NQAPIA Presidential Voter Guide

The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance is a federation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Asian American, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander (APIs) organizations. NQAPIA builds the organizational capacity of local LGBT API groups, develops leadership, promotes visibility, educates the community, invigorates grassroots organizing, encourages collaborations, and challenges anti-LGBT bias and racism. NQAPIA is an independent nonpartisan tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

Before Election Day:


2. Election Protection: Volunteer with the Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund (AALDEF) to monitor poll sites and defend our right to vote at www.aaldef.net.

Voting on Election Day:

1. Identification is often required to vote. Voters should not be turned away because of gender marker discrepancies.

2. If there is a problem, demand to vote by “provisional” ballot.

3. Limited English proficient voters have a right to bring someone with them to interpret. Some poll sites have translated ballots.


5. Voting is only the first step in fighting for the rights and concerns of LGBT API people. Regardless of who wins, we must also write letters, sign petitions, lobby, rally, and demonstrate for our demands. Contact NQAPIA to get involved.
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<td><strong>Transgender Discrimination</strong>&lt;br&gt;Do you support the right of young people to use the bathroom of their current gender identity in schools?</td>
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<td><strong>Police Brutality</strong>&lt;br&gt;Will you prevent police brutality and police misconduct against African Americans, as well as communities of color and young people?</td>
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<td><strong>Affirmative Action</strong>&lt;br&gt;Do you support affirmative action policies and programs that allow traditionally disadvantaged communities to have equal opportunities in employment, education, and business?</td>
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<td><strong>Ban Profiling of Immigrants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Do you oppose profiling on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity in immigration enforcement and national security?</td>
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<td><strong>Continue DACA for Young People</strong>&lt;br&gt;Will you continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program so that undocumented young people can be free from deportation and can gain work authorization?</td>
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LGBTQ Equality
- Hillary Clinton’s website outlines her plans to pass the Equality Act to “protect people from discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation in every aspect of public life.”
- Donald Trump said at the Republican National Convention, “As your President, I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBT citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology.” However, he has made disparaging remarks about people of transgender experience and attacked the decision to legalize same-sex marriage.

Trangender Discrimination
- According to a spokeswoman, Clinton “applauds” President Obama’s new directives that protect transgender people’s freedom of choice with school bathrooms.
- Trump said, “There’s a big move to create new bathrooms. Problem with that is for transgender, that would be … discriminatory in a certain way…Leave it the way it is.” Trump stated that it is a “state’s issue,” and trusts the states to do the “right thing.”

Police Brutality
- Clinton’s criminal justice reform plan includes “reforming sentencing laws and policies, ending racial profiling by law enforcement, strengthening the bonds of trust between communities and police, and more.”
- Trump said about police brutality, “Well, there is a divide, but I have to say that the police are absolutely mistreated and misunderstood, and if there is an incident, whether it's an incident done purposely—which is a horror, and you should really take very strong action—or if it is a mistake, it’s on your news casts…It never ends.”

Affirmative Action
- Clinton praised the Supreme Court decision that upheld the consideration of race and other criteria in University of Texas’ admission policies to promote diversity and inclusion.
- Trump stated that he is “fine” with affirmative action “for now.” He disagreed with comments from Justice Scalia that questioned affirmative action.

Ban Profiling of Immigrants
- After 9/11, Clinton “did not rule out” enhanced security measures that included profiling.
- Trump believes that profiling is necessary to counter the threat of terrorism.

Immigration Reform & Pathway to Citizenship
- Clinton promised to “introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office…[to] every person with dignity, fix the family visa backlog, uphold the rule of law, protect our borders and national security, and bring millions of hardworking people into the formal economy.”
- Trump’s plan has no “path to legalization” for illegal immigrants. He said, “Enforce our immigration laws—at the border and at the workplace. Build a border wall, and end sanctuary cities. Send criminal aliens home. Welcome those who embrace our way of life, but keep out immigrants and refugees who don’t go through rigorous vetting.”

Continue DACA for Young People
- Clinton co-sponsored legislation to protect DREAMers and promised, “I will do everything in my power as president to protect President Obama’s executive actions [and] go further to provide relief for families.”
- Trump said, “I want dreamers to come from the United States. I want the people in the United States that have children, I want them to have dreams also…We're always talking about dreamers for other people.”

Health Care
- Clinton said “I’ve fought for quality, affordable health care my entire career…I’ll defend the Affordable Care Act, build on its successes, and go even further to reduce costs.”
- Trump opposes the Affordable Care Act, and as president he plans to formally request that Congress repeal the Act.
Nonpartisan
NQAPIA does not endorse any candidate for office or any political party. This voter guide is to educate the public about the candidates’ positions on various issues of concern to LGBT APIs. A candidates’ fitness for office should be judged on a variety of qualifications that go beyond their responses to the questions contained in this guide.

Methodology
NQAPIA sent candidate questionnaires to the campaigns for President of the major political parties. NQAPIA also commissioned independent research of the candidates’ websites, platforms, speeches, and media quotes. Results were determined by an independent neutral legal review of all publicly available sources. For a full listing of sources and citations, go to NQAPIA’s website: www.nqapia.org.

FACTS

✓ 9.3 million eligible Asian American and Pacific Islander voters this November. That’s an increase from 8 million in 2012.

✓ By 2060, one out of ten Americans will be of Asian descent.

✓ API’s are the nations fastest growing minority and an increasing segment of the LGBT community

✓ API’s are the largest set of new immigrants (legal & undocumented) to the United States.

✓ The presidential race will be very close and possibly decided by the slimmest of Margins. (Source: Washington Post, CNN)

✓ In 2000, only 537 votes in Florida decided the presidential race between Al Gore and George Bush. Every vote counts!