

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 *

Craig Bueno

City and zip code of residence.

Livermore 94551

What is your campaign website address?

www.BuenoForSchools.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 spent many years working to support the ideals of the caucus with our Assemblymember. Today, years later, many of those same issues persist, in addition to the unacceptable rise in crimes against people of Asian descent. My experience in government, coupled with my support for a common cause, may be advantageous when working to solve mutual issues.

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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).

Livermore Education Association, Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters, NAACP So Ala Co Chapter, multiple professional construction trades.

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?

Over 35 years

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

Educated in Alameda Co public schools

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

Retired, Fire Chief for City of Hayward Fire Dept my entire 28 year career

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

Ala Co 100 Club Board of Directors, High School Coach for past 19 years

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.

As an elected member of our School Board, I'm unaware of any issues rising to the Board that were specific to anti-Asian harassment. However, I have as a member of this same Board worked diligently to resolve any instances as described, and worked to put in place preventative measures.

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?

What I know about answering that question for any group that I am not identified as being a member, is that the question is best answered by an observer or participant that is a direct member. Yes, I believe there is a concerted effort to serve all our student, and the effort is deliberately held to be inclusive.

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?

There is a concentrated effort to serve our entire population with equity, and this population is quite diverse. During the past Presidential Administration there were many stresses placed upon our migrant population. I played an active role in working directly with our at-risk student population to calm fears, preserve their safety and eliminate any known threats that came to our attention. This is an issue that requires on-going attention and effort.

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

Filipino, Chinese, Pacific Islander

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

Vietnamese. This group is often vulnerable due to immigration status and language.

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've spent many years working directly on our shared issues, and know that it's a matter of listening first and acting second.

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.

I see the actions of our District as positive steps in preventing these type of negative actions. Prevention is the best practice. Beyond prevention, identification of recurring issues.

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 coach at one of our comprehensive High Schools and have for years worked with a very diverse population, inclusive of several ...Asian and Pacific Americans..players. I've always found value in openly talking about their concerns and perspectives, and have advocated strongly to address issues.

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

In years past, Mary Hayashi. More recently Kristie Wang

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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