

Name: Libby Schaaf Office you are seeking: Oakland Mayor

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?*

Yes, I have been a registered Democrat since I have first had the opportunity to vote and have loyally supported the party and its candidates for many years.

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 a member of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club and have been a supporter of its activities and advocacy.

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 have been a determined supporter for LGBT rights for my entire career. When states such as Indiana took action to target LGBT rights, I immediately condemned these actions and banned city travel to these states. I am a member of the Mayors Against LGBT Discrimination Coalition, a national network of municipal leaders combatting discrimination. I opposed Proposition 8 in 2008.

I have also been an outspoken opponent of President Donald Trump and his hateful agenda. When President Trump has targeted Oakland and the diverse communities that live here, I have spoken up and pushed back.

I have made it a priority to hire a diverse and inclusive team with shared lived-experience of the issues facing the LGBTQ community. My former Chief of Staff identified as a Black Lesbian as well as my Senior Advisor, Assistant City Administrator and Deputy City Administrator, and my current Director of Community Engagement identifies as Queer Latinx.

I hold regular Zoom Webconference calls with LGBTQ leaders to establish ongoing direct communication and dialogue. Through these web calls, advocates including youth leaders of school-based GSAs have come to understand who our police and city LGBTQ liaisons are and their

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roles, funding streams that are available to support LGBTQ seniors and youth and families, and resources for housing unsheltered LGBTQ youth among other topics. These calls have given advocates an opportunity to discuss issues such as our non-discrimination contract and hiring language which we have been able to provide (we have had strong language since 2008) and which we have been able to update to meet community needs. We continue to ask advocates what policy ideas they would like to work on with our office and are happy to sign letters of support for their state level advocacy work.

We have worked with Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office, advocates from Get Screen Oakland and others to bring to Oakland and the Bay Area the first AIDS 2020 conference, in which 20,000 scientists, advocates, and providers will convene to discuss ways to get to end AIDS. I fought for scholarships for Oakland CBOs and people living with AIDS/HIV among other efforts that ensure Oakland's work shines at and benefits from the conference.

We have secured funding and connected Oakland-based AIDS/HIV testing and outreach centers to funders, private companies, and coalitions in need of connecting with and organizing alongside the MSM and gay bisexual men of color community.

My office recently attended the International AIDS conference in Atlanta, GA and was the only Mayor's Office present among 30 other municipalities.

To help reduce stigma and address the disparities of HIV/AIDS I have publicly gotten tested at a recent Juneteenth celebration in West Oakland in partnership with BASE and CAL-PEP. I continue to hold my Mobile Mayor/City Hall to go at the Get Tested Lounge at Oakland PRIDE in order to speak face-to-face with the community and understand concerns of the community.

My office continues to support and partner with several organizations such as the Oakland LGBTQ Center, Oakland PRIDE, Our Family Coalition, Ducal Council of Alameda County, and City of Refuge be it through fundraising for their work or participating in their events.

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

Yes, I am proud to have previously supported a number of LGBT candidates for office and have contributed to most of these campaigns, including Judges Vicky Kolakowski and Tara Flanagan, BART Director Rebecca Saltzman, Senator Scott Weiner, Councilmember Abel Guillen, Councilmember Lori Droste, Council & Assembly candidate Peggy Moore, School Board Candidate Huber Trenado and others.

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

I am proud to secure the support of a number of LGBT community leaders including Peggy Moore, Michael Colbruno, Brendalynn Goodall, John Bauters, Rebecca Saltzman, Danny Wan, Ricardo Lara, Scott Weiner, Tomiquia Moss, Tiffany Woods and more.

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.*

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The Oakland Mayor should restore public trust in our local government and work to improve the quality of life for every Oaklander in every neighborhood. As your Mayor my top priorities are:

1) Addressing Housing Affordability & Homelessness: Oakland is facing a housing affordability crisis. That's why we came together in 2016 to pass city and county measures that protect affordable housing and expand new affordable construction. And that's why I launched the 17K/17K plan, which is on track to provide 17,000 new units of housing and protect 17,000 residents from displacement by 2024. We're pulling in regional partnerships to bring an end to homelessness. This includes preventing homelessness in the first place with emergency rental assistance, as well as building more permanent supportive and affordable housing for our lowest income residents. It also includes an effective and compassionate approach to street-level homelessness, including mobile outreach and sanitation services, opening a new Rapid Rehousing Center, as well as innovations like our Tuff Shed Shelter program.

2) Clean and Safe Streets: I am committed to ensuring everyone lives in a beautiful neighborhood with safe, clean public spaces and streets by working towards putting an end to illegal dumping in our city. We've added more pick up crews and added more trucks and specialized equipment to remove trash from dump sites and stepped up enforcement. We have added new pedestrian crossings and miles of bike lanes to make the streets safe for all road users. This summer we are on track to repave more of Oakland's streets than ever before, thanks to Measure KK, an infrastructure bond measure we successfully championed in 2016. I have and will continue to work closely with our partners at BART and other transit agencies to ensure that safe, affordable, and comprehensive transit service is available to all Oakland residents.

3) As your Mayor, I have worked to employ all proven best practices to ensure more children in Oakland get the expectations, resources, and skills they need to ensure success in college, community and career. Education is strong social determinant of health and driver of economic empowerment. Historically, only 10% of OUSD 9th graders were earning college degrees by age 23. This was clearly unacceptable, and in coalition with our partners in OUSD and the community, we launched the Oakland Promise to address this issue. We've raised millions of dollars to send thousands of Oakland kids to college and community college with scholarships and mentors. We've eased the stress for our most struggling parents by giving them college savings accounts, immediate financial assistance and financial coaching and, if Measure AA passes this November, free quality pre-school. And it's working -- with double digit increases in college enrollment for our African American and Latino students..

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 in this race with any experience in elected office. That experience alone has given me a great understanding of the complexities of local governance and insight into Oakland's most pressing challenges. I have also spent years developing relationships with the business and nonprofit community as well as a wide variety of local, regional, state and national stakeholders and elected officials that have together enabled me to raise millions of dollars of grants and private contributions for Oakland's most pressing challenges.

Prior to being elected Mayor, I represented District 4 on the Oakland City Council in 2010. Bringing a lifetime of volunteerism and over fifteen years of executive and legislative

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experience in Oakland city government, I have focused her entire life and career on making Oakland better.

I began my career as an attorney at the largest law firm in Oakland, but left my legal career to build and run a first centralized volunteer program for Oakland public schools.

I have also served as Chief of Staff to the Oakland City Council President, as a top aide to Mayor Jerry Brown, and as Public Affairs Director for the Port of Oakland.

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.