

MICHAEL GREGORY

Seeking Position of: San Leandro City Council Member

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1. If elected, what are your top priorities during your term? What would you like to accomplish and how would you go about doing so? Please be specific.

- Restore the city's 20% budget reserve and quality-of-life services
- Implement Downtown SL TOD Strategy, get SL Crossings project started
- Keep East Bay BRT project alive, assist with breaking barriers
- Continue to partner with SLUSD, Safe Routes to Schools
- Advocate for active transportation/complete streets/obesity prevention

2. 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 Americans in public policy and politics?

I recently endorsed Stewart Chen for City of Alameda Healthcare District Trustee. I welcome the opportunity to help any qualified candidate advance their career but pay particular attention to underserved/underrepresented groups. Our city's 'Youth Advisory Commission' is well-represented with Asian Pacific Americans. This is a terrific opportunity to reach & engage them.

I was an alternate to the closed session for the new combined 'Alameda Co. Transportation Commission' when Art Dao was chosen to lead the new agency. A brilliant choice – very hopeful for the APA community as well as the right choice.

3. 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 championed bringing 'Safe Routes to Schools' in San Leandro. My wife directs one of the oldest cooperative preschools in the East Bay (Boradmoor- Bill Lockyer is a grad!) and we advocate for quality preschool and kindergarten readiness. Our greatest need is to pass a parcel tax, increase teachers' salaries; the city is not prepared to do this – improving the school sites is a first step and I advocate for Measure B (SLUSD Facilities Bond) on November's ballot.
- **Health Care:** I led the city council's efforts to keep San Leandro Hospital open as a full service acute care facility (April 2009 it was to be handed over to Alameda Co. by Sutter Health); it's currently being mediated, but still open and jobs preserved (it's one of San Leandro's largest employers); I am the 'health guy' on SL City Council, championed SL to become the first Alameda Co. HEALS city.

I serve on Supervisor Lai-Bitker's District 3 'Health is Not Just Healthcare'

committee. We explore healthcare inequities in the district.

- **Civil Rights:** I work closely with San Leandro High School's 'Social Justice Academy'; I meet with students each year, provided support/endorsed the grant proposal to secure initial funding.
- **Business:** I'm a member of the SL Downtown Business Association & Chamber of Commerce. I'm the council lead for 'smart growth' advocacy and transforming the city's downtown to become a desirable regional destination. I support maintaining the city's industrial zoning in order to create more jobs. Our chamber of commerce has initiated a series of unique conferences ('San Leandro by Design') to engage local businesses along with developers to leverage our location and strengths into sustainable growth. Our Redevelopment Agency has launched a 'Sustainability Circle' run by Natural Capitalism, Inc., bringing groups of SL companies together from a diverse range of industries to work together to share resources and tips on how to improve energy efficiency of their buildings and operations. The Sustainability Circle follows a successful 'Industrial Competitiveness Program' in FY 08-09 that provided a financial incentive to encourage energy-efficiency improvements at industrial facilities. The response & results have been awesome.