

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

2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans and the Filipino American Caucus of San Diego County are conducting a Virtual Candidates' Forum.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics for 2000, the population of the City of San Diego is 13.6% Asian, and 0.5 % native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, not counting persons reporting 2 or more races. Together, San Diego's Asian Pacific Islanders make up more than 14% of the city's total population.

Questionnaires on issues which concern our Asian Pacific Islander community are being sent to candidates in San Diego County races. Candidates' replies to questionnaires will be posted on our website, www.sdalliance.org, for members of our API community to review. The questionnaires will serve as an additional source of information for our community as we strive to become more informed voters.

CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

- 1.) Candidate name: **Michael Aguirre**
- 2.) Campaign address: **PO Box 33687, San Diego, CA 92163**
- 3.) Office sought: **San Diego City Attorney**
- 4.) Are you the incumbent: **Yes**
- 5.) Campaign website: www.mikeaguirreforcityattorney.com
- 6.) Campaign email: Aguirre@mikeaguirreforcityattorney.com
- 7.) Campaign phone: **619-542-1945**
- 8.) Campaign manager: **Ana Del Castillo**

**CITY ATTORNEY QUESTIONS
*for City Attorney Mike Aguirre***

1. **What do you view as the most pressing issue currently facing Asian Pacific Islanders in the City of San Diego?**
Making sure there is fair representation of Pacific Islanders on the San Diego City Council.
2. **How do you intend to address that issue?**
I will support and work for the expansion of the SD City Council.

3. **What role do you view the Asian Pacific Islanders in your office serving which would best reflect their representation in the community?** *Their role is to serve in elected office.*
4. **Do you believe there are currently enough Asian Pacific Islanders filling this role, and if not, how do you propose to meet this need?** *Absolutely not.*
5. **If re-elected, what, if any, changes do you anticipate making within your office?** *Continue commitment to diversity; civil service reform; strengthen our relations with the financial markets.*
6. **Given our current financial situation, do you anticipate that the City Attorney's office will recommend hiring outside counsel to the same extent or less often than during your first term?** *The prior Council retained most of outside counsel. Since there are no more investigations so the need for outside counsel is substantially less.*
7. **We have already seen animosity between you, the Mayor, and City Council members to the extent that some have requested their own counsel. If you are re-elected, help us understand how you will manage these relationships in your next term.** *Attorneys were needed because the Council members were under investigation by the SEC; I represented the City and could not represent the Council members. I work through other city attorneys to make sure the mayor is well represented.*
8. **A number of lawsuits which you filed have been dismissed without any financial recovery by the City. In this time of financial crisis, how do you respond to criticism regarding these costly lawsuits?** *I have recovered over \$22 million for the City and saved over \$400 million. The numbers have been misrepresented by the Union Tribune.*
9. **Why should the Asian Pacific Islander community vote for you over the other candidate?** *I have been devoted to the cause of the Pacific Islander community since my days at UC Berkeley. I have always worked closely with the community since my election as City Attorney.*

Please list any endorsements which you have received:

*Faith Bautista, Mabuhay Alliance
Julio De Guzman, Community Activist
Congressman Bob Filner
San Diego County Democratic Party
Carpenters Local 547*

*Sierra Club
Assembly Member Mary Salas
Senator Denise M. Ducheny*

Please email your response to:

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE OUR QUESTIONNAIRE!