

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire

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APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County



PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY SEPT. 9, midnight. Please take time to review the questions before filling in the boxes since you cannot save the responses for later completion. 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 and the public to review.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Michael Chang

City and zip code of residence.

Berkeley 94708

What is your campaign website address?

runwithmikechang.com

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- Alameda City Council
- Alameda School Board
- Berkeley, Mayor
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 2
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 3
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 5
- Berkeley, City Council, Dist. 6
- Berkeley, Unified School District Trustee
- Berkeley, Rent Stabilization Board
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 1
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 3
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 5
- Oakland, City Council, Dist. 7
- Oakland, City Council, At-large
- Oakland City Attorney
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 1
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 3
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 5
- Oakland USD, School Trustee, Dist. 7
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 1
- AC Transit, Bd. of Directors, Ward 2
- AC Transit Bd. of Directors, At-Large
- EB Regional Park Dist. Bd. of Directors. Ward 1

Regional Council, Bd. of Directors, Area 1

AD 15, State Assembly Representative

AD 18, State Assembly Representative

Peralta Community College District, Bd. of Director, Area 2

Other:

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

Are you a registered Democrat? The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats

Yes

No

How long have you been a registered Democrat? If less than 5 years, please explain your reason for becoming a Democrat.

32 years. But, as a fed employee I cannot seek your endorsement. But I would like to speak to your members as an exercise in protected speech.
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Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I am not able to seek your endorsement as a federal employee. But am deeply invested in APA advocacy. There has not been an APA Berkeley Board candidate for decades. Thus I want to at least be able to speak to your members on the issues of equity and quality that I stand for.

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

Mayor, Vice-Mayor, two outgoing Board members, Latinos Unidos de Berkeley, American Federation of Government Employees Local 252.

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

Yes

No

Maybe

How long have you lived in the district which you are seeking to represent?

In Berkeley since 1995, with some moves for J.D. and work, then back.

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

UCLA, J.D./2004; UC Berkeley, Ph.D/2001.; New School for Social Research, M.A./1997; Vassar, B.A./1992.

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Attorney; U.C. Berkeley Department of Ethnic Studies, Lecturer; Executive Inspector General, State of Illinois, Executive Assistant Inspector General.

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

Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, Civil Rights Committee co-chair (present); City of Berkeley Police Review Commission Commissioner (present)

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What differentiates you from your opponents for the elected office that you are seeking?

I have education law civil rights expertise as a government enforcement attorney.

2. Describe one issue for the district you want to represent for which you have provided leadership and about which you are passionate.

Restorative Justice for race disparities mitigation and improvement of school climate.

3. What percentage of the district you [or intend to] represent are of APA heritage?

20% in Berkeley with 8% students in the schools

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

Chinese, Japanese, Korean

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

SEA's due to school discipline disparities and opportunity gaps

6. List the three top concerns of members of the APAs in your district.

Equity, political voice, language access

7. During the COVID-19 pandemic, reports of anti-Asian verbal and physical attacks have arisen. If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed this? If you are a candidate how will you address this?

I am not an incumbent but I have worked with AAPI orgs such as the Asian Law Caucus (where I was an intern years go), SF State's Asian Am program and Chinese for Affirmative Action to publicize the issue and coordinating panels at work.

8. Do you believe that Asian and Pacific Americans are adequately represented in local government? What can elected officials do to improve participation?

No. Elected officials can agendize the concerns of AAPI's and invite them to speak as stakeholders on the interests invovled.

9. Please identify all Asian Pacific American candidates whom you have personally endorsed over the past 5 years including this election cycle. If there are none, please explain.

As a non-elected commissioner, and federal attorney I haven't had an opportunity to endorse and am restricted from partisan campaigns. But, I have actively worked with Asian Am advocacy orgs for 25 years starting with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in NYC where I was an intern for two years.

10. If you were faced with a situation that involved an Asian Pacific American community, would you seek consultation with our Caucus as a resource?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please submit your responses by Sept. 9, 2020 midnight. Our North County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 24 beginning at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Only those candidates submitting the questionnaire on time will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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