

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 *

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City and zip code of residence.

Oakland 94603

What is your campaign website address?

VoteMarchon.com

What is your campaign email address?

VoteMarchon@gmail.com

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

Regional Council, Bd. of Directors, Area 1

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.

My entire life, before voting age. I'm from a democratic household.

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

Unity, diversity, togetherness. This is what I represent and its important that I have a wide range of support because it will be the full community I lean on once I'm in office. I'm seeking the APA endorsement because it's important I have every group that represent even one person in D7 so we could have a voice for everyone at the table. APA represents so many people and does so much great work, I will love the opportunity to work with you'll as an African American Male. It's time to show the world every race could come together working for a greater cause.

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

Our Revolution

SEIU 1021

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte

Victor Aguliar Jr. - San Leandro City Councilman

Damian Lillard - NBA Superstar

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?

20+ years

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

- BA in Political Science; Under Study – Psychology (University of Tulsa, 2007)
 - Master’s in Public Administration (Purdue Global, 2016)
 - Doctorate Degree Student- Public Administration and Policy (c/o 21) (Walden University)
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Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

San Francisco-Marin Food Bank- Government Affairs Manager, 1yr
Building Futures - Homeless Outreach Manager, 3yr 5 months
AAA- Life Insurance Specialist, 5 yr 2month

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

Building Futures
City of Oakland Budget Commission
Brookfield Recreation Center
Youth Development Through Law
Adamika Village
Alameda Dine and Connect
Castlemont Education Advisory Board 2016

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

I actually have a platform that's problem driven but solution oriented. I'm a native of Oakland and completing school at the highest level. I'm active in the community and have a great relationship with the people and understanding of the issues because I come from those very same issues that I managed to overcome. I also have been working on these issues. I have a vision for economic development for everyone and neighborhood in the city of Oakland, especially in D7.

My plan to win this election is to out work and out think my opponents. We will canvass, pay for ads and advertisements, commercials, mailers and work with the community and community groups. Councilman Reid won in 2016 with just over 7,000 votes. Our number is at least 9,000+. I just ran the AD 18 Central Committee race and had over 14,000 votes.

Furthermore, I'm a transformative, servant leader; my core vision is to make Oakland policy, sustainable, healthy, and prosperous for everyone. This includes policies that make Oakland safe, free from violence, homicide, police harassment, implicit bias, racism, pollution and an Oakland in which every resident thrives. This also includes a style that gives everyone a seat at the table so voices could be heard, listen to and value. I WILL MOVE D7 ONWARD!

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

Homelessness. I housed our homeless neighbors and provided shelter when I was the Homeless Outreach Manager for Building Futures. One person living on the streets is too much for me.

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

Less than 14%

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

Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino

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

Historically East Oakland D7 never had a huge population of APA but the most at risk community would be right next to the San Leandro Boarder. From 105th to the boarder, from MacArthur to San Leandro Blvd. The older generation is being priced out.

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

Safety, Housing, Economic Opportunity

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?

Hate crime, I stand firmly against and strict punishment needs to be applied. Oakland is built on culture and is a very diverse city. I addressed this as a candidate and it started with the basics- Collaboration, partnerships, educating, understanding and willing to learn different points of views. This mean unity and finding a common goal. Something I teach daily and something I shared with members of the community.

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

No. We need to create a pipeline and start with our young. Something I intend to do once elected. I will do so by having internships, externships, fellowships, and apprenticeships.

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.

Rob Bonta
James Chang
Victor Aguilar

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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