



2011 Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in being considered for endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Brief answers are satisfactory.

Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review.

CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name: Alan L. Nagy

Permanent Address: -

City, State, Zip: Newark, CA 94560

Office Sought: Mayor District: _____

Are you the incumbent? Yes ___ No X

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a registered Democrat? Yes X No ___
(The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats)

Are you an APA Caucus member? Yes ___ No X

Why are you seeking our endorsement? What does the APA Caucus endorsement mean to you?

The Mayor should represent all the people. The APADC represents an important constituency that I respect and will work with.

List any endorsements you have received.

7 Planning Commissioners
1 Current Mayor
1 Former Mayor
1 Current Councilmember
4 Past Councilmember
3 School Board Members
3 Alameda County Water District Directors
Fire Chief (ret)
Police Chief (ret)
2 Former School Board Members
2 Ohlone College Trustees
2 Union Sanitary District Members
2 Washington Hospital Directors
140+ NEWARK citizens

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? Yes_? No_?

It depends on the policy of the APA in regards to use of your name. If permitted then I will use the name in campaign materials.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words.

1. If elected, what are your top priorities during your term? What would you like to accomplish and how would you go about doing so? Please be specific.

The Mayor's term is 2 years. During my first term I would like to accomplish the following: Strongly support, implement, or develop Public Safety programs extending the ability of the City to respond to emergencies and to enhance disaster planning. This includes:

1. Volunteers in Policing – increase the number of volunteers to aid in helping citizens file police reports online; put volunteers in specially marked police vehicles and be a highly visible crime deterrent in our neighborhoods; other areas suited for volunteer work.
2. Neighborhood Watch – expand program in neighborhoods and increase number of groups by at least 100
3. Citizen Notification System – notify citizens of criminal activity in their neighborhood by text, email or other form of electronic communication.
4. Increase Special Enforcement Team staffing – handles gang activity and neighborhood crime
5. CERT – expand publicity about program and encourage greater participation.

Economic Development provides the “fuel” for job creation and the revenues needed to support the needs and services important to Newark residents. I'll ask the Council to create a “blue-ribbon” panel of Chamber of Commerce, business, marketing and real

estate professionals to help retain and attract business. The focus will be on filling up the vacant buildings we have with new jobs. Newark is a great place to do business and we've got to get that message publicized.

Develop a presentation on good citizenship and volunteerism for 5-6 graders and make presentations at schools. We should all do something to help improve the educational experience in Newark.

2. How have you in the past and how will you in the future use your position to expand the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Americans in public policy and politics?

I recommended to the Mayor the appointment of an APA when the last opening came up on the Planning Commission. I will proactively seek out APA's for opportunities to serve.

3. What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific American interests in the following areas (and if you have not contributed in these areas, please discuss any area(s) in which you have made a contribution):

- Education

I was the campaign manager for Ernie Antonio who was the first Filipino candidate to run and subsequently win a seat on the Newark School Board. Ernie served two terms. I admired Ernie and the high value he placed on education. His children were Valedictory speakers at their high school graduations.

- Health Care

I am a long-standing member and Chairman of the Washington Township Hospital Development Corporation. One of the current initiatives is developing a program for new doctors to become a part of the Tri-cities area. Many of the new doctors are Indian and other APA nationalities.

- Civil Rights

I firmly believe in the tenets of the Civil Rights Bill. Discrimination of any kind has no place in society.

- Business

I work with many people from different cultures and nationalities. I'm a firm believer that a man should be judged on his actions and abilities – not the color of his skin, or his origin.

I have mentored and I supervise employees from APC countries. Each of them wholeheartedly endorse my candidacy for Mayor.

Newark is home to many Asian businesses. I can envision Newark becoming a "mecca" for Asian business, specifically those currently domiciled in Asia that would like to get established here. I believe Newark offers some unique

opportunities for business expansion by APA business interests.

- Volunteerism

I have attended the Festival of India and Parade several times and also other FIA events over the years.

I am a JCI Senator and life member of JCI International. The creed of this organization is one I live my life by. One line of the creed states “We believe that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations”.

While in the Jaycees, I ran the campaign of Gene Tatmon, Oakland Jaycee, who became the first black President of the California Jaycees.

While in the Jaycee political hierarchy, I worked with the San Francisco Fil-Am Chapter, mentoring many Fil-Am Jaycees.

Deadline for responses: 5 p.m. Sunday, October 9, 2011

Please e-mail your completed questionnaire to
cw.fong@comcast.net and **phongla@gmail.com**

Thank you for taking the time to seek our endorsement.