

**Stephanie Yin Candidate Statement**  
**American Go Association's Board of Directors: Eastern Region**

Our community nominates Stephanie Yin to be the AGA's official east representative ( AGA East Board Seat)

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Dear American Go Association,

Our community nominates Stephanie Yin to be the AGA's official east representative ( AGA East Board Seat). We expect her to receive the position for a variety of reasons. First, she goes to underprivileged areas that others from the AGA have avoided. I am an African American business owner who plays Go in New York City. The AGA literally sent Stephanie Yin as it's representative to our community when we contacted the AGA in 2016. She already is your representative in our community in the east. In the black community, we have only seen one advocate for Go from the AGA over the last several years and that is Stephanie Yin. If the American Go Association cares about the black community, then you will choose the individual who has our full support, Stephanie Yin. She speaks for us. She is in our schools. She is in our communities. She is our only trusted link to the AGA. And vice versa, she is the AGA's only trusted link to our community. November 21st, 2016 we asked for help from the AGA via an inquiry. And the AGA sent Stephanie. This is documented. You can look it up via your president@usgo.org account. For years now, she has quietly taught classes in underprivileged public schools. She does classes at underprivileged libraries. She does public speaking engagements on a weekly basis all over the east (Public speaking as many of us have learned is considered the single least desirable task by most Americans and she does it constantly). Stephanie literally is the only AGA representative doing public outreach at these events throughout the east. She is going into areas where she has to be patted down and searched like a person at the airport just to teach elementary school children. I know because i've been with her. New York City is an important city and she is the AGA's most important representative in our city. If you choose someone else, then I expect to see that person in the underprivileged areas Stephanie goes in. Easier said than done. I personally guarantee that Stephanie will be an outstanding official AGA representative in our area. We are actually somewhat upset that she wasn't already considered the east representative. We hope her work in our communities has not been overlooked. That would be an outrage! We expect you will make the appropriate selection and officially choose Stephanie Yin as the east representative (AGA East board seat). I personally guarantee to speak on her behalf as many times as it takes. Additionally, I will show up anywhere to speak on her behalf. Contact me anytime.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Julian Congo

**Go Resume:****Stephanie (Mingming) Yin, Professional 1 Dan Go player****Current Positions:**

Vice President in Development of the American Go Association, 2019 to present

Founder and President of the New York Institute of Go, 2016 to present

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**Selected Tournaments:**

Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> North American Youth Open, August 2020

Organized the New York Youth Open, 2017 to 2020

Organized the NYGA Go Championships, 2020

Coordinated the 1<sup>st</sup> China-US internet Go Tournament, April 2020

Organized the NYGA Monthly Tournament, 2019 to 2020

Organized the North American Collegiate Invitational, 2018 to 2020

Organized the NYIG Open, 2018 to 2020

Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> U20 Eastern Youth Open, September 2019

Established the New York Go Honor Society, August 2019

Organized the New York Youth Team Championship, 2016 to 2018

Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Go Expo, 2018

**Selected Outreach:**

Teacher at the New York Public School, 2017 to present

Teacher at the Queens Public Library, 2017

Lecturer at the multiple public Go open house, 2016 to present

Founder of the NYIG\_Go YouTube Channel 2018