

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 *

Gary Singh

City and zip code of residence.

Union City 94587

What is your campaign website address?

Gary-SinghForCityCouncil.com

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.

I have been a democrat since 1992, so almost 28 years.

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I am seeking endorsement as I am an Asian-American. Union City has a dense population of Asians.

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

Tri-city Democratic Party form, Muslim Democrat, SEIU, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assemblyman Bill Quirk

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?

2 years

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

Guru Nanak college in India - degree in economics

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

self-employed for the last 27 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.

Daily Bowl, Centro De Servicio, and Sister City Club of Union City

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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

I am the most accessible city council member in our city. I'm associated with three different non-profit organizations to help the community. I have been doing food drives all throughout the city since the pandemic started. I helped former city manager Tony Acosta conduct an audit study and we continue to work on that. I continue to work hard to benefit the city financially.

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

During the pandemic, I have continued to serve the community with food drives and giving away face masks.

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

On estimate the percentage would be about 30%.

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

Chinese, Filipino, Indian.

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

I do not see any APA community at risk in my district.

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

Most are concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic, job security, and their well-being.

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?

We have a zero tolerance policy in Union City. Hate speech against any individuals will never be tolerated.

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

Yes, I do believe that Asians and Pacific Americans are adequately represented. To improve participation, we hold a festival, called the Sister City Festival, that showcases Asian and Pacific American cultures and heritage. This therefore brings more participation through friendship.

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.

Pat Gacoscos, Linda Canlas, Jeff Wang, Lance Nishihira, Sarbjit Cheema, Sharan Kaur, Raj Salwan, and Vipin Bajwa.

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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