

# 2024 Endorsement Questionnaire- Primary Election

Email \*

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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. Please submit your responses by Thurs., Dec. 28, by 5 pm.

## Personal Information

Candidate Name \*

DAN KALB

City and zip code of residence. \*

94618

What is your campaign website address?

www.dankalb.net

What is your campaign email address? \*

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What is the office that you are seeking? \*

Senate District 5

Senate District 7

Senate District 9

AC Supervisor District 4

AC Supervisor District 5

AC Superior Court Office 12

AD 14

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the incumbent? \*

Yes

No

Are you a registered Democrat? The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats \*

Yes

No

Are you an APA Dem Caucus member? \*

Yes

No

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao  
Oakland Firefighters, IAFF Local 55  
Former State Controller John Chiang  
California Environmental Voters  
16 current and former State legislators  
<https://www.dankalb.net/endorsements>

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? \*

Yes

No

Maybe

How long have you lived in the district that you are seeking to represent? \*

22 years

Educational background: What schools have you attended, date graduated, major and degree(s) earned.

Master of Nonprofit Management, University of San Francisco  
Baccalaureate of Science, Conservation of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley

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Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

Oakland City Councilmember, Jan. 2013 - present  
CA Policy Director, Union of Concerned Scientists, 2003-2012

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What are the names of any community or nonprofit organizations with which you have been an active volunteer in the past 3-5 years.

Rebuilding Together Oakland/East Bay  
East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO)  
Jewish Community Relations Council

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## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

We appreciate thoughtful responses that demonstrate a willingness to do some research. All questionnaire responses will be posted on the <https://apademcaucus.org> website.

1. Why do you think you are the best candidate to represent the concerns of Asian and Pacific Americans \* in this district?

I have had good, working relationships with leaders in various Asian American communities--particuklarly in Oakland of course. But I make every effort to have relationships with AAPI leaders throughout the District. I have over 30 years of policy experience--including 10 working in Sacramento writing state complex legislation and advocating for policy reforms. I have a strong record of accomplishments in Oakland and beyond. I understand that working in coalition is critically important and that is how I do the job.  
<https://www.dankalb.net/meet-dan>

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2. One of the most lasting pains of experiencing harassment is when no one around them intervenes or even offers help afterwards. What actions would you take if you witnessed an Asian or Pacific Islander being discriminated against, harassed, bullied, or made fun of? \*

We must be there for each other. People in different communities must be there when people in other communities are attacked. As a City Councilmember and as a member of the Jewish community, I stand up and stand firm against hate and bigotry. I have been there to support Asian American communities when they are attacked and will continue to do so my entire life.

I would intervene and not let harassment, bullying or discrimination go unchecked.

I support the policy recommendations from the Stop AAPI HATE Coalition, and will work to get those adopted throughout our state.

3. Despite being the largest racial grouping in Alameda County at 33%, Asians are only 10% of locally elected officials and the most underrepresented of all racial groups. Will you commit to increasing the number of Asians in the pipeline and what can you do to increase the number of Asian Americans running for office successfully? \*

I will continue to recommend for appointment to local and state commissions people from the Asian American communities that reflect the diversity of Northern Alameda County and West Contra Costa County. Serving on a Commission is helpful experience for being an elected official. I will hire staff and interns from Asian American communities I my State Senate office. YES, I absolutely commit to helping to facilitate larger numbers of Asian Americans ready to run for public office, and to support these candidates when they run.

4. Do you believe that members of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the district you are seeking to represent have been seen and heard by the current office holder? \*

Please explain your response with examples.

I'm not completely sure. Somewhat yes, but likely not enough. I will have community advisory committees that will include representatives of various Asian American communities from within the State Senate District

5. How can residents with limited English proficiency better access the services provided by the County/State? \*

All state (and County) agencies that are public-facing should have employees who are language proficient in the several most common non-English languages spoken in our State (or County). Agency websites and written materials/advertising should be translated into the most common non-English written languages known in our state. We must serve all residents regardless of English language proficiency.

6. Which Asian languages are most commonly spoken in the district you are running in and what plans do you have to reach -- during your campaign -- these non-English speaking community members? \*

Mandarin, Vietnamese, Cantonese would be the top three; however, there are others to be sure including, but not limited to Tagalog, and Korean.

I am hiring an Asian American field organizer for my campaign.

7. Please explain your position on Measure B - Proposal to amend Alameda County Charter Section 62 (Recall Elections) on the Primary ballot.

I plan to vote YES on County Measure B. It is long overdue and these Charter language changes should have been incorporated years ago in order to conform with State law, to remove illegal provisions, and two clarify specific Recall procedures in Alameda County.

8. For the SD 5 & SD 7 candidates: ~23% of your voters are located in Alameda County. Tell us what steps you have taken and/or intend to take to familiarize yourself with the issues of concern in these new (to you) communities, especially those who are of Asian ancestry.

Meet with AAPI community and civic leaders (including elected officials) in Asian American communities throughout the SD 7 portions of the East Bay.

9. What resources (people/organizations) will you tap to increase your knowledge and understanding of the on-going needs of the Asian and Pacific Americans living in your district? \*

I will meet with and Listen to AAPI elected leaders, academic and NGOs experts, business leaders in our Asian American communities/neighborhoods. This must be on-going, not just one-time. I will have community advisory committees to keep this going throughout my tenure as a State Senator.

10. Please list any local Asian American candidates you have publicly endorsed in the past 10 years. \*

John Chiang, Betty Yee, Rob Bonta, Fiona Ma, Sheng Thao, Nikki Fortunato Bas, Janani Ramachandran, David Kakishiba, Kyra Mungia, Aimee Eng, Gary Yee, Mia Bonta, Phil Ting, Ash Kalra, Alex Lee, Phong La, Jenny Wong, Alfred Twu, John Miki, Gordon Mar, Dave Min, Ted Lieu, Jeff Adachi (partial list)

11. Did you receive any assistance in responding to this questionnaire? If so, please identify your source(s) of information. \*

no

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please Submit your responses by Dec. 28, 5 pm. We will be holding a zoom endorsement meeting scheduled for January 13, 10 AM -1 PM. We will be interviewing live the candidates for SD 7, AC BOS #4, and AC BOS #5 who complete this questionnaire. 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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