

# East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Endorsement Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in obtaining an endorsement from the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club.

Per the Club's bylaws, to be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must be a registered Democrat. All candidates must also complete this candidate questionnaire to be considered for an endorsement. Endorsements are decided by the general membership, and candidates must receive at least 60% of votes cast to be endorsed.

The deadline for questionnaires is posted on the East Bay Stonewall website (<http://eastbaystonewalldemocrats.org/Elections>). Any candidate submitting a questionnaire that is received after the deadline will not appear on the endorsement ballot. To ensure a fair process, no grace period will be granted.

Please return your completed questionnaire via Google forms by clicking submit at the bottom of this form. All form submissions are final. If you have questions, please contact Joe Greaves, EBSDC PAC chair via email at [jsphgreaves@gmail.com](mailto:jsphgreaves@gmail.com).

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Name (First Last) \*

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Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

Office you are seeking? (e.g. City Council, School Board, Supervisor, etc) \*

Peralta Community College Board of Trustees Area 3 Area 3

Jurisdiction \*

Peralta Community College District

District \*

Area 3

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, email [eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com](mailto:eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com). \*

Yes

No

I self-identify as: (check all boxes that apply; note these identifiers will be used publicly during our endorsement process.) \*

Gay

Lesbian

Transgender

Gender non-conforming

Bisexual

Queer

Straight

Other: .....

How have you participated in East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club activities, and/or supported the Club other ways? What other LGBTQ+ organizations are you affiliated with and in what capacity? What other Democratic clubs are you affiliated with? \*

I have not participated in East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club activities. I may have supported events or activities the Stonewall Club participated in. .  
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Using specific examples, please identify the causes you have advocated for and the ways you have helped advance LGBTQ+ rights or otherwise helped foster a community of inclusivity for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. \*

As a Machine Technology Department Chair the following statement was part of all department syllabus. The faculty and staff in the Laney College Machine Technology Department have tried hard to make the shop and classroom environments welcoming and encouraging. These courses are available to anyone who wants to take them, regardless of one's race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, language ability, disability, socio-economic class, personal background, etc. Everyone has a right to be here. To maintain this inclusive environment, prejudicial language, verbal and physical harassment, and discriminatory behavior linked to any of the preceding categories will not be tolerated. Please, respect one another.

The Machine Technology Department and myself as chair have worked hard to enforce these rules. I have removed students from class for not following these rules. The department has had a number of queer and trans students and they have told us they feel safe in our classroom and shop. I have also hired a trans teaching assistant that has worked for the Machine Technology Program for the past 6 years. Not only were these students successful in the program, but many of them are working in shops and industries with great pay and benefits. We have also worked with companies (not always successfully) trying to change their cultures so these students feel safe in their workplace.

In 2019 I attended and helped fund the Queer Prom to support my students who were active in promoting the event at the end of the spring semester.

Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? \*

I donated to Ultraviolet Action, Senator Tammy Baldwin, New York Congressional Representative Mondaire Jones, Tennessee congressional candidate Odessa Kelly and locally Rebecca Kaplan and events she has supported and Assembly member Alex Lee. I have been a member of Courage California for several years and made generous contributions and am a sustaining contributor to their efforts to support LGBTQ+ candidates.

Which LGBTQ+ organizations and elected officials have formally endorsed you for this race? \*

So far none. East Bay Stonewall Democrats is the only organization who's endorsement I have sought so far.

Please describe a policy/goal that is part of your formal platform that benefits the LGBTQ+ community? \*

Enrollments in the Peralta system are dropping drastically. Peralta needs to expand the population we are serving both because we need to expand enrollments and we should be serving those who don't have high school diploma's and our large immigrant communities. We also need to provide more opportunity for those coming out of prison and our jails. By expanding concurrent enrollment for those students in adult education programs, they also get free access to the community college system. By implementing the Ability to Benefit program, Adult Education students can become eligible for financial aid. While not specifically aimed at the LGBTQ+ community, significant numbers would benefit from expanded access.

What makes you uniquely qualified for the office and how are you different or unique from the other candidates in your race? \*

I have 17 years of successfully building a dynamic career education program. In 2015 the California Industrial Technology Educators selected me as the Community College Teacher of the Year, In 2018/2019 I was selected as the Laney College Faculty of the Year. I understand how to work with companies, local public agencies, workforce development boards, build apprenticeship and opportunity for students and those looking for a career. In my 17 years at Peralta and Laney College I have served on the following committees:

5 years on District Facilities Committee (2 as faculty chair)

3 years on Laney Facilities Committee

5 years on PCCD District CTE committee (2 years as chair)

1 year on District Academic as CTE representative

13 years on Laney Faculty Senate as CTE representative

8 years on Laney CTE Advisory Committee (4 years as chair)

3 years on Laney Institutional Effectiveness Committee

3 years on Laney College Council

I am passionate about our community college system and pledge not to run for any other office. I am a planner and builder and Peralta deserves better than our current situation.

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