

# 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 \*

Jeff Nibert

City and zip code of residence.

Pleasanton 94588

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What is your campaign website address?

Votejeffnibert.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?

The APA community comprises 30% of the people in my district, according to the demographer who created the district map this year. I want to represent and take actions to address the concerns of our community, of which people of Asian and Pacific Island heritage are an intrinsic part. The APA community IS our community. Your endorsement would signal the trust and confidence that I plan to earn.

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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).

Pleasanton City Councilmember Valerie Arkin, Pleasanton City Councilmember Julie Testa, Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown, past president of Tri-Valley Democratic Club Ellis Goldberg

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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?

35 years

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

M.I.T., Pennsylvania State University (1981, B.S. Engineering), University of California, Berkeley (1984, M.S. Engineering)

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

PG&E (senior project manager, 14 years), Avaya Inc. (project manager, 4 years), Intel Corp. (engineer, project manager, 4 years)

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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.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, United States Luge Association, World Games Organizing Committee. In a previous time frame, my family and I worked with an exchange program to host a Japanese student in our home for one school year.

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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.

I supported and voted for all resolutions from 2013 to the present condemning anti-Asian discrimination, bullying and harassment as an elected member of the ACDCC.

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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?

I have lived in Pleasanton for 35 years, and I don't recall anyone who is APA ever serving on the city council. In 2020 the APA population is 37%, so it is long overdue. I believe the city council does its best to represent all residents of Pleasanton. It could better serve the APA community if there was a member on the city council.

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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?

Except when there has been a wave of anti-Asian harassment in this country, I would hesitate to say that issues affecting the needs of immigrants have specifically been addressed. The city council could direct city staff to specifically address matters and present results to the city council. Also during public comment periods at council meetings, issues can be effectively surfaced. Emails and letters addressed directly to council members at the city offices can be effective. Annual surveys of residents could be better utilized.

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

Asian Indian, Chinese, Korean

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

I'll always be the first to admit when I need to learn more. This is one of them.

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?

Especially with the Atlanta shootings, I have become aware of the virulence of anti-Asian hate that exists. This incident shocked both my conscience and the national conscience. This hate needs to be countered and combatted everywhere.

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 believe that many of society's problems should be addressed in the long term, and as but one component of a solution, by considering our children and youth population through education. I would learn to what extent that awareness education occurs in our schools and propose that the city and school district through its partnership address improvements.



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?

Your organization, the APA Caucus, would certainly be one that I would tap. There are other elected leaders in the Tri-Valley who are APA, and I know them or would come to know them. I would tap their knowledge. Other local organizations exist, and I would seek to connect with them to understand the ongoing needs.

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

As I have never been a candidate or holder of a publicly elected office, nor a member of any city commission until a year ago, I have not been asked for an endorsement. I certainly have voted to endorse Asian American candidates many times as a voting member of the ACDCC.

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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