

Name: William S. Riley

Office you are seeking: Peralta Community College Trustee, District 5

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 lifetime registered democrat and never been registered in another 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 joined the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club in August 2018. I am a member of the Niagra Democratic Movement Club, East Bay Women's Political Alliance, and the Montclair Democratic Club.

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 Peralta trustee I have advocated for a climate fostering a community of inclusiveness in the district for students, faculty and staff.

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

Yes, and it included financial support.

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

I am endorsed by Rebecca Kaplan – Oakland City Councilmember, At-Large and Abel Guillen –Oakland City Councilmember, District 2.

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 Peralta trustee my top three priorities are: (1) In the 2018-19 budget, maintain the quality of services and curriculum for students, faculty and staff. (2) Maintain quality health benefits for staff and faculty as the cost continues to rise. (3) Ensure the efficient use and monitoring of the construction bonds for improvements on the campuses.

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 senior member of the Peralta Board of Trustees, a lifetime Oakland resident, a product of the Oakland School District and a product of the Peralta District. My priority is to maintain quality education for our students and good working conditions for our faculty and staff.

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.