

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 *

Warren Logan

City and zip code of residence. *

Oakland, 94608

What is your campaign website address?

Coming Soon... <https://www.empoweroak.com/acdems18slate>

What is your campaign email address? *

warren@warrenforoakland.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. *

Empower Oakland Slate

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I am seeking the APA Caucus' endorsement because the APA Community is a very important constituency of Alameda County. Diversity is our strength as a city, county, and region, and I believe the APA community's issues are not well represented in the Central Committee (namely public safety issues related to the Asian Community). As a person of color and a queer man, I understand the value of representation in local government and the importance of engaging cultural stakeholder groups within our community to best serve the residents of Alameda County.

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? *

10 years

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

Education:

Occidental College, B.A. Urban and Environmental Policy
UC Berkeley, Masters of City and Regional Planning

Work Experience:

Principal Advisor, Progress Public Affairs (1 year)
Partner, Lighthouse Public Affairs (1 year)
Emergency Director, City of Oakland Emergency Operations Center, (2 years)
Policy Director, Mayor's Office of Oakland (3 years)
Senior Planner, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (3 years)
Urban Designer, Community Design + Architecture (3 years)
Project Intern, City of Berkeley Transportation Division (2 years)

Community Service:

Co-Chair Church Council, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church
Volunteer, Lake Lunches and Food Pantry Program
Founder, Black Queer Mens' Brunch

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? *

21% of Assembly District 18 has Asian Heritage according to the 2020 census. The top three Asian groups are Chinese, Filipino, and Vietnamese

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? *

The major challenge with engaging the Central Committee is that most Democrats don't know about the committee. For those that have heard of the committee, they are unsure of what role it plays in policy-making. To make itself more relevant to the APA community, the Central Committee should take the following strategies:

- (1) Better meeting advertisement and location selection to encourage greater community participation. The district is very large and strongly dependent on transit and other non-auto modes of transportation (not to mention many people are unable to leave their homes for long periods of time). The Central Committee should identify locations that are easy to travel to and convenient for members of the community to easily reach.
- (2) Translating materials into different languages and at a minimum, translations should be available for those languages spoken by 3% or more of the population.
- (3) Choosing more relevant policies to advocate for and spend effort on - The Central Committee should focus its attention more on local issues that directly impact the daily lives of the residents here in Alameda County, especially for marginalized groups and other at-risk populations.
- (4) Host community events and table at events hosted by NGOs and other community partners to spread the word about the committee and the activities of the committee that are relevant to those who may not be aware.
- (5) Actively recruit diverse populations of students to be fellows/ interns and advance meaningful projects with some mentorship and/or project supervision.

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. *

I believe the Central Committee should create a subcommittee specifically designed to gather feedback from the various cultural and racial groups including the APA community. As Democrats, our greatest strength is our diversity. We need to create a space where that is both celebrated and engaged with directly. With the subcommittee, the District can engage with select cultural groups through targeted listening sessions to specifically identify what issues are of greatest concern and need for policy development. Finally, I believe the greatest strategy to promote awareness about the concerns of the APA community is to increase awareness of the Central Committee within the APA community itself and its ability to address policy gaps in our Democratic Party.

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

2022 endorsements: US Congress Ro Khana Treasurer – Hon. Fiona Ma Attorney General – Hon. Rob Bonta State Assembly Dist. 24 – Hon. Alex Lee Alameda USD Director – Hon. Gary Lym Berkeley Auditor – Hon. Jenny Wong Berkeley Councilmember Dist. 7, Hon. Rigel Robinson; Livermore Councilmember – Dist. 2, Mel Chiong Oakland Mayor – Hon. Sheng Thao Oakland Councilmember – Dist. 2, Hon. Nikki Fortunato Bas Pleasanton Councilmember – Dist. 3, Jamie Yee San Leandro Councilmember - Dist. 5, Xouhoa Bowen A.C. Transit Director – At-Large, Alfred Twu; BART Director – Dist. 6, 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.

The Central Committee resolutions typically focus on high-level policy issues and are intended to direct the broader democratic party toward specific virtues and goals. Where the Central Committee falls short is often focusing on issues that are more global in nature while sacrificing opportunities to address every-day “kitchen table” issues that local residents understand and feel every day.

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

No. The Central Committee’s resolution vetting process does not allow for the necessary amount of time to fully engage on many of the meaningful subjects it’s attempting to discuss. One week is an insufficient amount of time for even the most “plugged-in” participants to participate and engage on resolution issues.

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

I believe the Central Committee has had limited impact on the quality of life for low-income Alameda County residents. These residents face significant challenges to accessing affordable housing, quality food, and livable jobs. While the Central Committee has focused on more broad global issues, they have not spent enough time focusing on the everyday issues that impact the Alameda County residents nor the APA community more specifically.

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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