

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 *

Raj Salwan

City and zip code of residence. *

Fremont, 94539

What is your campaign website address?

www.rajsalwan.com

What is your campaign email address? *

salwanforfremont@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, on slate with Nancy Thomas, Moina Shaiq, & Annie Koruga

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

The endorsement of the Caucus would be very meaningful to me because of my long time history with the caucus as a board member, and an endorsed candidate in several city council races. As one of the few elected representatives on the central committee, I believe it is important to preserve this seat and add to the bench of API leaders.

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? *

40+

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

Current elected central Committee member, 2020-present
Central Committee Alternate 2016-2020
Central Committee Associate 2008-2016
Fremont City Councilmember 2013-2014, 2016-present

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? *

Approximately 2/3 of the district is APA. The top
There APA groups are: Indian, Chinese, 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? *

We need to continue to embrace Asian Americans and be inclusive and welcoming of them. Most recently the central committee has taken the role of dismissing or canceling Asian Americans leaders which had lead to disillusionment of the community. We need to go back to basics and get them back in the fold to build a large big tent Democratic Party of previous years.

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 would be a direct conduit for APA communities and keep the dialogue open and keep you apprised about any issues that arise that affect the APA community. I have been doing that over the last four years.

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

Me (Raj Salwan). I'm not aware of many others as unfortunately, I don't see any elected members other than elected APA candidates.

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 think we are headed in the wrong direction as a central committee and party. We need to be inclusive and welcoming of our newer immigrant communities and bring them into the party, rather than alienating them with toxic resolutions or dividing the community.

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

No, I think that they are usually politically motivated and result in many people who are hurt in the process. In general the people hurt are invariably the APA communities.

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

Not very. They have not done enough to help solve the many economic issues facing us.

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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