

# 2024 Central Committee Questionnaire

*We expect the responses to be based on each candidate's individual lived experience.*

Email \*

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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 \*

Moina Shaiq

City and zip code of residence. \*

94536

What is your campaign website address?

None

What is your campaign email address? \*

moinashaiq@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. \*

Democrats for equity and inclusion

Are you an APA Caucus member? \*

Yes

No

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

I am one of the only South Asian woman and Muslim American, dem party needs to be diverse. I want to represent all on the CC and also bring out issues impacting the marginalized communities that don't have representation.

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? \*

41 years

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

Helped dems get elected, Co-chaired the UDC, walked precincts, ran for School Board, founder of Muslim Dem club, Associate member, Currently voting member, done Interfaith work, made sure that S. Asian voices are heard. AD24 is the most API district in the county

### 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? \*

Chinese, Indian and Philipino, around 61%

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? \*

Help them understand the values of the Dem party, connect them to offices they have issues with. Need to do more targeted outreach in different languages. Partnering with ethnic media to ensure that party platform is shared. More inclusive.

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. Consult with API Dem caucus to introduce Dem party stuff.
2. Host events with specific API communities.
3. Advocate for more translation services.

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

Fahria Khan, Lance Kwan, Raj Salwan, Seema Khan, Jenny Wong, Lance Nishihara, Negeen Mosaed, Janani Ramachandran, Alfred Twu, Sue Chan, Harris Mojodedi, Aziz Akbari

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 was recently appointed and have limited experience. Besides, resolutions are not binding and are more symbolic. I feel that they are a good source to educate folks, debate does educate people on issues they are not aware of and that are not on their radars. Communities are impacted in several different ways that folks can't understand.

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

Sometimes not enough time is given to resolutions because they are submitted after the deadline and because of the timely nature, they are not vetted properly.

API community and all others should be consulted for resolutions that impact them.

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

In my opinion, resolutions are more symbolic. They are not binding and do not impact people directly unless they are signed into law by the Governor.

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.

