

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 *

Melissa Hernandez

City and zip code of residence. *

Dublin 94568

What is your campaign website address?

20thdistrict4all.com

What is your campaign email address? *

melhernandez1011@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. *

Yes, 20th district 4 all

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I would like the APA Caucus endorsement because Asian residents make up over half of the City of Dublin's population. Over my tenure as mayor, I have received tremendous support from the Asian community and we have worked closely to ensure representation in our city programs, commissions and recreational activities, and to address issues like language barriers with our city services. I've worked with Asian business leaders throughout our community, such as restaurants, banking, and small businesses. I also have taken steps to ensure that my Mayor's Council provides the opportunity for our youth to be involved in our city government. They have created groups to raise awareness on issues that young individuals deal with and deem important. It would be my honor to represent the Asian community not only in Dublin but in the entire AD 20 district and throughout 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? *

25 years

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

*I have worked on several democratic campaigns.

*Served on Congressman Swalwell's women's task-force.

*As the my mayor of Dublin I'm honored to represent and be the voice for the Dublin community also, making the best decisions for the entire community.

*Working with high school students to hear their voices and opinions.

*As an Alameda County employee for District 1, helping vulnerable populations, working with non profits and community based organizations. Liaison for healthcare in social services.

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? *

The percentage of APA heritage is 31% and the top 3 Asian ethnic groups are Asian-Indian, Chinese & Filipino.

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 members should work on providing more out reach and education to all of the no party preference communities. Also, providing information in different languages would be beneficial.

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. Town halls
2. Creating task-forces and workshops
3. Making sure that information is provided in different languages.

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

Supervisor Wilma Chan, Phong La, Raj Salwan, and Harris Mojadedi.

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. *

I do not believe the vetting process has been adequate. There should be more outreach to the AAPI and other communities.

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

At this time I do not feel they have been impactful to low-income residents of Alameda County.

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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