Name: Kenne	eth Pon	Office you are seeking:	San Leandro City	Council District One

## 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.

<u>The deadline to return your completed questionnaire to jbauters@gmail.com is Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm</u> for the September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 registered Democrat. I have never been registered with any other party.
- 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 East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club. To my knowledge, I have never participated, supported or contributed to this Democratic Club. I am not affiliated with any LGBT organization, although, I was recently added as a friend to the Rainbow San Leandro, LGBT and allied neighbors FaceBook page by Tom Baker. I am an active member of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic Party Alameda County, and the San Leandro Democratic Club.
- 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 cannot say I have actively advocated for causes that have advanced LGBT rights. I can say I have served with Tom Baker on a candidate election committee and the San Leandro Planning Commission. I asked Tom to be part of my election committee before he pulled papers to run for San Leandro Mayor (he subsequently did not file the papers). I've helped foster a community of inclusivity for LGBT individuals and families by being a good neighbor to my LGBT immediate neighbors.
- 4. Have you previously supported LGBT candidates for office and if yes, did that include financial support?
  - I have not directly supported LGBT candidates, however, through my Asian Pacific Caucus, I/we did proudly support Victoria Kolakowski for Judge back in 2010..
- 5. Who are your LGBT endorsers? Who are your LGBT supporters?
  - I have not received any official support from LGBT organizations, however, I do have LGBT friends and neighbors who have supported me. Minimal financial support, great spiritual and volunteer support.

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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.
  - A. On Apr 9, 2018, the City Council announced a budget deficit for the next 10 years. None of the other City Council candidates have bothered to mention this! I am the only candidate with the professional experience, community involvement, and demonstrated leadership roles in the community who can lead us out of the budget deficits. I have 8 years of experience on School Board reviewing and adjusting budgets for both deficit and surplus situations, 8 years' experience in a former life auditing local governmental financials, and 39 years as a Certified Public Accountant.
  - B. I will actively advocate for more millennial housing to be built so our children will not have to commute from out of town to get to their tech jobs here in San Leandro.
  - C. I will actively advocate for our citizens who can, to relieve traffic congestion and calm traffic through our residential neighborhoods by switching to either using public transportation, walking, or two-wheel transportation modes, including bicycles, ebikes, and mopeds, deemphasizing automobiles as the preferred mode of transportation.
- 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 only candidate with the professional experience, community involvement, and demonstrated leadership roles in the community who is willing to speak on and can lead us out of the projected 10 years of budget deficits. I have 8 years of experience on School Board reviewing and adjusting budgets for both deficit and surplus situations, 8 years' experience in a former life auditing local governmental financials, and 39 years as a Certified Public Accountant running my own practice in Downtown San Leandro. In my 37 years in San Leandro, I have served this community in Dads Clubs, Bay-O-Vista Improvement Association, San Leandro Chamber, San Leandro Downtown Association, Wa Sung, Asian Pacific Caucus, and Rotary Club of San Leandro Chamber, San Leandro Downtown Association, Wa Sung, Asian Pacific Caucus, Rotary Club of San Leandro, San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees, and two years Chairing the San Leandro Planning Commission.

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