

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 *

Sherman Lewis

City and zip code of residence.

Hayward 94542

What is your campaign website address?

lewisforhayward.com

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?

I need votes.
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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).

Too few to matter. Just starting to ask for them. Website not functional for a few days more.

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?

2022-1967 = 55 years

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

Harvard College, BA, magna cum laude, 1967. Columbia University, Ph.D., 1967.

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

Professor, Cal State Hayward, now East Bay. since 1967 to 2004, now emeritus

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

Hayward Area Planning Association; Internationalcomparisons.org

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

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?

I don't know. I don't think we have an Asian ancestry, but I don't know and am reluctant to guess.

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?

The office of Council member? I don't know. Hayward is multi-ethnic with early Portuguese from the Azores. We have a famous orchardist, Mr. Bing, who created the Bing cherry. I think he was Chinese. I am having a problem with these questions because my attitude is if you need help, let's find a way. I don't think in terms of categor

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

I have no idea.
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5. Please identify the most at-risk APA community in your district and explain why.

Most Asians are doing well--Chinese, Japanese, my neighbor Etu from Tonga.
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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?

Nothing. Mayor Halliday's State of the City never mentioned. I worked with Gail Steele for decades helping all in need. Individual needs came up, but not a category, not in Hayward.
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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.

My neighborhood and my university are really isolated from immediate social problems. The City has not had publicized discrimination incidents against anybody. We have no newspaper. I can listen to complaints and take them to staff but will rely on staff and the community to get specific. We don't show up in SPLC reports. I suspect if some incident occurred we would all be appalled and not really know what to do about it. I am really focused on affordable sustainable housing and saving downtown.
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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?

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

none. Who do you suggest?
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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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