

STATEMENT OF JONNY M. LIU

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

AZUSA CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Age: 38

Occupation: Business Owner

Having moved to Azusa in 2006 after receiving a Masters in Theology, emphasis in Leadership Studies from Vanguard University, I spent 9 years living and working alongside students at Azusa Pacific University. As a Residence Director, my responsibilities included supervising and facilitating staff to care for the wellbeing of students within the living areas. Integral was the ability to listen, develop, and foster the dreams of students and to execute those dreams.

Six years into working at APU, I started dreaming of a coffee shop that would be open for our community as a safe and fun place to congregate. What initially I thought would be a simple endeavor: opening a small business turned out not so much! 2.5 years later, Mantra Coffee opened through an incredible effort by friends and family who poured their capital, fiscally and socially into our dream of a community cafe. I found that through collaboration, dreams could be realized.

Inspired by the documentary, Knock Down the House, a simple dream was sown: could a government listen and represent the people? It's with that dream that I ask for your vote for Mayor in hopes that we can collaborate and dream together on what our city can become.