

# 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 \*

Jay Jiyuan Wu

City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley 94704

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What is your campaign website address?

BerkeleyBetterment.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?

One of my major causes is Asian Safety .....

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

None so far

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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?

3 years

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

Ph.D. in Sociology from University of Wisconsin-Madison 1995

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

Shanghai University of Finance & Economics, Lecturer, 5 years; Business School at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, 7 years; JFK University, Pleasant Hill, CA 3 years Adjunct Faculty

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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.

None

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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.

None before 2020, first time running for public service and fight for AAPI hate crimes

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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?

Not really. The public awareness still low and compared with Black Lives Matter we have long way to go. Berkeley has been better than Oakland in hate crime incidences but we need to form a united front for people of colors in both Berkeley and Oakland to raise the awareness and willingness to participate.

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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?

Not really. Similar to AAPI hate crimes the public awareness and interests are still low. We need to be better organized to have a unified voice and also to have elected members in public offices to have an impact.

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

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

Chinese, Indian, Vietnam

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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?

I learn that many AAPI are not politically active and even not respond to another Asian face like me calling for Asian safety. I really think this cannot be changed overnight and that's why I will call a coalition of people of colors to get going.

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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.

Sadly verbal harassment is not well addressed since hate crime law only punish actions, not thoughts, comments or ideas. This is why we need a coalition of people of colors. I have not seen anything like that in front of me but I would stop if I see one, perhaps by saying "we can all get along and no need to discriminate someone else just because she or he is different."

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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 will talk to stopAAPIhate.org to find out more about the prevalence and patterns, and then learn for resources to handle it better. Once again, people in my district have little problem with AAPI hates.

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

None

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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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