

***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 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, www.sdalliance.org, for members to review.

CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

1.) Candidate name:

Brett Maxfield

2.) Campaign address:

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3.) Office sought:

74 State Assembly

4.) Are you the incumbent:

No.

5.) Campaign website:

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8.) Campaign manager:

N/A

PERSONAL INFORMATION

9.) Are you a member of an Asian American (including West, Central, North, East, South, Southeast, and East Asian) or Pacific Islander 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?

My experience (4 years of government service and 8 years as an attorney) and education (UC Berkeley BA, UCLA JD, USD LLM in Business and Corporate Law and USD MBA) is far superior to my opponent's experience and education. However, I am also honest and care about average citizens whereas my opponent is only interested in doing the will of his corporate donors.

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

I believe in multiculturalism and that the Asian Pacific Islander community is very under represented in our government. Although I am white, I was born in Venezuela and Spanish was my first language. Thus, I know how it feels to be an outsider and will fight for the rights of those who minorities for equal rights and equal representation in government.

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

Making our public school system better, promoting policies to stimulate our economy, encouraging clean energy and the move toward a green economy, demanding transparency and accountability from government and making sure California continues to have great public transportation systems.

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

My opponent seems to care most about two issues, lowering taxes and increasing the reasons to send people to jail. These seem to be in conflict with each other. Having people in jail is one of the most costly items to taxpayers. However, Garrick also initiated AB 2205 to increase horse racing days at Del Mar (creating more revenue for the horse racing industry at the expense of more traffic and pollution to the majority of citizens in the area) after receiving 50K from the industry and without any support from local Republicans not directly involved in the horse racing industry and without consulting one city effected by his decision. I will not be a "pay to play" law maker like Garrick has shown himself to be. In my opinion, this bill is a text book example of quid pro quo, and Garrick should be investigated by the CA AG for political corruption. He has betrayed the public interest and should be held accountable for his actions.

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

I will advocate for Asian Pacific Islanders as well as other minorities to be appointed to positions of authority in government so that our government will continue the process of becoming more reflective of the demographics of our society.

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

My opponent is no friend of minorities. He is all about keeping the power among those who look and think as he does. I welcome diversity and want to see a multicultural government which reflects our multicultural society. Attitude is everything.

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

I would first get rid of all corporate subsidies and tax loop holes. I would vote for laws which decriminalize victimless crimes and reduce the money going to build new prisons. Also, I would vote for legislation that requires all new laws to require a sourcing provision for how it will be funded.

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

I think CA needs to get serious about desalinization. We have plenty of water in the ocean, and we have the technology to convert it to usable, drinkable water to meet all the needs of our state. However, we need to invest in the infrastructure to make this a viable solution.

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

I would support legislation which forbids any loan which could have been induced by fraud or misrepresentation to go into foreclosure and also legislation to encourage lenders to renegotiate loans to reasonable rates so that people do not have to go into foreclosure.

20.) A large segment of the Asian Pacific Islander community is growing older; childhood obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure cases are continually on the rise. What policies do you support to improve access to quality health care?

I support the idea of universal health care with a single payers system. I think CA needs to lead the way and not wait for the Federal Government to do this.

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?

I do not believe so.

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

I am taking it one election at a time.

Please list any endorsements you have received:

State of California Democratic Party
County of San Diego Democratic Party
North County Democratic Unity
North County Progressive Democrats Club
Carlsbad and Oceanside Democratic Club known as Demco
Rancho North Coast Democratic Club
Escondido Democratic Club
San Diego County Democratic Women's Club
San Diego County Planned Parenthood
Bill Lockyer, California State Treasurer
California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Francine Busby, North County Democratic Tour de Force
Mike Copass, Congressional Candidate for the 53th District and
Chair of Metro San Diego PDA
California State Senator Christine Kehoe
Hilary Magowan of San Francisco
The Del Mar Democratic Club