

#4

COMPLETE

Page 1

Q1

Candidate Information

Name	Jimmy Matta
Position	Burien City Council Position 3
Address	501 SW 136th St
City	Burien
State	WA
ZIP	98166
Email Address	Jimmy@jimmymatta.com
Phone Number	206-999-7115

Q2

If you make it past the primaries, do you intend to attend the 2021 Public Officials and Candidates Night Reception from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021?

Yes, I intend to attend the event and have blocked out the time on my calendar

Q3

Why are you running for elected office?

We are running in a very different climate than we last launched this campaign. That means we have to be responsive to and mindful of the public's reality today. Just as I am not the same person nor leader I was four years ago, this campaign has grown as well. This campaign will be about intentional listening. About, within the bounds of this pandemic, going to community rather than asking them to come to you. And, again, listening. Taking in the lived experiences of those surrounding me in Burien and integrating and responding to them within this campaign. I am running with community. Not ahead, in front, beside or even behind. As I approach the official date for my virtual campaign launch, I have made sure that the voice presented there is not predominantly my own, but the collective voice that has been built by my years of communicating with local leaders, youth, and community members.

Q4

What do you consider to be our community's top challenges?

As a city that borders on Seattle and Sea-Tac airport, Burien is often, in it of itself, a forgotten issue. As potential mayor of Burien, I seek to recenter Burien community concerns and struggles that although are interconnected and reflective of wider county, state and regional trends, are, in impact, distinct to Burien. This is relative to immigration policy within Burien, a city that has welcomed one of the largest Latine populations in the state, as well as policy concerning small business protection, Just Cause and affordable housing, families, and community safety networks.

Q5

How will you work with the business community to find solutions?

I believe that going to residents as opposed to maintaining an expectation that those who 'care' about local politics will come to you, is where my philosophy around community engagement comes from. It takes a lot of communication, collective education, patience and understanding to unionize people who have been and are still disenfranchised by politics. I am not here to be an added source of anxiety and authority in the eyes of our community. I am not even here to act as some representative savior because of my identity. I am an honest 'uplifter' and learner. This means going door to door, business to business, every day over the next few months and sitting down with people that have never really been listened to by city officials.

Q6

Where can your constituents find more information about you and your campaign?

At my campaign website <https://jimmymatta.com/>
