

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 *

Mike Hutchinson

City and zip code of residence.

Oakland, 94602

What is your campaign website address?

For now we are still just using our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MikeHutchinson4SchoolBoard/>

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, 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 believe that our multi racial multi generational coalition for quality public schools is in alignment with your caucus.
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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).

SEIU 1021, Rebecca Kaplan, Carroll Fife, David Kakishiba, Pamela Price

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?

I have lived in the same house for over 40 years, but I've been redistricted.

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

Graduated from Skyline High in 1991, attended UC Berkeley 91-93

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

School board director 2020-current, Co founder of OPEN 2013-2020, academic mentor at redwood heights elementary 2014-17.

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

OPEN, Journey for Justice National Alliance

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.

I have worked for decades directly with youth and in advocacy/organizing with a focus on social/racial Justice. Although most of my work was not specific to anti Asian hate, we have often stood in solidarity together like with the passage of ethnic studies curriculum. Many of the people I've worked closely with to fight for quality public schools would identify as Asian and I/we would not be in the position we're in without these coalitions

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 think that the Oakland school board has served anyone adequately, especially traditionally marginalized communities. The school has had at 2 Asian American members out of the 7 member board for 20 years.

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?

No, the school board must do a better job of addressing the needs of immigrants. Besides increasing general cultural awareness and expanding translation services, we need to also ensure that services for immigrants are not just limited to Spanish speaking immigrants.

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

I could not find new numbers for after redistricting other than that Asians represent about 17% of D4. I would assume the numbers are about the same as Oakland overall with Chinese and Filipino being the top two largest.

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

There are a lot of reasons why, but from my experiences working in schools Pacific Islanders have generally been the most at risk.

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?

The main things I've learned is through watching my nieces grow up. Having a direct family connection to the Asian community has only deepened my connection and made me even more aware of the work we have to do.

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 will defer to those who have more expertise on this specific problem and I will always stand up with or for the community when called upon.

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?

Besides your caucus and groups like APALA who have endorsed my campaign, most of my engagement will be directly with families at the school sites in D4. I am always open to meeting with constituents and learning.

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

David Kakishiba, Janani Ramachandran

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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