

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 *

Jatinderpal Kaur Sahi

City and zip code of residence.

Union City 94587

What is your campaign website address?

Sahi4NHUSD.com

What is your campaign email address?

Sahi4nhusd@gmail.com

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.

more than 15 years

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I am an Asian American and believe in the goals the Caucus has, including in promoting candidates of Asian American heritage to leadership positions and promoting the platform of the Democratic Party.

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

Sarabjit Cheema, Jim Navarro, Harris Mojadedi, Mark Salinas, Manjinder Sandhu
complete list is available at <https://sahi4nhusd.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?

since 2005

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

CSU - East Bay - Masters in Health Care Administration (2005) and MBA in Operations Management (2008)

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

RotaCare Bay Area Free Medical Clinics, CEO, 5 years (current employer)

Safeway, Inc., Manager of Specialty Care, 2 years (position was re-located to Boise, ID)

University of Phoenix, Adjunct Professor, 3 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.

Fremont Sikh Temple, Sikh Spirit Alliance, Khalsa School Fremont, Hayward Rotary,

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I am an active parent both at the school and district level. I have also been a lecturer at 2 institutions and understand the challenges of teaching in-person, hybrid and fully online courses. Additionally, I have helped organize various community awareness events in the area.

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

Promoting educational equity across all school sites: in 2019, I started a parent advisory group at the district level - Punjabi Parent Advisory Group. The purpose of this group was to bring in parents from all school sites and understand the issues they face at each school site. From this, I have learned that the programs and resources available at school sites across the district vary. One other purpose of this group was to help immigrant parents understand the school system.

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

At least 20%

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

Indian, Filipino, Chinese

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

Any immigrant of APA community

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

The main concern is getting kids back to school safely, per guidelines. Working parents are struggling with work and kids at home with online classes. The one group of children whose parents are most concerned are parents of special needs children.

The second is access to programs and the equity of programs schools. Schools on the west side of Union City have more programs available to students than on the east side. Also, there is a significant disparity in programs at the 2 middle schools.

The parents are also concerned of the affect the past two years has had on their children. What resources will be available to children - they have been home for six months with less social interactions than they have been used to. Also, parents have voiced concerns of the the impact of losing instructional time two years in a row.

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?

There is no room for any blame in this pandemic. We need to move forward as one society in a united voice and beat this deadly virus. Abuse of any kind should not be tolerated and should be investigated as hate crimes.

In the clinics I manage, the clinics see uninsured patients and they come from all walks of life. The virus affects people of all different ethnic backgrounds. The focus should be on how to stay safe be able to do activities safely.

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

No, they are not adequately represented in local governments. There should be more awareness and encouragement of local community leaders to become involved in local politics.

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.

Gary Singh, Aziz Akbari, Vipin Bajwa, Jim Navarro, Sarabjit Cheema,

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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