

East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Candidate Questionnaire

Dan Kalb

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Q1 First name

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Q2 Last name

KALB

Q3 Office you are seeking

CA State Assembly - 15th A.D.

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Q5 Are you a registered Democrat?

Yes

Q6 If so for how long?

40 years

Q7 With which Democratic organizations are you affiliated?

MGO Democratic Club; Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club; CA Democratic Party (delegate); Democratic Municipal Officials (DMO);

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

Yes

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Q9 If so for how long?

a few years

Q10 If not have you supported or contributed to the club in some way? **Respondent skipped this question**

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

Used to be a member of GLAAD many years ago.

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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.

Walked precincts for Domestic Partners ballot measures in S.F. back in the early 1990s. Volunteered at NO on 8 phonebanks in 2008; supported and volunteered on the campaigns of several LGBTQ candidates over the years.

Q13 Who are your LGBT supporters?

Abel Guillen, Tim Rood, Rebecca Saltzman, Marguerite Young; many community leaders who are LGBTQ.

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

Many over the past 3+ decades. For example, Roberta Achtenberg, Mark Leno, Carole Migden, Tom Ammiano, Rebecca Kaplan, Rebecca Saltzman, many others.

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

Funding for LGBTQ youth organizations; serious consequences for hate crimes; marriage equality; non-discrimination in housing and employment; support for LGBTQ community center, etc.

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

I am the candidate with the most experience relevant to being an effective state legislator. As part of my 30+ years of experience as an organizer, public interest advocate, etc, I have 10 years experience working as a policy director on Legislation in Sacramento.

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

This is not an early endorsement.

Nevertheless, I would welcome and be honored to receive the Stonewall endorsement.

Q18 What would be your main policy goals?

Environmental Stewardship and Clean Energy

Housing Affordability

Criminal Justice Reform and Public Safety

Public Education--including higher education

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Transparency and Campaign Finance Reform

Q19 How do these goals relate to the LGBT community?

Civil rights and civil liberties obviously relate to the LGBTQ community; and all these issues are of concern to everyone--including LGBTQ residents.

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

Big policy solutions and budget decisions that help people who need help the most; short and long-term progress on environmental and climate protection policies (and enforcement); Making sure California is a vocal and effective back-stop to the Trump Administration; Prop. 13 reform; Reduction in tuition at public universities and colleges; more funds for rehabilitation programs in our state prisons and more.

Q21 Why do you feel you can win this race?

Strong base of support in Oakland and within the Environmental community. We will have sufficient funds to send mail and enough volunteers to run a good grass-roots field operation. Strong endorsements, which I have, also help. People are seeing and hearing that I have the most relevant experience in the race and many voters are gravitating to that.
