

# 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 \*

Steve. Maher

City and zip code of residence.

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What is your campaign website address?

Votemaher4schoolboard.com

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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.

56 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

The Pleasanton USD is now 49% Asian. I need to be knowledgeable about issues that Asian parents feel are important and relevant. I have already met with the Tri-Valley Asian Committee and have their endorsement.

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

Eric Swalwell, Nate Miley, Jerry Thorne Mayor Pleasanton, Tri-Valley Democratic Club, Entire PUSD School Board

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?

9 year resident. retired teacher and administrator Pleasanton USD. 45 years

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

Chabot. AA 1967. Cal-State. Hayward. BA. 1970, Cal -State Hayward M.S. 1976. Education

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

PUSD. 1971-2016. Teacher and Administrator. 1967-1969 US Military. Naval Corpsman.

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

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CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

Experience. 4 years on the current board, plus 40 + years working in this district. I know the community and I have a firm working knowledge of curriculum, scheduling and budget. All are vital as we move forward during this unprecedented time.

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

In 2016, stability of administrators , and serving the underserved students were priorities. Currently, our superintendent is on his fourth year, 90% of site administrators are still on the job. The district has initiated an accountability program to account for student progress.

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

47-49% including East Asian

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

Chinese, Asian Indian, Korean

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

Our Asian students do very well.

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

AP course offerings, Covid-related opening of school, acceptance to a top University or College

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?

First, I have met numerous times with the APA community of Pleasanton. I have voiced my support for the Asian community and total condemnation of any anti-Asian or physical attacks. I am currently working with the Asian community to change our current registration form, which currently has a requirement that the parent identify a specific type of Asian on the form. The requirement is a State mandate. I have brought this issue to the school board and, as a board, we are currently exploring a means to halt this practice. I have enlisted the help of local congressional leadership. The issue is on our upcoming board agenda.

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

No. Invite and promote Asian Americans to get involved and join their local city and school district governments. They can serve on commissions, committees, advisory boards, and parent-teacher organizations as a precursors to elected positions.

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.

Jaime Yee - School Board

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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