

***SAN DIEGO ALLIANCE for ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS
& FILIPINO AMERICAN CAUCUS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY***

2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your interest in the San Diego Asian Pacific Islander and Filipino American community. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Brief answers are satisfactory.

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

CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

- 1.) Candidate name: **Marti Emerald**
- 2.) Campaign address: **5107 Waring Road**
- 3.) Office sought: **San Diego City Council**
Legislative District, if appropriate: **District 7**
- 4.) Are you the incumbent: **No**
- 5.) Campaign website: **www.martiforsandiego.com**
- 6.) Campaign email: **info@martiforsandiego.com**
- 7.) Campaign phone: **619-582-0707**
- 8.) Campaign manager: **Xema Jacobson**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 9.) Are you a member of an Asian, Pacific Islander and/or Filipino organization? **No**
- 10.) If yes, please list your affiliations:

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words:

11.) What makes you the most qualified person for office?

I have a long history of integrity, independence and initiative. I'm a trained investigator and public advocate who has worked for years to remove barriers to education and jobs and unite communities behind important policies and purpose.

12.) Why seek support from the Asian Pacific Islander and Filipino community?

I'm seeking your support because members of your combined communities have for too long been shut out of the mainstream public process. During the past year I've met lawyers, engineers, policy experts and community activists who make a difference and could help this region solve current social and economic problems and could take us in the direction our region needs to go in the 21st Century.

13.) If elected, what are your top priorities during your term?

My top priorities are returning accountability and trust to local government, investing more resources in public safety and other vital public "infrastructure", and to revitalize our regional economy by promoting investment in new middle class jobs in energy, water, technology and the life sciences.

14.) What distinguishes your priorities and goals from the other candidates?

My opponent has a long history of violating San Diego and Federal election laws....ethics violations all tied to sloppy bookkeeping. She is a paid political bookkeeper for many of the special interests which have enriched themselves off the backs of San Diego taxpayers. She was also on a politically stacked commission that white washed San Diego's financial problems and ultimately contributed to the City being kicked off the bond market. We don't need anymore cheaters in City government.

15.) How have you in the past and how will you in the future used your position to expand the presence and influence of Asian Pacific Islanders and Filipinos in public policy and politics?

I will aggressively seek out members of the community for staff positions and to join our 7th District Council Advisory committee, a citizens' watchdog group I will create to

address emerging issues in the District and new initiatives that will benefit our District and the region.

16.) What have you done that demonstrates your commitment to and effectiveness in promoting Asian Pacific Islander and Filipino interests (and if you have not contributed, please discuss any area(s) you may have made a contribution &/or improve the current condition)?

As a public advocate I have worked with members of the community to expose fraud and scams targeting Asians and Filipinos. We uncovered and reported investment and Ponzi scams that profited and targeted victims within ethnic communities and small businesses. I also went to bat for members of the Filipino community who were harassed by a fellow named Romeo. We did a pretty good job of ending the complaints over stalking and harassment.

17.) In a difficult budget year, how would you prioritize raising taxes and cutting public services?

As a public servant I will help to create vital accountability and transparency in the budget process. We must build internal controls into our government system to meet our obligation to taxpayers. We must provide better police and fire services. This will be a priority. We need to rebuild roads, sewers, water delivery systems.....these vital projects will also create more middle class jobs. I will also use my position on the City Council to build alliances with our state and federal legislators to bring new resources and investments to San Diego to build business and middle class jobs.

18.) Due to periods of drought, the impending water shortages will have a drastic affect on small business and San Diego residents' quality of life. What are your plans to help meet the demand for water resources?

Must begin research and development to conserve, stretch and recycle water. This must be a priority.

19) Foreclosures affect the whole community, as a consequence of lack of property tax contribution, displaced families and potential blight. What solutions do you propose to address the housing crisis?

We need to put people to work. Create middle class jobs through public works projects, recruit new business investment to create green jobs and life sciences jobs and jobs in technology. Middle class jobs that will help families keep their homes or buy their first home. I support the Loan Bank which is now coming together to help rehab abandoned properties and buoy property values in neighborhoods hard hit by the mortgage crisis. I

also support the local and state lawsuits against lenders who exploited consumers and helped to create this terrible problem.

20.) What is your position on constructing a new Charger stadium in San Diego?

I would support a new Charger Stadium in Mission Valley if the Spanos organization paid a market rate price to buy or lease the property and paid for development. No more giveaways.

21.) Have you failed to vote in any national, state, legislative general elections or statewide ballot proposition elections in the past five years? If yes, why? No.

22.) Do you have plans to seek higher office? If so, what office and when do you plan to run?

No. I look forward to dedicating the next eight years to serving the people of this City and working with them to make San Diego government as good as San Diego.

Please list any endorsements you have received:

Please see Attachment

Deadline for responses: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008, 9PM.

Please email your response to:
linda_alliance@yahoo.com AND joann.fields@gmail.com.

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QUESTIONNAIRE!**