





# County official accuses two supervisors of preventing his promotion in filed claim

SAN DIEGO (FOX 5/KUSI) — A former Registrar of Voters filed a claim against the county of San Diego, specifically making allegations against two sitting members on the Board of Supervisors.

**Michael Vu** was appointed to serve as the county's Registrar of Voters in 2012 before he took on his [new role](#) as assistant chief administrative officer in 2021.

**According to Vu's claim, Vargas stated, "We need a person of color,"** to which Robbins-Meyer reportedly replied, "Michael is a person of color, he is Asian!" **The claim reportedly said that Vargas responded, "That doesn't count, they have opportunities and education. We need a Hispanic of black."**

## San Diego County Supervisor's office sued for allegedly using racial slurs against Asian applicant

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**The complaint filed by Jeff Liu in mid-December 2023, alleges** he was offered a job in the supervisor's office that would have required him to relocate due to his living in Sacramento at the time.

He accepted the position on Sept. 11, 2023, and the following week was contacted by Denise Garcia, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Nora Vargas, inquiring about his relocation status. It was during that phone call that she allegedly told him to "hurry the f\*\*\* up!"

Two days later, on Sept. 20, Garcia phoned Liu again inquiring about his efforts to relocate where he explained he secured an apartment and it was then that he alleges he heard racial slurs being uttered by Garcia.

"F\*\*\*ing Asians and yellow people, always so f\*\*\*ing slow, these chinks!"

The comments are alleged to have been made due to the office not being satisfied with the time it was taking for Liu to relocate.

Liu then moved to San Diego on Sept. 25 and the next day Vargas' office rescinded the job offer with Garcia alleging he never confirmed his relocation status.







