

2020 Endorsement Questionnaire South 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 *

Simon "Peter" Gutierrez Bufete

City and zip code of residence.

Hayward 945444

What is your campaign website address?

<https://www.facebook.com/peter4hayward>

What is your campaign email address?

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What is the office that you are seeking? *

- City of San Leandro City Council
- City of San Leandro School Board
- City of Hayward City Council
- City of Hayward, Unified School District Trustee
- City of Fremont, Mayor
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 5
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 6
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 1
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 4
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 5
- City of Union City, Mayor
- City of Union City, City Council
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 1
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 2
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 3
- City of Newark, Mayor
- City of Newark, City Council
- City of Newark, School Board
- City of Newark, School Board, Short term
- Eden Healthcare District
- Washington Hospital Healthcare District
- Oro Loma Sanitary District

Ohlone Community College

Alameda County Water District

AD 20, State Assembly Representative

AD 25, State Assembly Representative

Ohlone Community College, 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.

My entire life. When I turned 18, I voted for Barack Obama in his first term.

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).

Congressman Eric Swalwell
Mayor Barbara Halliday
Hayward Area Democratic Club
Hayward City Council Members: Zermeno, Lamnin, Marquez
HUSH Board: Rawdon, Oquenda

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?

Over 20 + years

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

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

CSM, Lively Inc. (1 year)
Senior Ops Specialist, Zenefits (4 years)
Senior Admin, WFCH Inc. (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.

Hayward Education Foundation
- Approved teacher's grants as a board member
Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth
- Lobbied for local policies that protected Hayward youth
Library Commission, The City of Hayward
- Served as Vice-Chair and oversaw most of the new Library policies created
Friends of the Hayward Public Library
- Sat on Board of 501(c)(3) and passed policies that support the Hayward Public Library such as funding literacy programs, homework help center expansion, scholarships for youth, etc.
Measure C - Leadership Team
- Worked to bring a brand new state of the art 21st Century Library and Community Learning Center to our schools
Created the firestation clinic in South Hayward
Street Improvement Project

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I am running for a position on the Hayward Unified School District Governing Board because I believe that I am the best candidate for the job. A refreshing perspective that is truly unique from all other candidates is what I will bring to Hayward Unified. I will bring a new perspective that Hayward Unified School Board has never seen before: an account from the student experience. Every candidate will suggest they will apply what they think is best for the student, but I believe that I can best relate to today's Hayward students since I am the only candidate that attended HUSD schools.

Today's student has evolved so much over the years and we as a community need to understand that we are dealing with a completely different animal. The modern day student grew up in the World Wide Web, their lives have been integrated into social media, they are enthusiasts of new technology, and possess new innovative ways of thinking. This is the world I grew up in. This is the world we as a community need to understand to adapt to our modern day students

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

Student Equity. I have always been a library advocate and always supported literacy programs and homework help centers.

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

According to HUSD stats, there are around 4,000 students defined as Asian, Filipino, and/or Native Hawaiian or PI. This accounts for roughly 25%.

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

Filipino, Chinese, Indian

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

N/A - Data needed for this

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

Equity, Representation, Model Minority Stereotype

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 would stand by the No Racism policy the Board adopted this summer and continue to improve/refine/reinforce.

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

Open communication is the key. There needs to be channel of communication to adequately represent people.

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.

Jennifer Ong
Phong La

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 South County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 20 from 1 to 3 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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