

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]

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

Jennifer Tran

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Congress - House of Representatives

Jurisdiction *

N/A

District *

CA-12

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'm currently a board member. I am currently not directly affiliated with other organizations.

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 professor at CSU East Bay, I teach about intersectional issues related to queerness and race, the history of our advocacy, and the need for equitable treatment in law and society for LGBTQ+ folks, including different pathways for us to achieve acknowledgement and legal protections. I also actively work on the recruitment and training for LGBTQ faculty of color and the school's internal cultural practices. In addition, I work to be a mentor to QTPOC students.

As President of the Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce, I advocate for funding and support of LGBTQ small businesses. Especially in the immigrant, refugee, and first-generation community for Vietnamese people but also the broader AAPI community, I also have worked on issues surrounding acceptance and education so that families can be sources of support, especially for at-risk queer youth.

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? *

I have been endorsed by LPAC.

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

In congress, I plan to focus on trans rights, criminalizing conversion therapy, and codifying LGBTQ+ cultural training into sexual education classes at all public schools nationwide. While those are specific to our community, I believe that many of my policies directly impact the LGBTQ+ community, especially those that may also identify as BIPOC or any number of other marginalized identities; this includes my work to make housing available and accessible -- because the issue of homelessness particularly impacts queer youth of color, and my economic policies aimed at small businesses, as queer, immigrant, and BIPOC small business owners are often unable to access small business loans and other support.

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

Being a Queer woman of color has been a vital lens that has shaped my entire life. Coming out to my large and traditional Vietnamese family was a very formative experience that shaped my passion for the issues facing our community. Being in a six year relationship with a black lesbian has also been foundational to my understanding of intersectionality in our modern culture. Impassioned by those experiences, I first joined several LGBTQ+ rights advocacy groups as a student. Then, I pursued my doctoral degree, to continue my education in this space, and to get the training necessary to support our youth, especially our queer youth, as a way to drive to positive change. I also became a board member of the Eastbay Stonewall Democratic Club to continue affecting the necessary changes we need to see for an equitable and just reality for our community members. As I approached supporting our community through education, through nonprofits and advocacy, I chose to run because through all of those efforts, I learned that there's some things that much be changed at a higher level in order to impact these systemic issues. I believe that as a queer, Vietnamese woman of Oakland, I share so many personal experiences with that of our whole community, and those experiences will allow me to inform not just the other lawmakers, the national discussion, but the law itself, in a way that will represent and build for us, in the way that isn't being done today. I am not uniquely qualified because of my individual experiences, but as one that is made up of the whole tapestry of the East Bay, and will use that experience to fight for us all.

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