

# 2022 Endorsement Questionnaire- General Election - City Elections

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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 note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review. Please submit your responses by Tuesday, Sept. 6 by 5 pm.

## Personal Information

Candidate Name \*

John Anthony Miki

City and zip code of residence.

Albany 94706

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What is your campaign website address?

miki4albanyca.com

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What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- City of Alameda, Mayor
- City of Alameda, City Council
- City of Alameda, School Board
- City of Albany, City Council
- City of Albany, School Board
- City of Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 8
- City of Berkeley, School Board
- City of Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- City of Dublin, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Dublin, City Council
- City of Dublin, School Board (short term)
- City of Dublin, School Board, Area 5
- City of Emeryville, City Council
- City of Emeryville, School Board
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 4
- City of Fremont, School Board, #3
- City of Hayward, City Council
- City of Hayward, School Board (long term)
- City of Hayward, School Board (short term)
- City of Livermore Mayor

- City of Livermore, Mayor
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Livermore, School Board
- City of Newark, Mayor
- City of Newark, City Council
- City of Newark, School Board
- City of Oakland, Mayor
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 4
- City of Oakland, City Council, Dist. 6
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 2
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 4
- City of Oakland, School Board, Dist. 6
- City of Piedmont, City Council
- City of Piedmont, School Board
- City of Pleasanton, City Council, Dist 1
- City of Pleasanton, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of San Leandro, Mayor
- City of San Leandro, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of San Leandro, City Council Dist. 5
- City of San Leandro, School Bd., Area 2
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 2
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Union City, City Council, Dist. 4

New Haven School District, #4

Other: .....

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

As an Asian American I am running to bring a more diverse set of views and representation to the Albany City Council.  
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List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

Preston Jordan, Mayor

Aaron Tiedemann, Vice Mayor

Rochelle Nason, Albany Council Member

Peggy McQuaid, Albany Council Member

Julia Chang Frank, Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commissioner and Co-founder of the API (Asian Pacific Islander) Parent Engagement Group

see website for more

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

Yes

No

Maybe

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

16 years

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Educational background: What schools have you attended, date graduated, major and degree(s) earned.

Carnegie Mellon University, 2000, Bachelor of Architecture, Minor in Photography and Digital Imaging

University of California Berkeley, 2006, Master of Urban Design

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Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

Opticos Design, Studio Manager, 16 years  
Urban Design Associates, Urban Designer, 5 years

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

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### 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/or as an individual.

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2. One out of every 3 Alameda County residents is of Asian ancestry but are underrepresented in elected office and make-up 28% of all eligible voters in the County overall. Do you believe the legislative body you are seeking to represent has adequately served Asian and Pacific Americans? Why or why not?

No, the Albany City Council has had some past representation, however 30% of our population is of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry. We have had representation in our school district and on commission but not at the highest policy level.

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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?

I believe Albany can do more to address the needs of recent immigrants.

4. Please identify the three largest APA ethnicities in your district.

Japanese, Chinese and Korean

5. Please identify the most at-risk APA community in your district and explain why.

Student families living within the University Village. I was fortunate after finishing my degree to find a home in Albany. many of the students find themselves having to uproot their family from the community due to a lack of available affordable housing in Albany. In addition the elderly APA population within Albany is finding it harder and harder to remain within the community.

6. What have you learned about Asian Americans in the past 2 years that you were previously unaware of and how has that impacted you?

In the past few years the level of violence against the APA community has increased. I had believed that the Bay Area was a more accepting and open community. My family and I feel the need to stand up and as we say "Stop Asian Silence". we as a community must stand up for our community and other communities of color. We must take on policy roles in our communities to affect long term change.

7. How do you think microaggressions and verbal harassment against Asians and other marginalized community members can be better addressed and what will you commit to doing? If you have intervened in the past, please describe what you did.

Empathy and awareness are keys to addressing these issues. Building empathy between people to understand the needs and situations of the APA community as well as building empathy within the APA community of the common challenges people of color face is important. Awareness that these micro aggressions and verbal harassment occur is important as well.



8. 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 would reach out to the School District, residents of the University Village and Asian Pacific Islander Parent engagement group.

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9. Please list any Asian American candidates you have publicly endorsed.

Alfred Twu, candidate for AC Transit

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Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please Submit your responses by Sep. 6, 5 pm. We will be holding several zoom endorsement meetings covering all three regions of the County before the end of September, tbd. Only those candidates completing the questionnaire will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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