



Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County

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2012 Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in being considered for endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Brief answers are satisfactory.

Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review.

CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name: Darlene C. Daevu

Permanent Address:

City, State, Zip: San Leandro, CA 94579

Office Sought: San Leandro City Council District: #4

Are you the incumbent? Yes ___ No X

Campaign Website: Friends of Darlene Daevu for City Council 2012
(Facebook Page)

Campaign Email: msdaevu@yahoo.com

Campaign Phone: (510) 351-1844

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a registered Democrat? Yes X No ___
(The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats)

Are you an APA Caucus member? Yes ___ No X

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? I am seeking the Caucus' endorsement to strengthen our fight for living work wages, jobs, educational and healthcare benefits for all communities.

List any endorsements you have received. PACE (Political Action Committee for Excellence), NWPC (National Women Political Caucus), California Assemblyman Johan Klehs, Retired, Vice Mayor and City Council Surlene Grant, Retired, San Francisco Supervisor Eric Mar, Bob Leigh

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? Yes X No ___

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words.

1. What makes you a better candidate for this elected office than your opponents? I have over 15 years of public sector work experiences making government work for its residents in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. I am armed with a graduate (MBA) and undergraduate (BS) degrees in Business Administration and I was a 2010 Mayoral appointment and am presently volunteering as a Senior Commissioner.
2. What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific American interests in the following areas (and if you have not contributed in these areas, please discuss any area(s) in which you have made a contribution):
 - Education – Within the last year, I have written a letter of recommendation for admission into graduate school for an API constituent as well as encouraged and promoted advancement through higher learning. As a Juvenile Probation Officer, I supported Parents' efforts to ensure their children attended school daily.
 - Health Care – I provide linguistic and translation services throughout the San Francisco Department of Public Health to ensure our monolingual API community receives quality physical and mental healthcare services.
 - Civil Rights – Ongoing efforts to promote equality by 1) having a willingness to learn about differences 2) honoring and acknowledging past discriminating practices and 3) advocate on behalf of API when I recognize barriers.
 - Business – Recently, I listened to a API small business owner (Beauty Products Supplier) discuss the effects of the recession on her business and vowed to continue coming to her store as well as tell my friends to purchase items from her store.
3. How have you worked with the API community in the past? As a native San Franciscan, I have always worked with the API community at school, during orchestra rehearsal and at work, etc.
4. Why do you think appointed and elected offices continue to be under-represented in terms of ethnic communities? I think appointed and elected offices continue to be under-represented in terms of ethnic communities because of institutional racism. Institutional racism is systematic policies and practices within institutions that disadvantage certain ethnic groups. (Example: Only white men were allowed to vote until 1920.)
5. What can we count on you to do to address this on an institutional basis? I will make choices for appointed and elected officials based on their character, educational

accomplishments, morals and values, skills and work experiences.

6. What will you personally do to get input from under-represented communities in your jurisdiction? I will form alliances with under-represented communities, provide a welcoming attitude and presence in the community as well as actively listener.
7. What API policy issues and/or legislation have you championed in the past? I have and will continue to strictly adhere to Federal mandates and advocate for cultural and linguistic services in mental and physical healthcare services.
8. How have you promoted APIs into leadership positions? I have encouraged my staff to promote from within by taking promotional examinations.
9. If elected to office, would you agree to seek and accept input from the APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County on relevant policy matters? Yes.

Deadline for responses: 5 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2012

Please e-mail your completed questionnaire to
karen.fong@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for taking the time to seek our endorsement.