Name: ____Jenny Kassan_____ Office you are seeking: __Fremont City Council District 3__

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 have been a registered Democrat since 1986 (when I turned 18). In the late '90s, I switched to the Green Party, but a few years later I switched back.

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 am not a member of the Club and have not supported the Club to date. I am not involved in any LGBT organizations and I am not affiliated with any Democratic clubs. However, I was elected to be a delegate to the state Democratic Party convention.

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 supported the effort in Fremont to stop the approval of a new Chick-fil-A location in Fremont because of that business' record of hateful activities toward the LGBT community. My opponent supported the project when he was a planning commissioner. I also gave financial support and volunteer time to Fremont's annual participation in the San Francisco Pride Parade.

4. *Have you previously supported LGBT candidates for office and if yes, did that include financial support?*

I am supporting Alfred Twu in Berkeley. I also supported Danny Wan in Oakland. I did not provide financial support.

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

My LGBT supporters include my mom, Liz Kassan, and one of my employees, Lynn Johnson.

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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.*

Affordable housing – I will not support development that does not contribute significantly to increasing housing that is affordable for our workforce and young residents just starting out; I will advocate for rent control, minimum wage, first time homebuyer programs, and inclusionary housing rather than in-lieu fees

Support for small locally-owned businesses – I will advocate that our economic development resources be targeted to supporting and growing our small businesses because multiple studies demonstrate that small local businesses contribute far more in terms of job creation, local spending multiplier effect, and support for local nonprofits; I will also work to create a local investment fund so that local community residents can invest in local businesses – similar to a fund I created called the Force for Good Fund

Transportation – I will advocate for creative alternatives to auto-dependence and for investment of resources in walkable, bikeable neighborhoods as opposed to big box malls and isolated housing developments far from commercial areas and schools

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

I have a masters degree in City Planning and worked as city planner/community developer for 11 years. Also, unlike my opponent, I have no financial relationship with developers and never have.

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.