



## 2008 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: **Kriss Worthington**

Permanent Address: **2808 Hillegass Ave. #1**

City, State, Zip: **Berkeley, CA 94705**

Office Sought: **State Assembly**

District: **14**

Are you the incumbent? Yes \_\_\_ No X

Campaign Website: **www.krissworthington.com**

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Campaign Phone: **510-548-8796 Campaign Mgr. Mike Sheen 510-604-2776**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you an APA Caucus member? Yes X No \_\_\_

Why are you seeking our endorsement? What does the AP Caucus endorsement mean to you?

I am seeking the endorsement of the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County for multiple reasons. First and foremost, I respect the important mission the group has taken on to help the Democratic Party, as well as to help Asian American's empowerment within the Democratic Party. The second reason is because the Caucus resonates with my personal, professional and political commitment to diversity. Far too many times I feel like a lonely voice trying to remind people or groups that diversity is more than just black and white. The more Asian Pacific Americans and Latinos and Native

Americans get organized, the stronger our Party and our country will be. Lastly, I am seeking the APA Caucus endorsement because I want to win, and I would be honored to receive all the endorsements I can get!

List any endorsements you have received.

### **Organizations**

International Association of Machinists, Local 1546  
Berkeley Firefighters Association, Local 1227  
Teamsters Joint Council 7  
Progressive Democrats of the East Bay  
Equality California  
Berkeley Daily Planet

### **Elected Officials:**

Mark Leno, State Assemblymember  
Max Anderson, Berkeley City Council  
Darryl Moore, Berkeley City Council  
Dona Spring, Berkeley City Council  
Robert Lieber, Albany Mayor  
Farid Javandel, Albany City Council  
Marjorie Atkinson, Albany City Council  
Ken Bukowski, Emeryville Mayor  
Ruth Atkin, Emeryville City Council  
Mark Green, Union City Mayor  
Larry Reid, Oakland City Council  
Tom Ammiano, San Francisco Supervisor  
Bevan Dufty, San Francisco Supervisor  
Gerardo Sandoval, San Francisco Supervisor  
Leslie Katz, Former San Francisco Supervisor

Jose Cisneros, San Francisco Treasurer  
Dolores Huerta, United Farm Workers  
Elsa Ortiz, AC Transit Board  
Doug Linney, East Bay MUD  
John Selawsky, School Board Chair  
Rio Bauce, School Board  
Jesse L. Arreguin, Rent Board Chair  
Dave Blake, Rent Board  
Howard Chong, Rent Board  
Jack Harrison, Rent Board  
Jason Overman, Rent Board  
Selma Spector, Rent Board  
Lisa Stephens, Rent Board  
Pamela Webster, Rent Board  
Van Nguyen, ASUC President  
Taylor Allbright, ASUC Executive VP  
Danny Montes, ASUC External VP

### **... and hundreds of local community leaders:**

Marion Abdullah	Curtis Billue	Iris M. Cavagnaro	Carolyn Daoust
Margie Adam	Fay M. Blake	Jeffrey Siu-Yuen Chan	Anna de Leon
Judy Ann Alberti	Jano Bogg	James B. Chanin	Denisha M. DeLane
Paula Althoff	Diana Bohn	Hank Chapot	Nikos A. Diaman
Phillip Alvarado	Leslie Bonett	Laurie Chastain	Michael Diehl
Lee Amosslee	R.D. Brabham	Federico Chavez	Conor Dixon
Karen A. Anderson	Mary D. Broderick	boona cheema	Robert J. Dixon
Tristan Anderson	Frank O. Brown	Thuon Chen	Jim Doherty
Lisa Ang	Louise Brown	Roy Childs	Helen Duffy
Phoebe Anne Sorgen	Alden Bryant	Winnie J. Childs	Sean Dugar
Davis A. Baltz	Robert Burnett	Bow Chinnapong	Thomas J. (Tom) Ellsworth
Adrienne Bank	Vangie Buell	William A. Chorneau	John Sutton English
Marty Barclay	Elena Burgess	Grace H. Christie	Judith K. Epstein
Artensia Barry	Winston Burton	Peter O. Cleveland	Elise Ermond
Allen Barth	Jacqueline L. Cabasso	Sara Cleveland	Jane Falk
Philip D. Batchelder	Christine Caldwell	Pat Cody	Mark P. Fickes
Lucinda Bayzile	Nancy Carleton	Mark Coplan	Jack Lucero Fleck
Sean P. Beatty	Jeffrey Carter	John Curl	Martin Friedman
Gene Bernardi	Santiago Casal	Patricia Dacy	Mike Friedrich

Lydia Gans	Russell Kilday-Hicks	Phyllis R. Olin	Margot Smith
Richard Garcia	Abraham Kneisley	Becky O'Malley	Richie Smith
Steve Geller	Carolyn Kolka	Mike O'Malley	Robert Smith
Elwood Gerrits	Hannah Krantzberg	Tim O'Rourke	William Smock
Rash B. Ghosh	Kurt A. Kuhwald	Catherine Orozco	Sally Sommer
Dorothea Gielow	Pierre Labossiere	Storyteller Orunamamu	PhoeBe Anne Sorgen
Dale Gieringer	Lisa J. Lackey	Jesse Palmer	Andrew Spence
Ann F. Ginger	Larry Laikam	Charlie Pappas	Martin Spence
Rachel D. Ginsburg	Louise Larson	George Pearson	Pam Spevack
Jamie Giragi	Stephen John Lautze	Rev. Marvis Peoples	Jean Stewart
Evelyn Glaubman	William Lawler	Rev. Edwina Perez-	Jane Stillwater
Rick Goldsmith	Richard Lee	Santiago	Evelyn F. Stirewalt
Brendalynn R. Goodall	Debbie Lerman	Andrew Phelps	Earl G. Stokes
Alan Gould	Marcia Levenson	Willie Phillips	Ladonna Stoppel
Sagie Govender	Lew G. Levinson	Timothy Ponti	Kevin Strother
Judith Grant	Kent A. Lewandowski	Darrellyn Sue Poole	Mohammad E. (Mike) Talai
April Green	Alison S. Lewis	Marcia E. Poole	David Tam
Elaine Green	Ted Lewis	Johnnie Porter	Michael K. Tandy
Marianne Haas	Charlotte Lichterman	Gene S. Poschman	Rev. Belinda Thomas
Elizabeth Hall	John Lindsay-Poland	Yvonne Prevo	Melinda Thomas
Barbara Hammer	Doug Linney	Mary Prophet	Stephanie K. Thomas
Hali D. Hammer	Mark George Liolios	Fran Rachel	Jerry D. Threet
John Hart	Bill Lipsky	Robert Raich	Diane A. Tokugawa
Chandra Hauptman	Jose Luis Lopez	Juan Reardon	Valerie Trost
Matthew Hawk	Albert T. Lucero	Karl Reeh	James Vann
Francesca Isabella Healy	Frank H. Lucido	Isaac W. Rhodes	Giovanni Vassallo
Dolores Helman	Jose Luis Lopez	Wilson Riles	Maxine Ventura
Mark Hendrix	Kirk Lumpkin	Ann L. Riley	Leeza Vinogradov
Gene B. Herman	Kokavulu Lumukanda	Lynn Riordan	Linda Vurek
Joel Hildebrandt	W.J. Lutkenhouse	Claire Risley	Lindsay Vurek
Douglas J. Hill	Thom Lynch	Jon Rodney	David Wasserman
Sally Hindman	Iris M. Cagnaro	Ces Rosales	Mary Wayne
Yvette Hochberg	Stephen M. Mackouse	Aggie Rose-Chavez	Mark Weiman
Paul Hogarth	Phyllis C. Malandra	Steve Rossoff	Janet Weiss
Nancy Holland	Robert Marsh	Eva Royale	Laura Gorton West
Allen Horne	Mel Martynn	Zachary Runningwolf	Richard P. Wiebe
Garry Lee Horrocks	Paul Matzner	Diana E.H. Russell	Tobey Wiebe
Beatrice Howard	John R. McBride	Mariana Ruybalid	Fabienne Vaughn Williams
Eric Hsu	Alejandro Mendoza-	Caroline Sanders	Niteki Williams
Bonnie Hughes	Castillo	Jack Sawyer	Veronica Williams
Clarence Hunt	Pamela M. Merchant	Rosalie Yanos Say	Rev. Mark Wilson
Susan Hunter	Arlene Merryman	Carolyn Scarr	Elsbeth Wilson
Mansour Id-Deen	Joseph Michael	Jae Scharlin	John J. Winters
Helen Isaacson	Ruth Michaels	Laurence Schechtman	Stephen Wollmer
Karen Folger Jacobs	Toni Miles	David Schonbrunn	Avis M. Worthington
Don Jelinek	Anne-Marie Miller	Kirsten Schwind	Zma Wyatt
Estelle Jelinek	Charles Keith Miller	David M. Seaborg	Laura X
Sunny Jha	Dahlia Moodie	Andrea Segall	Masako I. Yamada
Cynthia J. Johnson	Frank Moore	Judy Shattuck	Tom Yamaguchi
Rev. Jeff Johnson	John Morton	Randy Shaw	Robert M. Yates
Cleo Jones	Ken Moshesh	Mike Sheen	Ami Zins
David Joseph	Natalie Nava	Ruthanne Shpiner	Dairne Ryan
Anu Joshi	Alicia Nelson	Sara Shumer	Christa vonBlanckensee
Lynne Kalmar	Dale D. Nesbitt	Linda J. Sikorski	Robert Burn
Michael Katz	Tam Nguyen	Dale Smith	Henry Clarence
Patrick C. Kehoe	Donald E. Nicodemus	Frieda J. Smith	Sylvia Rock
Thomas Kelem	Kathleen Nimr	Gar Smith	(partial list)
Jennifer Kidder	Bill Olin	Linda Smith	

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

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words.

1. If elected, what are your top priorities during your term? What would you like to accomplish and how would you go about doing so? Please be specific.

I will be a Democrat with backbone, and advocate for the most progressive state budgets and policy possible. I am passionately committed to working on Education, Environment, Health care, Labor, and Diversity, but I have also demonstrated that I can take on hundreds of projects and keep track of and follow through on them. My advocacy against implementation of the already-approved drastic prison expansion may help win us some delay in the horrible budget consequences that will come from operating the extra prison beds built to incarcerate many more minority youth for drug and minor offenses. My passion for education funding starts at preschool, includes strong commitment to vocational and career technical education, and goes all the way through to the Community College, CSU and UC systems. Another goal is to use the bully pulpit of the position to support social movements, disenfranchised people and to oppose racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-immigrant and any and all forms of hate crimes, prejudice and discrimination. I will continue to speak out and stand up against I.C.E. raids and DEA raids. While I will be willing when it is necessary to be the "Barbara Lee speaks for me" solo principled progressive vote, I will primarily seek to build coalitions to win. While I will actively give encouragement and support to progressive causes, my legislation itself will mostly focus on positive incremental improvements.

2. How have you in the past and how will you in the future use your position to expand the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Americans in public policy and politics?

Expanding the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Americans in public policy and politics is a subject near and dear to my heart. I am honored that I have had the pleasure to appoint the most Asian Pacific American commissioners of any Berkeley City Council member. I have also lobbied other Council members to appoint a more diverse range of commissioners and have suggested numerous possible Asian American appointees. I have recruited multiple Asian and South East Asian candidates to run for office. I have hired a high percentage of Asian staff in our City Council office. I have successfully pressured the City management to address significant underrepresentation of Latino and Asian people in the City workforce and management.

I have supported Asian candidates on the City, regional, and state levels, and I have opposed Governors' effort to abolish Commission on API Affairs (2/15/05). Within State government I will continue the same level of commitment to work for diversity in who I hire and appoint, as well as in who I lobby the Governor and legislative leaders to hire and appoint.

3. 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):

- Supported expansion of Asian-American studies courses
- Supported expansion API Data categories (disaggregation of census data to more accurately reflect the diversity of Asian American/Pacific Islander heritage.
- Proclaimed API American Heritage month for many years (to present community organizing opportunity to bring more API people to participate)
- Actively organized support for ESL and multi-lingual counseling services.
- Supported Asian student organizations and served as mediator because I was friends with folks on both sides of intense conflicts.
- Strenuously defended AJOB when their contract faced budget cuts.
- Supported increased funding for community colleges which are essential for immigrant families' job training success.
- Advocated in defense of Wen Ho Lee when he was held in solitary confinement and denied bail on flimsy evidence.
- Participated in meetings and events responding to anti-Asian hate crimes.
- Rallied against Abercrombie and Fitch's racist tee-shirts
- Lobbied ABC about Desperate Housewives
- Supported Filipino Veterans Equity bill
- Actively opposed registration and deportation as a policy, as well as helping individual people with their individual cases.
- Opposed HR 4437 Federal Anti-immigrant legislation (3/7/06)
- Supported health care coverage for children regardless of immigration status
- Supported SB 1160 Immigrant security Act
- Supported Immigrant Workers Freedom Rides (9/9/03)

Each of the above are just a few samples of my commitment to promoting Asian-Pacific American interests in these three areas. My entire being is committed to working to reflect all the diversity of all our people throughout our government and society.

**Deadline for responses: March 16, 2008, 9:00 P.M.**

Please fax your completed questionnaires to (510) 891-9278 or email to [agfong@comcast.net](mailto:agfong@comcast.net)

***Thank you for taking the time to seek our endorsement.***