

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 *

Daniel Goldstein

City and zip code of residence.

Hayward 94544

What is your campaign website address?

danforhayward.com

What is your campaign email address?

dan@danforhayward.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?

In solidarity with the Asian community.

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

Building & Construction Trades Council of Alameda County
Hayward Chamber of Commerce
Bill Quirk, State Assemblymember
Mark Salinas, Hayward City Councilmember
Angela Andrews, Hayward City Councilmember
...more at dangoldsteinforhayward.com/endorsements

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?

17 years

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

BA Rhetoric, UC Berkeley 1989

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

VMS Inc, Chief Operating Officer, 2 mos

Cisco Systems Inc, Technical Solutions Architect, 13 years

Websense Inc, Regional Systems Engineering 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.

2020 – present: Hayward Education Foundation (HEF) board member and Treasurer

2016 – 2018: Hayward Civic Leaders Advocating for Student Success (CLASS) PAC, Chair

2015 – present: Hayward Planning Commission member and past Chair

2015 – present: Socks for Souls annual benefit drive, coordinator

2015 – present: HOA president

2010 – present: Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) chapter #23 Son Riders, President

2010 – present: Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team, Administrative Sergeant

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.

My Jewish Ukrainian/Russian heritage informs me that even a small amount of hate can lead to horrific consequences. For that reason, I had my kids (their late mother is Fijian Indian) learn Tae Kwon Do, and then encouraged them to start anti-bullying clubs at their schools in 2014. At various times since then, my kids told me they intervened to stop bullying against Asian, Muslim, and white kids. As a family, we are committed to fighting instances of hate. In 2019, I joined anti-racism communities at work, and completed anti-bias training. Since 2020, my email signature included "I promise to do more for social justice and economic equality; to engage, reflect, and change."

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'm not aware of instances where Hayward City Council has failed adequately to serve Asian- and Pacific Islander-Americans. In my role as Planning Commissioner, I have always asked staff to ensure our public outreach reached all parties potentially affected by development proposals coming up for a hearing. At public events, I take mental note of the diversity represented in the participants. I realize my lived experience won't match that of others, so I welcome the opportunity to forge stronger relationships with the AAPI community.

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?

Hayward City Council has an excellent reputation for safeguarding the interests of immigrants; providing services regardless of legal status, ethnicity, or country of origin. Stronger ties with the Asian American community can ensure that we are aware of rising concerns and don't develop a blind spot.

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

Filipino, Chinese, Asian Indian

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

The most at-risk APA community is elderly immigrants. Language barriers and unfamiliarity with laws protecting them puts them at higher risk of social isolation, and increases the risk of being targets of scams, theft, and physical and financial abuse. The difficulty getting and using health insurance and public assistance also puts them at higher risk for serious health issues.

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 was not aware that a gap affecting the APA community existed in education. It makes sense, though. My knowledge of cultures of the world, and deepening respect for them, came from my participation in Model UN as a teen, not from classroom education which only briefly touched on the history of Asian, African, and Latin American cultures. I just wasn't aware the gap still existed.

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.

In management roles, as a team lead, and as an individual contributor, I've always sought to draw into the conversation people who have been traditionally marginalized due to race, gender, income or perceived lifestyle. I have intentionally hired, mentored and promoted women and people of color. When I completed anti-bias training in 2019, I learned what microaggressions are and how they impact people of other cultures, ages, religions, and orientations. I am committed to standing up for respectful, inclusive, and diverse ally-ship with all members of the community. I would like to see anti-bias training become a standard academic requirement. My authority is limited to pushing for it to become a city hiring requirement.

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'm hoping to forge a stronger relationship with the APA Democratic Caucus for that reason. I feel the bonds of friendship are growing with Serena Chen and Julie Yim, and hope they know my phone and email are always available to them. My Fiji Indian in-laws, extended families, and friends have been helpful. I'm hoping my immigrant girlfriend from Mongolia will provide insights. Given the chance, I will engage people in discussion on how to make things better for all of us. Working together, we can make great things happen in Hayward.

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

Just referring to this election: Lily Mei, Shawn Kumagai, April Chan

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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