

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.

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

David Kakishiba

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Oakland School Board Director, District Two

Jurisdiction *

Oakland

District *

Two

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, email 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 other than participating in the Club's endorsement process as a past candidate for elected office. I am a dues-paying member of the Alameda County Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus.
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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. *

I voted to approve Oakland Unified School District's 2011 "Community Schools, Thriving Students" Strategic Plan, which led to the district-wide implementation of multiple school culture/climate policies dedicated to fostering inclusivity for LGBTQ+ and other historically marginalized student communities. These policies and initiatives include LGBTQ+ School Liaisons, sexual health education curricula, educator professional development, Social/Emotional Learning, Full-Service Community Schools, and Restorative Justice,
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Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? *

Yes, Rebecca Kaplan for City Council 2008. No, I did not provide financial support to her campaign.

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

None to my knowledge.

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

Establishing a School Board public oversight structure and process for each and every school on student learning outcomes, including students' sense of consecutiveness and inclusivity. Rescinding Measure G and Measure G1 parcel taxes, and replacing them with measures that provides schools with 90% of all parcel revenues to support the first.

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

I want to be an Oakland School Board Director to establish the School Board's political will and organizational discipline to hold district administration accountable to provide all schools the necessary conditions to achieve dramatic and sustained improvement in student learning outcomes. Districtwide, 80% of all African American and Latino students are below grade-level in reading and mathematics. Our high school graduation rate, while improving significantly over the past several years, is still the lowest in Alameda County.

The Oakland School Board is fundamentally responsible for five core tasks: 1) Establishing the school district's strategic plan to ensure all students are achieving significant and sustained growth in their academic and social learning outcomes; 2) Aligning and appropriating financial, human, and social resources to implement the strategic plan and continuous school improvement; 3) Supervising and evaluating the Superintendent of Schools work performance pursuant to the strategic plan and budget; 4) Conducting student/school relevant policy advocacy and systems change at the local (e.g. city and county governments), state, and federal levels; and 5) Continuously communicating and collaborating with school communities (principals, teachers, classified employees, parents, students, school partners) to improve the conditions at their school sites.

I served as District 2 School Board Director for twelve years – six years under State Administration and six years under normal governance – from January 2003 to December 2014. I served six years – 2015 to 2021 – as the first chairperson of OUSD's Measure N Commission. I currently served as the Measure G1 Commission chairperson. Currently and for the past 42 years, I have worked as the Executive Director of EBAYC (East Bay Asian Youth Center), a nonprofit youth development organization serving over 2,500 children, youth, and their families, who primarily reside in Chinatown, Eastlake, San Antonio, and Fruitvale neighborhoods. My wife, Isabel Toscano, is a U.S. History and Government teacher in the Public Health Academy at Oakland High School. Our two adult children attended La Escuelita Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School, and graduated from Oakland High School and MetWest High School.

I have learned a lot about how to make progressive change in service of working families. I continue to be driven by my deep passion for justice for working families and my sense of urgency to effect productive policy and systems change in our public schools. No other candidate has the depth of real-world experience, institutional knowledge, and political/community savvy to drive significant systemic change in our public school system.

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