

2022 Endorsement Questionnaire- General Election - Special Districts

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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 *

Arun Goel

City and zip code of residence.

Dublin 94568

What is your campaign website address?

In Progress (arungoel.net)

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- AC Transit Board of Directors, Ward 3
- AC Transit Board of Directors, Ward 4
- BART Board, Dist. 6
- Dublin San Ramon, Area 5
- EBMUD, Ward 3
- EBMUD, Ward 7
- East Bay Regional Parks District, Ward 3
- Livermore Area Rec and Parks District
- Fairview Fire Protection District
- Oro Lomo Sanitation District
- Eden Area Healthcare District, Area 3
- Eden Area Healthcare District, Area 5
- Peralta Community College District, Area 3
- Peralta Community College District, Area 5
- Peralta Community College District, Area 7
- AC Transit - At-Large
- 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?

I believe my vision and values for the Asian community is very much aligned to the caucus, which is validated by the my past actions. From educating and informing voters/youth, explaining the importance of civic engagement, and understanding the governmental process in decisions being made locally with how to influence positively. Growing our elected representation for Asians is an essential goal for me personally.

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

In Progress

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?

19 years

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

San Jose State University

Bachelors Civil Engineering 1996

Masters Civil Engineering 2002

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

Hill International (Project Controls Manager) - 3 year (current employer)

MasTec (Project Controls Manager) - 2 years

PG&E (Project Controls Manager) - 2.5 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.

Break the Outbreak
Yours Humanly
Sean Brocke Foundation
Teens Unite for Education

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.

Have been educating the community on their rights, awareness and helping drive change with elected officials in the community. I was active as the Vice Mayor/City Councilmember for the City of Dublin, including ethnic specific organizations within the Asian community.

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, I am currently the only Asian serving on the Board of Directors of 5 members

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?

Currently, it is hard to tell as many Asians don't know sufficiently about DSRSD and the water services we provide. I believe education and outreach are needed, to help them understand more specifically what DSRSD does and how we serve them, including financial assistance, etc.

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

Chinese, Indian, and Filipino (District 5 represent more than the 54% in the city)

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

The most at risk APA communities, in my opinion, are not citizens that do not understand the governmental process in order to voice their opinions clearly to make a difference. Specifically Indians and Chinese, who have communication barriers and don't realize the difference of how the government works in the United States.

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?

Many Asian communities are attacked brutally for no reason (wrong place and time), Asians in general are trying to be more informed and participate they need guidance, but have amazing opinions, solutions, and thoughts.

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.

Public education through multiple platforms to develop engagement with the community at large, volunteering, and ensuring education of today's diverse youth are essential to minimize the microaggressions and misconceptions. In the past, I have participated in several vigils for victims, met with community members with misconceptions to name a few while also working with elected official on social media platforms to drive awareness.

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?

Continued participation with organizations and leaders like APAPA and HAF to name a few.

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

For this election still to be determined.
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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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