

# 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 \*

Hannah Groce

City and zip code of residence. \*

Alameda 94501

What is your campaign website address?

What is your campaign email address? \*

hannah4alameda@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. \*

United Voices for Democracy

Are you an APA Caucus member? \*

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? \*

I am seeking the Caucus's endorsement because I think the work the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus does to recruit AAPI residents to Democratic Party, ensure issues relevant to those communities are highlighted and addressed by the party, and the work done to endorse and elect candidates who will represent the voices of constituents is critical. I share the goal of ensuring representation of our party is reflective of the communities in which we serve. Having the endorsement of the first chartered Democratic Club representing the AAPI community in Alameda County would be deeply meaningful and signal that I am committed to the causes of the AAPI in the community in which I was raised and now call home.

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? \*

36 years in Alameda

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

I am an experienced political candidate, having run for Alameda City Council in 2022 and am currently an elected delegate (ADEM) in AD-18. I have immersed myself in issues most relevant to the community of Alameda, but also more broadly in the region and the state of California with my paid and volunteer pursuits. My work in affordable housing policy in the East Bay and San Francisco has informed my understanding of key issues related to poverty alleviation, racial equity, and political organizing. Through my campaign for Alameda City Council and work on past campaigns, I have forged relationships with leaders from labor, education, housing, and built a reputation for building bridges.

## 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? \*

Roughly 22% and growing and the largest ethnic groups are Chinese, Filipino, and Indian

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? \*

Politics in this country have become incredibly divisive in recent years and that trend has pushed people across the spectrum to feel less connected to any political party. I think that Asian Americans registering as NPP is an indication that the Democratic Party could increase its efforts to engage Asian American voters to ensure that they feel that their voices are reflected with the party's platform and leadership. There are opportunities for the Central Committee to hold joint forums with AAPI-led groups within the district and to conduct outreach in multiple languages that helps educate people about the value of being registered as a Democrat and helping to shape the policies of the party. The Central Committee can be more relevant by demystifying the work of Central Committee in relation to the broader party, but how exactly it functions within the community it serves.

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. Increase party outreach to APA communities including young people almost eligible to vote and to seniors with access to translation to better understand relevant issues and get people involved
2. Help build a bench of potential APA candidates by equipping them with necessary understanding and skill to be ready to run
3. Focus on policy relevant to AAPI community members

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

This is not an exhaustive list but, Attorney General- Rob Bonta, State Controller (ret.) Betty Yee, Alameda County Assessor- Phong La, Alameda City Councilmember - Malia Vella, Alameda USD Director Hon. Gary Lym, Oakland Mayor (ret.) Jean Quan, Oakland Mayor - Hon. Sheng Thao, A.C. Transit Director, At Large - Alfred Twu

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 am not an incumbent and not sufficiently familiar with recent CC resolutions and their direct impact on APA communities to answer this question.

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

I think the vetting process for Resolutions is adequate. As it stands, Resolutions must have the sponsorship of a member, alternate, or associate member of the Central Committee prior to consideration. Once this is established it must go through the review of the Resolutions Committee who have the opportunity to get clarity and make suggestions about the Resolution before the vote. I think this provides adequate opportunity for a resolution to be vetted before determining if it will be recommended for adoption, amendment, tabling or rejection. While I think the process is adequate, I think there is still room for improvement and broader engagement of the community as it relates to Resolutions. It can be far too easy for those who are already deeply involved in politics to overlook the voices of those who aren't, and I think broadening the Resolutions process could be a way to engage community members whose voices are not always at the forefront.

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

I do not believe past resolutions have been deeply impactful on the quality of life for low-income Alameda County residents. If elected to Central Committee, I would work to ensure that there were resolutions centering the needs and concerns of low-income Alameda County residents, which can be used to help shape the policies and legislation that put the principles of

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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