

# 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 \*

Harris Mojadedi

City and zip code of residence. \*

Union City; 94587

What is your campaign website address?

What is your campaign email address? \*

harris4unioncity@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. \*

20th AD Democratic Coalition

Are you an APA Caucus member? \*

Yes

No

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

I am one of a handful of AAPI/South Asian candidates running to represent a plurality AAPI Assembly District in a county that boasts 1/3 residents being AAPI. It is important that our Democratic Party reflect the diverse perspectives of Alameda County.

I am seeking the APA Dem Caucus endorsement because my lived experience and values as an AAPI community advocate/organizer align with the Caucus's mission.

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? \*

Lifelong resident of AD20 and Tri-Cities (South Alameda County).

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

I have been a Democratic Party activist, involved in several facets of our Party. These involvements include serving as an executive board member for local Dem Clubs/county level central committee involvement, and service on the California Democratic Party. These roles include the following:

- ACDCC Alternate Member (2021-present)
- CDP Delegate (2009-2013, 2019-present)
- CDP Anti-Racism Workgroup Member
- CDP Rules Committee Member (2019-present)
- CDP AAPI Caucus Board Member (Northern Chair- 2019- present)
- APA Dem Caucus Board Member (2018-present)
- Muslim & Friends Democratic Club co-founder & President (2009-11)
- South County Young Democrats Club co-founder & Secretary (2010-2012)
- Tri-Cities Democratic Forum Secretary (2009-2010)

## 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? \*

31% of district voters are of APA heritage. The top 3 asian ethnic groups are: Filipino, Asian-Indian and Chinese

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 Central Committee has a responsibility to facilitate targeted outreach to immigrant communities. One way to be more relevant is to provide documents/mailers in-language so as to properly communicate party platform to impacted AAPI communities. Another modality is to work with ethnic media groups to ensure that these communities have access to the Democratic Party. This is especially true to AAPI populations as they may fall prey to disinformation due to english being a second language and communication channels such as whatsapp/viber/wechat.

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) meet regularly with the APA Dem Caucus Board/Members to gain insight into issues/priorities for the AAPI community 2) consult with APA Dem Caucus on issues that impact AAPI population 3) advocate for more in-language services/materials to ensure the Democratic Party is courting immigrant communities where english is a second language.

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

Wilma Chan, Phong La, Harris Mojadedi, Suzanne Lee Chan, Rashi Keserwani, Raj Salwan

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.

N/A

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

No. The vetting process has not only been inadequate but has caused harm to many AAPI communities over the past few years. There needs to be consultation with impacted communities, including AAPI community on resolutions that will impact the Party's standing with impacted communities.

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

Not impactful at all, infact very performative.

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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