yeon Park

City and zip code of residence. *

Oakland

What is your campaign website address?

n/a

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. *

programmatic progressive

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

yes

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? *

30 years

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

This is first time for me for running this seat. And I I am a Korean-American immigrant. I came to America 35 years ago and for the last 30 years in Alameda County, not only as a resident, but as a county health care worker serving our community. I came here to pursue a better life and opportunities - the typical American dream. I have educational backgrounds in Education and Health Care.

Indeed, I think I've achieved a lot of my hopes, I raised a family in Alameda County, having lived and worked here for 35 years. But it was far harder than I could've imagined too. I had to fight discrimination against immigrants and women at the workplace. That's where I learned I had a voice and an advocate. I have fought for justice, equity and dignity for my clients as a social worker for Alameda County. I fought for my colleagues and organized them to make sure their voices are heard at the workplace, becoming the past 8 years and current Vice President of SEIU 1021 in the East Bay. I have fought for progressive power door knocking, phone banking, and mobilizing workers as the current President of the 700,000 member Alameda Labor Council.

I gained the right to vote in the US. Since then, I have voted Democratic, based on key important issues that we face - homelessness, health care, essential services, climate justice, gender equality a right to a good job with living wages, the right to make our own determinations about our bodies and racial equity, especially communities who are at risk of being left behind - Black, Latinx, and Asian families. Some things we've made progress on. Some things we haven't. With the influx of developer, tech, other big business, and fossil money into our political system

I want to serve on the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee to ensure everyone has a voice and power in a Party that prioritizes the people.

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 while Livermore is about 17% Asian. 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? *

Central Committee should invest resources in holding a voter registration/ education drives at all community events. I have been hosted voter registration drive at the Lunar New Year and AAPI Heritage Month Celebration Event. And martials should be translated in AAPI threshold language.

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. *

BCA 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 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 uptick on AAPI Hate - 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 anti-immigrant rhetoric.

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

My understanding on this matter, we do not have an adequate vetting process for resolutions at the moment. I learned and heard that sometimes given enough process time and sometimes has not. Hopefully, we can establish standards around vetting process in near future.

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 Alameda County COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium helped potential of many alameda county residents including children living on street.

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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