

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire East County

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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 *

Arun Goel

City and zip code of residence.

Dublin 94568

What is your campaign website address?

www.arunformayor.com

What is your campaign email address?

arun@arunformayor.com

What is the office that you are seeking? *

- City of Dublin Mayor
- City of Dublin City Council
- City of Dublin, Unified School District Trustee, Area 1
- City of Dublin, Unified School District Trustee, Area 4
- City of Livermore, Mayor
- City of Livermore, City Council, Dist. 3
- City of Livermore, Unified School District
- City of Pleasanton, Mayor
- City of Pleasanton, City Council
- City of Pleasanton, Unified School District Trustee
- AC Board of Supervisors, District 1
- AD 16, State Assembly Representative
- 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.

8+ years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I believe my vision and values for the Asian community is very much aligned to the caucus, which is validated by the my past actions. From educating and informing voters/youth, explaining the importance of civic engagement, and understanding the governmental process in decisions being made locally with how to influence positively. Growing our elected representation for Asians is the utmost goal for me personally.

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

Sierra Club California

Ash Kalra, Assembly Member (AD27)

Lily Mei, Fremont Mayor

Andy Li – Vice President, Board of Trustee (Contra Costa Community College District)

Benny Lee – San Leandro Councilmember

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?

17 years

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

San Jose State University

Bachelors Civil Engineering 1996

Masters Civil Engineering 2002

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

Hill International (Project Controls Manager) - 1 year (current employer)
MasTec (Project Controls Manager) - 2 years
PG&E (Project Controls Manager) - 2.5 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.

Break the Outbreak
Yours Humanly
Sean Brocke Foundation
Teens Unite for Education

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I am a Clean Money candidate, focused on community issues and concerns with a proven track record for delivery, backed by my actions on council. I am a Civil Engineer that has delivered over \$400B of capital infrastructure through out the nation, delivering facilities which many enjoy today from airports to highway and mass transit. My experience at the Alameda County Transportation Commission as a Transportation Engineer delivering ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) leading the way of the future for transportation and expertise in policy, legislation, and financing for the majority of my 25 year career will be beneficial to the citizens of Dublin and the Bay Area region.

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

Slowing the uncontrolled housing market rate housing growth while addressing a sustainable infrastructure, but yet bringing more housing choices to support our affordable housing needs and seniors. Having the balanced infrastructure will develop a community that can thrive, meeting its needs today and into the future.

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

Over 44%

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

Chinese, Indian, and Filipino

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

I believe the most at risk APA communities to be those that are not citizens and don't understand the governmental process to voice their opinions clearly to make a difference. Specifically Indians and Chinese that also have communication barriers and don't realize the difference of how the government works in the United States.

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

Schools
Housing
Traffic

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?

Although not an incumbent for the position of Mayor, I am currently the Vice Mayor and elected to council in 2016. I have been very active in the community to addressing verbal and physical abuse, by promoting the campaign "No Place for Hate", collaborating with community organizations supporting unity and education, helping pass resolutions that are informative to the public, speaking up in public against hate crimes, including having visible dialogue in social media, and much more. There is never going to be enough education and outreach and we can always do more. Having grown up in the 1970's in the Bay Area, I have experienced much of the issues first hand, we are certainly much better, but we need to do more.

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

Asian and Pacific Americans are significantly under represented and don't reflect the demographic population. I have been reaching out within the community, educating community members on the process to become an elected official, and coaching candidates to be successful. Several have been elected and many more are in the pipeline that I have been working with directly. A key example is our race in Dublin for City Council has about 50% candidates that are Asian, this is a significant growth over years prior.

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.

Lily Mei
Yogi Chugh
Raj Salwan
Catherine Kuo
Dr. Dinesh Govindrao
Sabina Zafar
Sridhar Verose
Andy Li
Scott Roberts
Bobby Khullar
Raj Chohal
Benny Lee
Teressa Keng

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 East County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Thu., Sept. 17 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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