

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 *

Scott Sakakihara

City and zip code of residence. *

Union City, 94587

What is your campaign website address?

www.20thdistrict4all.com

What is your campaign email address? *

scott@scottforunioncity.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 District 4 All

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I am an Asian Pacific American Democrat representing a predominantly-APA council district in Union City—all four of my grandparents were U.S.-born citizens of Japanese descent interned during World War II and my wife's parents immigrated from the Philippines during the 1970s. My values align with the Caucus's goals of bringing more APAs into the Democratic Party, influencing Democratic policy on issues important to the APA community, and promoting APAs for elected office.

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? *

Since birth (1985) with breaks for school/work from 2003-2011.

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

I serve on the City Council in Union City representing District 4. I grew up in Union City and am a member of the Caucus, the Southern Alameda County Progressive Democrats, and the Tri-Cities Democratic Forum.

I worked for the 2010 Barbara Boxer (D) Senate campaign and interned with former Congressman Pete Stark (D) (representing much of the current Assembly District 20) and served on a Japanese American Citizens League Fellowship in the office of then-Congresswoman (now Senator) Mazie Hirono (D) and in the Obama White House Office of Political Affairs. I am the Council representative on the Alameda County Housing Commission, the Union City Parks & Recreation Commission, the New Haven Unified School District Joint Sub-Committee, and the City of Union City Audit Subcommittee and am the alternate representative on the Alameda County Transportation Commission and the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. I previously served as a Union City Planning Commissioner.

I serve as an Intelligence Officer in the United States Navy Reserves and am the Finance Chief of Staff at a software company. I am a member of the Union City Lions Club and Saint Paul United Methodist Church. I graduated from the University of California San Diego with a B.A. in Political Science and Harvard Law School with honors and am a member of the State Bar of California.

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? *

About one third (33-36% depending on the source). Chinese, Indian, and 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? *

To be completed - did not receive survey until the day it was due

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. *

To be completed

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

To be completed

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.

To be completed

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

To be completed

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

To be completed

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.

