

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 *

Mark Hurty

City and zip code of residence.

Oakland, 94610

What is your campaign website address?

<https://markforoakland.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

[unclear] [unclear], [unclear], [unclear]

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.

I have been a Democrat since I first registered to vote and always vote Democratic.

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

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

Mayor Libby Schaaf, Dr. Gary Yee, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, GO Public Schools, Dr. Louise Waters.
<https://markforoakland.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 which you are seeking to represent?

I moved to District 3 in 2009. I first moved to Oakland in 1968.

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

BA, Western Illinois University (2009), Certificate in Education Finance, Georgetown University (2020). I also attended UC Berkeley and Cal State Hayward in the 1970s.

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

EducationSuperHighway, Senior Product Manager (4+ years -- this is my current job)
Teach For America, Managing Director IT Solutions (3+ years)
Oakland Unified School District, Special Education Teacher (2 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.

Both my current and previous jobs were with nonprofit organizations. I also support Music@Menlo a nonprofit chamber music festival in Menlo Park and Echidna Giving, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting the work of women around the world.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I have a broad range of experience in education and technology. As a former teacher I saw how using technology could be a powerful tool for students, and now, in the context of the current pandemic, leveraging technology will be essential if we hope to keep children on the path to academic achievement. I have deep professional experience in the education technology and will bring that experience to the board.

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

In my current work as a product manager at EducationSuperHighway we are focused on bridging the digital divide. I have worked to develop tools and resources to assist school districts address that divide and bring the power of technology into the homes of students who have previously been denied that access.
(<https://digitalbridgek12.org>)

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

From my research, about 13% of residents of district 3 in Oakland are of APA heritage.

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

Chinese, Vietnamese, and Filipino

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

Filipino Americans are at increased risk of death from Covid-19. Their mortality rate is around 40% compared to 3.7% for the national average. One theory is that a high percentage of registered nurses are Filipino and as a group they may be at higher risk of exposure.

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

Equitable political representation, access to quality schools, fair access to quality housing

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?

The racist comments by our president and others, directed at the Asian community are despicable. I will never use racist terms to describe this virus.

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

I believe that the percentage of elected officials could be more representative of the APA community.

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.

Prior to this campaign I was never asked for an endorsement by any candidate. (I'm new to politics.) As a member of GO Public Schools I supported their endorsement of Gary Yee. (He is also supporting and advising me.)

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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