



## Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County

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### 2012 Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in being considered for endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Brief answers are satisfactory.

**Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members to review.**

#### CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Candidate Name: Chris Crow

Permanent Address: San Leandro, CA 94579

City, State, Zip: San Leandro City Council

Office Sought: San Leandro City Council District: 4

Are you the incumbent? Yes \_\_\_ No x

Campaign Website: Votechriscrow.com

Campaign Email: chris@votechriscrow.com

Campaign Phone: 510-332-3250

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a registered Democrat? Yes x No \_\_\_  
(The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats)

Are you an APA Caucus member? Yes \_\_\_ No x

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? I was raised with Asian family heritage.

List any endorsements you have received.

- Lance James – San Leandro School Board trustee
- Vince Rosato – San Leandro School Board trustee elect
- Steve Song – Owner FH Dailey Chevrolet
- Marga Lacabe – Democratic Central Committee

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? Yes\_\_x\_ No\_\_

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words.

1. What makes you a better candidate for this elected office than your opponents?

I am the only candidate that has actually been preparing for the job. I have been at City Hall 2 – 3 days a week for more than a year, and through one full budget cycle, attending committee meetings, boards/commission meetings, council meetings, closed session meetings, internal planning meetings, and engaging on issues to learn the ins and outs of how the city functions and how changes can be made, and what changes need to be made.

2. What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific American interests in the following areas (and if you have not contributed in these areas, please discuss any area(s) in which you have made a contribution):

- Education
  - i. I am a coach and mentor at San Leandro High School. I spend 2 – 3 days a week doing this. Most of the students I coach or mentor are Asian.
- Health Care
  - i. I supported Obamacare, but nothing more specific than that.
- Civil Rights
  - i. I support equal treatment under the law, but I have not done something specifically.
- Business
  - i. Steve Song is one of the most prominent Asian Business person in San Leandro as the owner of FH Dailey. He has endorsed me because he believes I am the best choice for his business and others to succeed in San Leandro.

3. How have you worked with the API community in the past?

- I grew up in post integration San Leandro. Members of the API community are involved in almost everything I do in the community. They are my best friends and they are my family. One thing that was specifically for a member of the API community that I worked on was TEAM CRAIG. TEAM CRAIG was a community organization to support and raise funds for my best friend Craig Alaniz, a Filipino-American, and his family while he battled brain cancer. Though Craig lost his battle we honor his memory now with TEAM

CRAIG by maintaining a scholarship at the High School in Craig's name.

4. Why do you think appointed and elected offices continue to be under-represented in terms of ethnic communities?
  - Not enough is done to inspire them to be involved in the process.
5. What can we count on you to do to address this on an institutional basis?
  - I'm starting with our Youth and will continue this effort. As I mentor many API students I constantly push for involvement by them and their parents in our local government. Institutionally we need to continue to expand the languages we issue our printed material in and consider offering translation for Council meetings.
6. What will you personally do to get input from under-represented communities in your jurisdiction?
  - Working through the API students and getting meetings with parents and API families will be key to my ability to gain input from the API community on issues
7. What API policy issues and/or legislation have you championed in the past?
  - I am not familiar with any specific issues or legislation API has had in the past.
8. How have you promoted APIs into leadership positions?
  - Absolutely. Mostly students into leadership positions within the various clubs or organizations in the schools that I help with.
9. If elected to office, would you agree to seek and accept input from the APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County on relevant policy matters?
  - Yes

**Deadline for responses: 5 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2012**

Please e-mail your completed questionnaire to  
**karen.fong@sbcglobal.net**

***Thank you for taking the time to seek our endorsement.***