

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) *

Barisha Spriggs

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

AC Transit Board of Directors

Jurisdiction *

Ward 4

District *

Ward 4

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? *

Yes I have attended some East BAY Stonewall Democratic Club meetings and supported LGBTQ friends. I host and organized a lawn party for Rebecca Kaplan in San Lorenzo. I was chair of the Southern Alameda County Progressive Democrats. I am affiliated by Wellstone and East Bay Our Revolution.

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 helped my LGBTQ colleagues on the Alameda County Central Committee pass a bylaw which states any elected official who has openly been anti-LGBTQ can be removed from the committee.

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

Yes and yes.

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

Victor Aguilar, Jr., Mel Shuen Mallory

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

Many LGBTQ+ people, including youth who aren't old enough to drive yet, have to travel long distances to get to LGBTQ+ centers, businesses, and other community events. Reliable transit with low fares keeps the community connected

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

I am a courageous and innovative leader who is lived in AC Transit Ward 4 for nearly 30 years and has decades of policy, community service, and governance experience here. AC Transit needs a director that has experience working with state, county and local government. I have that experience.

I have been active and serving the Democrat Party in many capacities over the decades. Currently, I am an Elected Alameda County Democratic Central Committee member, Co-Chair of the ACDCC Resolution Committee, Executive Board Member, and Delegate of the California Democratic Party.

- I have made transit improvements such as E. 14th Corridor Improvement Phase II corridor require working with the state (Caltrans), county (Alameda County Public Works) and local government for funding and approval

- I have experience advocating for residents in unincorporated areas is a valuable experience for working with the County.

- I am the catalyst for the E. 14 the \$20 million Phase II Corridor Improvement Project and the Hesperian Improvement Projects in AC Transit Ward 4. I am already a proven leader as I catalyzed The \$2 Million Emergency Repave of Ashland and the \$20 Million Ashland East 14th Street Phase II Corridor Improvement Project. Transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists, now have a safe and accessible commercial corridor because of my advocacy. The street now has expanded bus boarding platforms, new bus shelters, new seating at bus stops, safer sidewalks, increased street lights, bike lanes, and safer crosswalks. I have significantly reduced our carbon footprint, increased safety and public transportation usage.

AC Transit needs a director that represents its average rider: It's a social justice and equity issue.

- AC Transit needs a director rides the bus every day and knows the impacts of changes to bus service, fares, etc.

-I am a daily bus rider without a car dedicated to improving service.

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