

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 *

David Lee Anderson

City and zip code of residence.

San Leandro 94577

What is your campaign website address?

votedaveanderson.com

What is your campaign email address?

electdavidanderson2022@gmail.com

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 am working with the Stop Asian Hate program, and partnering with Carl Chen. I believe we can accomplish more and have a greater influence working together.
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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).

Benny Lee, Stewart Chen, Brian Copland, Andy and David Duong, Fred Simon

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 Eighteen Years

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

Junior College for four years (Vocational Course for Local 104 sheet metal workers)

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

Superintendent, Foreman

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

San Leandro Senior Commissioner, President of Bay-O-Vista Improvement Association (BOVIA)

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.

You have worked with Carl Chen, the president of the Oakland Chinatown Association, to appear at press conferences against Asian Hate. Also, I have worked with supervisor Wilma Chan on the Oakland School board to in hopes of eliminating bullying at Oakland Highschool as well as Skyline High School.

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 do not, because of the composition of the existing City Council in terms of the lack of diversity and representation.

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?

I would hold town hall meetings in each one of my districts. Also, I would collaborate with the board of supervisors to listens to their concerns and needs to look for solutions.

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

Chinese, Filipino, Korean

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

I feel that there are not many at-risk APA communities in my district. However, I believe that the potential high cost of housing may make it more difficult to own and maintain housing.

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 have realized that many Asian Americans face an unjust amount of normalized verbal abuse from many different people. It has personally reminded me about how African-Americans have had to work hard to gain the respect of others and that I should use any power that I have to assist other minorities.

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 would like to build a blue ribbon committee to help break the cultural barriers and allow people to recognize each other in a more empathetic way.

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 strongly am seeking to work with your organization to continuing expanding my knowledge and understanding. as well as the out reach.

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

Carl Chen, Lily Mei

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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