

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 *

Lee Guio

City and zip code of residence.

Union City 94587

What is your campaign website address?

leeguio.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 understand and appreciate Asian American issues. Wife is Thai. I am Vice Chair of Wat Buddhansorn, Thai Buddhist Temple. Organizer of Asian American Heritage Festival in Union City. Also organizer of Union City Sister City Festival. Board member and past Treasurer of Sister Cities International. I have worked as a Sales and Business Manager for Japanese and Chinese companies for most of my career.

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

Eric Swalwell, U.S. Representative; Bill Quirk, CA Assy Member; Carol Vernaci, Union City Mayor; Pat Gacoscos, City Council Member; Emily Duncan, City Council Member

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?

29 years

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

Cal Poly Pomona, BSEE & BS Mathematics; USC, MBA

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

Ole Wolff Electronics, National Sales Manager, 10 years; Wong's Electronics, Director of Sales, 4 years; Fusion Technical Sales, Account Manager, 4 years.

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

Sister Cities International, Union City Friends of Sister Cities, Wat Buddhanusorn, Asian American Heritage Festival.

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.

Worked with members of Wat Buddhanusorn, the Thai Cultural Council of Northern California to protest and make others aware of the Asian Hate issues. (after 2020). Attended and supported Sikh rallies prior to 2020. All were as an individual.

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?

In Union City I believe our local government has fairly represented the Asian and Pacific American communities.

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?

Union City government has worked to address the needs of the immigrant populations, but more can be done to reach out to immigrants and make them aware of available support. However, in my experience most of the support for fresh immigrants comes from the religious and cultural communities.

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

Filipino, Asian Indian, Chinese

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

The most at risk APA population can vary depending on world events and the news about them. Also those who come from smaller countries that do not have much of a local community to provide support are more at risk. I am concerned that the Chinese may be the next at risk population based on world events.

Newcomers from Afghanistan are also at risk and need support.

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?

That Asian Hate is serious. I have seen issues where people make fun of those that are different, but in the last few years. Several years ago there were crimes against Sikh's and others who wear turbans, however recently the killing of Vicha Ratanapakdee in San Francisco brought this issue much more into focus.

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.

Years ago the Sikh community banded together and conducted rallies and became very visible in the local communities to make people aware of who they are. I felt this was a very successful effort. When I see verbal harassment or microaggression I call it out and try to diffuse the situation.

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 plan to continue my involvement with the groups I have mentioned above.

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

Lili Mei for Senate. Pat Gacoscos, Gary Singh, Manny Fernandez (in the past).

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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