

***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 for our API community.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics for 2006, the population of San Diego County is 10.3% Asian, and 0.5 % native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, not counting persons reporting 2 or more races. Together, San Diego County's Asian Pacific Islanders make up almost 11% of county population.

Specifically, data from Wikipedia and APIAVote on the 109th Congress of 2005-2006 show that San Diego County's:

- 51st Congressional district is 12.4% Asian, the district with the 28th highest number of Asian American citizens of voting age (out of 435 districts in the U.S. and its territories)
- 50th Congressional district is 10.3% Asian (with 30th highest # of AA citizens of voting age)
- 53rd Congressional district is 8.3% Asian (with 54th highest # of AA citizens of voting age)
- 52nd Congressional district is 5.4% Asian (with 61st highest # of AA citizens of voting age)
- 49th Congressional district is 3.5% Asian (with 98th highest # of AA citizens of voting age, still within the top 22.5% in the U.S. and its territories for population of Asian Americans)

That is, San Diego County's Asian Pacific Islander community is large, significant, and growing.

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: **Wayne Dunlap**
- 2.) Campaign address: **13045 Via Grimaldi, Del Mar, CA 92014**
- 3.) Office sought: **US Congress – 50th District**
- 4.) Are you the incumbent: **No** – taken no money from special interests so only work for you
- 5.) Campaign website: www.DunlapforCongress.com
- 6.) Campaign email: wayne@DunlapforCongress.com

7.) Campaign phone: (858) 259-8680

8.) Campaign manager: **Self managed.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

9.) Are you a member of an Asian (including West, Central, North, East, South, Southeast, and East Asian) or Pacific Islander organization? No

10.) If yes, please list your affiliations: n/a

Please limit your answers to no more than 250 words:

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

- Knows our Economy & Education -- Former Economics professor at San Diego State University
- Successful Business Owner and Manager for 27 years
- Community Leader -- Worked with Government to get many Projects Done
- Beholden to No One! -- Have Not Taken Money from Special Interests

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

We need to work together to increase equal opportunities for all Americans. We also need to improve education in our schools, improve our economy and business opportunities, and lower taxes so we can benefit from more of our income.

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

Equal opportunities for all Americans, Better education for everyone, Fixing our economy and securing our retirements, Increasing business opportunities, Lowering taxes by cutting government spending, and Ending our dependence on oil by encouraging clean renewable sources of energy.

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

I have live in the 50th District for over 23 years and I know the concerns here. Having been both a High School teacher and University professor, I know how to improve education. Also, having been an Economics professor at San Diego State University, worked as an economics consultant, and owned and managed businesses here in San Diego for 27 years, I know how the American economy works and how to fix it. In addition, I have been able to work together with people to get things done.

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?

Created equal opportunities for all Americans by lowering the amount of government and taxes and improving education.

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)?

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

We spend almost ½ of our income in taxes now. We have a government spending problem, not tax problem. We need to find ways to solve our problems without more and more government so we can lower our taxes. In this way, we can have more of our hard earned income to spend for our families.

18.) A large segment of the Asian Pacific Islander community is growing older; childhood obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure cases are continually on the rise. What plans do you have, if any, to improve access to quality health care for all Americans?

Americans should assume responsibility for their own health with less reliance on drugs and surgery. We should provide better education so Americans can do so. Today health insurance costs are skyrocketing. The high cost is one of the major reasons we have so many people without health insurance. I support fully tax free Health Savings Accounts (HSA) combined with lower premium deductible health care insurance plans. Letting consumers have choice in their own health care programs will allow them to get the best deal at the best price possible. Without regard for HMO rules, Americans should have the freedom to determine the level of health care and health insurance they want, the care providers they want, the medicines and treatments they will use, and all other aspects of their medical care. Patients are better served by having options and choices, not new federal bureaucracies restricting their options.

19.) Filipino American veterans, conscripted into service in the U.S. Army in 1941 and promised full benefits from the VA, had benefits rescinded by the Recission Act in 1946. Recently, Congress passed S.1315, the Veterans Benefits Enhancement Bill, but without provision for equal benefits for FilAm World War II veterans. Do you or would you support a bill which would give these veterans full benefits and recognition of their service to the U.S.?

All Americans must be treated equally including those who served in the US Army.

20.) Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos settled in San Diego in mid-19th-century, in today's Asian Pacific Historic District downtown. Whether 4th- or 5th-generation San Diegans, or more recent immigrants who have come to San Diego for work, study or family, Asian Pacific Islanders in San Diego share a city, county and country. What are your views on America's immigration policies and/or immigration reform?

Our immigration policy needs balanced comprehensive reform and this is a complex issue that should not be defined by simple sound bites. We need to balance the need to secure our borders with

our country's economic needs for vital labor skills. For example, a few issues vitally important to the 50th District:

1) Our agricultural industry (the 5th largest industry in San Diego) relies on migrate labor to remain competitive.

2) Many foreign scientists from countries like China have come here to complete graduate studies in biotechnology and then stayed helping build our enormously successful biotechnology industry. Recently, because of immigration concerns, many are choosing to return to China fueling a competitive biotechnology industry in China. San Diego's Qualcomm CEO Paul Jacobs recently stated that federal immigration policies that cap the number of H-1B visas for foreign scientists and engineers do not just hinder U.S. tech firms; they funnel talented people to other countries, resulting in "innovation happening there that used to happen here." Jacobs calls this "very scary for the United States."

America has benefited from having people with vital skills come here. It is important for our continued success that we establish an immigration policy that does not impair our economy. We need to cut the red tape at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services. Guest work permits should be provided for those with vital skills while they become citizens.

21.) A recent independent study by CBRE Consulting found that research and start-up companies in information technology, telecommunications, and biotechnology generated by the University of California San Diego drive innovation and growth in San Diego's regional economy. What is your view on expanding the number of H-1B visas issued for international workers in specialty occupations which require theoretical or technical expertise?

I fully support expanding the number of H-1B visas for vital labor skills – see answer to question #21 above for more details.

23.) 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?

Yes - I have voted in every election possible since I was eligible to vote 45 years ago.

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

US Congress

Please list any endorsements which you have received:

Libertarian Party

Please email your response to:

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE OUR QUESTIONNAIRE!