

Name: Shawn Kumagai Office you are seeking: **Dublin City Council**

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 am a registered Democrat, and I have been registered as a Democrat since I have been voting age.

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 recent member of East Bay Stonewall, however I am a founding member of the Lambda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County, the "local" LGBT club of communities in the Tri-Valley region. I am a graduate of the Victory Institute, a training program giving LGBT candidates the training and skills necessary to win election to office. I have been active with progressive organizations like Swing Left, and our local Democratic Club in the Tri-Valley, the Tri-Valley Democratic Club. I hope to work with all our local Democratic/Progressive organizations across the region in the future, if elected to City Council

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.

As a founding member of the Lambda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County, I have helped educate the community and advocate for LGBT rights including for Inclusive Bathroom Policies for Trans Students and the passage of other non-discriminatory laws and amendments, defeating the ban on marriage equality across the US, and celebrating LGBT history in the community at large. Currently there has been no openly LGBT elected official in Dublin. I want to be that person, not just to make history for our community, but more importantly, because I want to be a voice for our community in the region and advance the causes for our community that have been overlooked in the past.

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

Yes, I have proudly supported LGBT candidates for Office, and I have provided financial support to such candidates as well.

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

The LGBT Victory Fund, the Lambda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County, as well as Hon. Gabe Quinto, Mayor of El Cerrito, and Asm. Evan Low are just a few of the LGBT endorsers/ supporters I have in my campaign for Dublin City Council.

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.

If elected, I want to tackle our housing crisis by championing equitable development while challenging developers to invest more into our community, to help resolve our transportation and transportation infrastructure challenges. I want to help maintain Dublin's public safety record, by ensuring that our first responders (contracted thru Alameda County) are still able to provide excellent quality services for the pay and benefits they deserve. I also want to promote small business, and position Dublin and the Tri-Valley as the next destination for high-tech and trades jobs. I want Dubliners to think big, and receive the services and quality of life amenities that they deserve.

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

My educational background as an instructor, my military service background, and my personal experience as an open LGBT leader will give me a unique perspective to bring to the Dublin City Council. I am someone who came to our City because I wanted a safe place with a diverse community and excellent schools to start and raise my growing family. I want to make sure that the next generation of Dubliners look like me, and live in a city and environment where they will feel safe and proud to be who they are.

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.