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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 continue to work to promote openness in government. Along with my colleague, Lena Tam and the League of Women Voters, I have resisted efforts to dismantle the Sunshine Task Force. I will promote access to government by investing in technology so that the City of Alameda can catalog, scan and upload documents for easier retrieval on the city website by the public.

Maintaining a balanced budget, as we have for the last several years, is crucial to the well-being of any city. We must continue to curb our expenditures in the face of declining revenues and state take aways. I will work with our employee groups to ensure that any cuts are equitable and to minimize lay-offs. I will incorporate some of the recommendations of our Fiscal Sustainability Committee in order to address our deferred maintenance needs and partner with our firefighter and police unions to tackle our pension obligations.

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?

I have supported and endorsed Wilma Chan, Alice Lai-Bitker and Lena Tam in their last several races. I continue to support Ms. Tam despite the efforts of some who have attempted prevent her from performing her duties as council member and who have resisted her call for more openness and transparency in government.

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):

- Education:** I supported both recent Alameda parcel taxes (H & E) to improve the quality of education and further equal access and opportunity for all students. It is especially important to provide additional resources for children for whom English is a second language.
- Health Care:** I advocated for the formation of the Alameda Health Care District so that so that hospital services, especially the emergency room, could be maintained on the island.
- Civil Rights:** As a member of the National Women's Political Caucus, I have encouraged and promoted the candidacy of women to appointed and elected

positions. I opposed Proposition 8 because it denies the fundamental right of marriage to the GLBT community.

- **Business:** I have committed to working with the business owners (and residents) of Oakland's Chinatown as Alameda moves forward with development of Alameda Point because the traffic impacts, especially along the connection to 880, has the potential to severely affect their businesses and quality of life.