

# 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).

Email \*

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Name (First Last) \*

Nikki Fortunato Bas

Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

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

City Council

Jurisdiction \*

Oakland

District \*

District 2

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 participated in Club events and fundraisers including Pride Breakfasts and the 2020 Public Servants, Private Servers fundraiser for Transgender Liberation. I actively support the LGBTQ Center and Queer Arts Center (both in District 2) by participating in, sponsoring and promoting programs and events. I am also a member of the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, East Bay Young Dems, and John George Democratic Club.  
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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 have advocated for city services that are inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community. For example, in 2020 I championed the reauthorization of the Oakland Fund for Children & Youth, approximately \$19 million per year, and I worked to ensure that LGBTQ+ serving organizations are among the grantees. I have also advocated for homelessness solutions and services that specifically support the LGBTQ+ community. I co-authored the measure on the November ballot that will amend the Oakland City Charter with gender-inclusive language.

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

Yes, I have endorsed and financially supported Rebecca Kaplan for City Council and County Board of Supervisors.

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

Alex Lee (California Assemblymember)  
Rebecca Kaplan (Oakland Vice Mayor, Councilmember At-Large)  
Michael Colbruno (Oakland Port Commissioner)  
Jahmese Myres (former Chair, Oakland Planning Commission)  
Ces Rosales (California Democratic Party Women's Caucus, Policy Issues Chair)  
Joe Hawkins (executive director of the Oakland LGBTQ Center)  
Kin Folkz (founder of the East Bay Queer Arts Center)  
Alicia Garza (co-founder of the Black Lives Matter Movement)  
Anne Marks (executive director of Youth ALIVE)

\* Titles and organizations are for ID purposes only

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

With the current attacks on reproductive freedom, I have explicitly and publicly called for the rights of trans people and all people with a uterus for bodily autonomy and reproductive care. I co-authored legislation making Oakland a pro-choice sanctuary city and a new resolution calling on Oakland to support Prop. 1.

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

When I ran for office four years ago, I promised to build a more inclusive, just, and equitable city. While Oakland's challenges are significant – together, we are meeting these goals. We passed California's strongest local COVID eviction moratorium. Our Tiny Homes village and new affordable District 2 housing units are addressing homelessness while maintaining the diverse community we love. We invested millions in youth and jobs programs and small business support. We expanded our public safety system with increased violence prevention, a new Fire Department crisis response program, and focused community policing in the most impacted areas.

We still have much more to do. I believe that together, we can build on these accomplishments to scale up solutions to expand housing affordability and address homelessness; create safer, healthier communities; and deliver core city services that we all deserve. I hope you will join us.

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