

East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Candidate 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 to return your completed questionnaire to jbauters@gmail.com is Monday, September 10th at 5:00pm for the September 13th East Bay Stonewall endorsement meeting for the November 2018 general election.

- 1. Are you a registered Democrat? If so, how long have you been registered as a Democrat? Have you ever been registered with another party and if so, when and for how long?*

I am a lifelong democrat and have never been a member of another party. I am an elected member of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee representing AD18.

- 2. Are you a member of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club? If so, for how long? If not, have you participated in club activities, supported or contributed to the Club in some other way? What other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organizations are you affiliated with and in what capacity? What other non-LGBT Democratic clubs are you affiliated with?*

I have recently joined and am an ally.

- 3. Using specific examples, please identify the causes you have advocated for and the ways you have helped advance LGBT rights or otherwise helped foster a community of inclusivity for LGBT individuals and families.*

I spearheaded the Sanctuary City resolution while on the San Leandro City Council. I added specific language to the resolution to protect the LGBT community. For my work, I was awarded Assemblymember Rob Bonta's Equity Champion of the Year.

I awarded the San Leandro District 5 Leadership to Brandon Brock, a member of the LGBT community, for his leadership and work on the passage of the San Leandro Sanctuary City Resolution and for being a Founder of Rainbow San Leandro.

I spearheaded the Multi-Cultural Ad Hoc Committee for the San Leandro City Council which recommended changes in language, vision, and mission to the scope of work for the City's Board and Commissions to promote inclusivity and diversity. These changes were passed unanimously.

- 4. Have you previously supported LGBT candidates for office and if yes, did that include financial support?*
I have supported Tara Flanagan, Victoria Kolakowski, James Chang, Ces Rosales, Abel Guillen, Lori Droste for example.

- 5. Who are your LGBT endorsers? Who are your LGBT supporters?*

Name: Corina Lopez Office you are seeking: Re-election to the San Leandro City Council, D5

James Chang, Ces Rosales, Abel Guillen, Lori Droste, Rebecca Saltzman, Peter Oshinski for example.

6. *What do you hope to accomplish if you are elected? Please outline your top three policy goals or objectives and how you intend to achieve them.*

As a Councilmember, my top priorities are: Completing \$75 million capital improvement plan I helped initiate; forming and implementing a workforce housing model in San Leandro; creating jobs and economic development; improving public safety: fostering equity and inclusivity: promoting innovation to combat digital divide and homework gap; promoting and improving our schools; and exercising fiscal responsibility, accountability, transparency, and health.

Amongst the largest challenges are:

- 1) Addressing the housing crisis – San Leandro needs to build out more housing priced for working families
- 2) Improving public infrastructure – this goes hand in hand with quality of life and fostering jobs and economic development
- 3) Promoting public safety by increasing personnel will be necessary as San Leandro builds upward to help alleviate housing demand and commercial activity
- 4) Continuing to address the unfunded liability issue which I as a Councilmember have voted to address directly already by setting aside \$15 million in a trust

These issues require strong leadership that I have demonstrated as an elected official.

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

I am the daughter of Mexican migrant farm workers who eventually settled in the Salinas Valley. My family background is one of labor activism and a strong belief in social justice. Beginning as a park and neighborhood advocate in San Leandro over 15 years ago, I have served as an elected official, both on the Council and previously as a Trustee. I have a clear voting record that demonstrates a commitment to equity and inclusivity for the diverse community San Leandro has become. As a Councilmember, I have served not only locally but regionally including in the Steering Committee for East Bay Clean Energy. I have served on the California League of Cities Community Services Policy Community. I am the Vice-Chair for the National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Federal Advocacy Committee and have lobbied before Congress in that capacity. I have formed public policy on every level.

As the incumbent, I have a real handle on the issues, on the challenges, and the needs of San Leandro today and into the future. I have strong support and endorsements from a broad range of stakeholders including democrats, labor, environmentalists, educators, and community members. My strength is that I am a hands-on problem solver, I care about my constituents and San Leandro residents. I understand the everyday needs of our residents and businesses, and I have worked tirelessly to solve them. I am a dedicated public servant, from parks that children deserve and want, to really dialing down to brass tacks on the budget to make sure our city is solvent and viable.

Please return you completed questionnaire to John J. Bauters, East Bay Stonewall PAC Chair, by email at jbauters@gmail.com. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Bauters at 415-999-7932.