

East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Candidate Questionnaire

John Weed

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Q1 First name

John

Q2 Last name

Weed

Q3 Office you are seeking

Assessor, Alameda County

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Q5 Are you a registered Democrat?

Yes

Q6 If so for how long?

since 1964

Q7 With which Democratic organizations are you affiliated?

Tri-City Democratic Forum (member)

21st Century Democratic Club of Santa Clara County (member)

Q8 Are you a member of the East Bay Stonewall
Democratic Club?

No

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Q9 If so for how long?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10 If not have you supported or contributed to the club in some way?

No

Q11 What other lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) organizations are you affiliated with and in what capacity?

None

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Q12 What specifically have you done to advance LGBT rights and/or to nurture an inclusive and affirming community for LGBT individuals and families? Please give specific examples.

I have served in elected office as a Trustee, Ohlone Community College District 1977-2010; and Director, Alameda County Water District (1995-present). I have strongly supported non-discrimination policy in each of these public endeavors.

Q13 Who are your LGBT supporters?

Need to discuss acknowledgement with each individual, before responding to this question.

Q14 What LGBT candidates have you supported, and did it include financial or campaign support?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15 What other issues or causes have you advocated for that you feel are relevant to the LGBT community?

Spousal/Partner protections in revaluation of properties due to a death or assessable event.

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Q16 What makes you uniquely qualified for the office you are seeking?

Experience: 8 years as a member of Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board for Alameda County. Participating in valuations and legal Boards. I have chaired each of the Legal Boards and have written the Opinions.

Education: Juris Doctor, Member of California Bar; Master of Business Administration, Finance; Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering; Graduate Research Associate, Agricultural Economic; Graduate Studies Water Resource Administration (completed course work and written Qualifier for a PhD).

Positions of leadership in large publicly accountable organizations.

Q17 Why should Stonewall consider you over your opponents for an early endorsement other than being LGBTQ?

Qualifications and demonstrated ability to successfully manage complex tasks.

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Q18 What would be your main policy goals?

Maintain the Integrity of the Assessment Process.

Community Engagement

Assure lowest permissible valuations

Q19 How do these goals relate to the LGBT community?

Of particular importance to the LGBT community is knowledge of the valuation protections in tax laws for LGBT individuals and couples.

Q20 What do you hope to accomplish if you are elected?

Maximize the effectiveness of the office to assure equitable valuations for all real property and business-personal property accounts.

There are over 500,000 accounts in Alameda County, with a valuation of over \$300 billion.

Q21 Why do you feel you can win this race?

Qualifications, Experience, and a personal reputation for concern for the individual and integrity. I am prepared to spend in excess of \$250,000 of my personal funds in this campaign.
