

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 Shay Franco-Clausen, EBSDC PAC chair via email at [REDACTED]

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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) *

U.S. House of Representatives

Jurisdiction *

California

District *

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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. Trevor Project - Volunteer Crisis Counselor, Oakland LGBTQ Center, CADEM LGBTQ+ Caucus. East Bay Young Democrats.

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. *

Through my mental health experience, I was able to begin my advocacy for my queer tribe. Across over a decade of social services work, I have always prioritized my Black and Queer identities in my advocacy work toward expanding mental health services and participation, working to minimize the experience of homelessness by queer foster youth, and leveraging my position on the Oakland Housing & Rent Board to expand tenant protections for queer renters in Oakland. I am currently working to expand Oakland's definition of 'protected status' for housing and evictions to include Queer individuals as a protected class.

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

Yes. Yes.

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

It would be an honor to earn EBSDC's support as my first LGBTQ+ organization's endorsement.

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

Codifying federal protections for LGBTQ+ Americans into law through legislation, and introducing legislation that expands the U.S. foreign policy platform to include advocating for queer rights and queer individuals around the globe.

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

I bring into this race over a decade of experience in social services, with a background in psychology. My life experience as a queer black man, and my professional experience coupled with my legislative experience as Chair of the Oakland Housing & Rent Board place me in a unique position. I am able to speak with purpose and intention to issues that impact various groups, be that LGBTQ+ communities, Black, Brown, and Indigenous Communities, Aging Adults, Differently Abled communities, Foster Youth, Formerly Incarcerated individuals, and Working Class Americans just to name a few. I will serve CA12 with a perspective that is currently lacking in the U.S. House; a perspective that prioritizes the needs of the people over profit, personal gain, and party priorities when they do not center the needs of the people. I offer an alternative to the political blueprint we've been given and have continued to use for decades despite its repeated failure, or unwillingness to meet the needs of the people. That is what separates me from the other candidates in this race. As our nation evolves, so must the way we govern. This is how we continue the work of Reimagining our Democracy.

This form was created inside of Shay Franco-Clausen.