

2022 Primary Endorsement Questionnaire

DEADLINE: Submit by 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 18, 2022

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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 submit your responses by 12 Noon, Monday, Apr. 18. All questionnaire responses will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Jim Canova

City and zip code of residence.

San Jose, CA 95134-1608

What is your campaign website address?

www.JimCanova.com

What is your campaign email address?

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

Yes

No

Are you an APA Democratic Caucus member? *

Yes

No

How long have you lived in the district which you are seeking to represent?

40+ years

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

I serve on the SCUSD Governing Board

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What actions have you taken to address anti-Asian discrimination/bullying/harassment? Please explain in what capacity you have acted and whether any of these actions were prior to 2020. (i.e., as an elected representative, member of commission/board/organization, and as an individual.

The SCUSD has taken multiple steps to address these issues [Santa Clara Unified School District].

2. One out of every 3 Alameda County residents is of Asian ancestry but are underrepresented in elected office. What have you done and will you do to elevate their issues of concern?

Running for office is just too expensive & difficult for working families. We need true public funding of campaigns. The 2 county campaign statements for this office cost \$15,000.00 alone. Other candidates have received close to \$1m for this race from special interests already. The money is corrosive to democracy.

3. One-third of Alameda County residents were born in another country. Do you believe that the needs of immigrants have been adequately addressed by the office you are seeking to represent? What changes are needed to better center their needs?

No ... much more needs to be done. School Districts across the bay area have declining student enrollment. We are losing all of our families. Our families need to not just survive here ... they need to thrive here!

4. What have you learned about Asian Americans in the past year that you were previously unaware of and how has that impacted you?

What I have always known ... a beautiful vibrant community that makes living in California dynamic and exciting!

5. What is the difference between supporting Asian American/Pacific Islander issues and being an Ally?

Actions speak louder than words.

6. 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 depend on a broadly diverse staff in Sacramento & locally to increase my knowledge and effectiveness as your state senator.

7. Please identify any Asian Pacific American candidates whom you have publicly endorsed/supported over the past 5 years including this election cycle. If there are none, please explain.

Most recently Alex Lee [AD25 now AD24].

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Only candidates who submit questionnaires by noon Monday, April 18 will be considered for endorsement.

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