

East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Candidate Questionnaire

Kevin Lopez

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Q1 First name

Kevin

Q2 Last name

Lopez

Q3 Office you are seeking

Assessor

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Q5 Are you a registered Democrat?

Yes

Q6 If so for how long?

I have been a democrat all my life, however I officially registered as a Democrat in March of 2018.

Q7 With which Democratic organizations are you affiliated?

None

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

No

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Q9 If so for how long?

N/A

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 supported all LGBT individuals and rights within my community. Whether at the voting poll or working with individuals through my non-profit organizations, I have supported all LGBT individuals I have worked with.

Q13 Who are your LGBT supporters?

Unknown

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

None

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

I have been a long time supporter for LGBT marriage.

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

I am looking to bring a true Real Estate professional to the Assessor's office. I am the only candidate that has been a Real Estate Professional for over 29 years. I am a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser with the Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers licensed by the State of California. It is the highest license for a Real Estate Appraiser issued by the State. I have seen the Real Estate cycles for the past 3 decades and can sail the ship through the seas of the Real Estate market.

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

I believe you should endorse the most qualified candidate for the Office of Assessor.

I believe I am that person.

Q18 What would be your main policy goals?

* Transparent in all assessments of taxable property, for the public to better understand why and how they were assessed.

*Track the trends of the local Real Estate market to look for signs of decline in the market. A downturn would trigger an immediate review of all eligible property and save property taxpayers hundreds to thousands of dollars.

*Always ensure that the public is treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

*Advocate for an increase in the homeowner's exemption to give some needed tax relief to the residential homeowners.

*Develop an internship or apprenticeship type of program for local youth. It could be a great opportunity to start a career and serve the public.

Q19 How do these goals relate to the LGBT community?

These goals will help them to lower their property taxes, make sure they are treated fairly and with respect and possibly help an LGBT person start an internship or apprenticeship.

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

I will be out in front of the market and make any necessary changes to our assessed values that should be lowered.

I will create an internship/apprenticeship type of program for local youth.

I will bring back a strong working relationship between Labor and Management.

Q21 Why do you feel you can win this race?

I am the only Qualified Candidate.

29 years of Real Estate Experience, 23 years of working in the Assessor's office. 24 years of managing, training and scheduling for 2 Non-Profit organizations.

I always give back to my community and everyone can see that.

I will look to give back to the community when I am ahead of the Assessor's office.
