

Coastside Democrats Survey, Central Committee Candidates

Rishi Kumar

Please state how long you have been registered to vote as a Democrat. *

- Always been a registered Democrat
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last ten years
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last five years
- Just registered as a Democrat this election cycle

Why are you running to represent Congressional District 16? *

RishiKumar.com/5

What do you see as the major issues on the Coastside? *

rishikumar.com/coast

What will your top priorities be if you are elected? *

★ I will find solutions for the coastal challenges of climate and coastal protection, failing electricity grid, erosion, sea-level rise, fire safety, fire insurance, a robust transportation system that includes fortification and an upgrade of Highway 92 with federal investment, and durable broadband. A focus for me would be raise the educational standards in ALL our school districts

★ Purge special interest group money from politics. I am the only candidate in this race who rejects PAC money and Special Interest Group money

★ Medicare for All, Climate, Reproductive Rights. I am the only candidate in this race who supports Medicare for All

★ Term Limits and Age Limits in Congress. Career politicians have derailed our nation - it is time for change

Please explain how your background and experience have prepared you for the office you are seeking. *

Rishi believes in result-driven problem-solving approaches as a political leader. As an immigrant and an engineer working for IBM, Rishi found his calling as an activist stepping up for complex community challenges that he couldn't ignore. As a Saratoga councilmember, he was elected with the most votes in Saratoga's history for getting things done. Rishi challenged the system, unafraid to be the dissenting vote, and focused his energy on the tough community challenges. He led efforts to reject many of San Jose Water Company's water rate increases that benefited a million residents of Silicon Valley, reduced burglaries - the largest reduction compared to any other Silicon Valley city, and stopped a potential 300-room hotel mega development project on a hillside in a high fire hazard zone.

<https://rishikumar.com/aboutrishi>

Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee, or been identified publicly with a political organization, candidate, ballot measure or issue? If so, please provide the details of your involvement. *

Rishi has served on the following organizations

Served two terms on the Saratoga City Council (2014-2022)

Elected and served multiple terms as the Executive Board and Delegate to the California Democratic Party.

Served on the Governor's University of California Regents committee

Served on the California Department of Education's K-12 public school computer science curriculum implementation panel - the curriculum is now live for every public school child

Board member of the California Democratic Party API Caucus and served multiple terms

Founded the Bay Area Indian American Democratic Club <http://www.baiadc.org/>

NLC Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials APAMO Board member,

Director - CA League of Cities API Caucus

Member National League of Cities, Energy and Environmental Resources Committee

League of CA Cities Employee Relations Policy Committee

League of CA Cities Administrative Policy Committee

Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

SCC Library District Board of Directors