

2020 East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Endorsement 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 complete your questionnaire via Google forms is Friday, August 21, 2020 at 11:59pm for the August 26, 2020 East Bay Stonewall endorsement meeting for the November 2020 presidential election. Any candidate submitting a questionnaire that is received after the deadline will not appear on the endorsement ballot.

Please return your completed questionnaire via Google forms by clicking submit at the bottom of this form. All form submissions are final. If you have questions, please contact Amy Fitzgerald, EBSDC PAC chair via email at afitzlap@gmail.com.

Email address *

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Name (First, Last) *

Andy Kelley

Are you a registered Democrat? *

Yes

No

Office you are seeking? (e.g. City Council, School Board, Supervisor, etc) *

Rent Stabilization Board

Jurisdiction? *

Berkeley

District? *

N/A (citywide)

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing as of August 19, 2020? If you are unsure, email eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com. *

Yes

No

I self-identify as: (check all boxes that apply; note these identifiers will be used publicly during our endorsement process.) *

- Gay
- Lesbian
- Transgender
- Gender non-conforming
- Bisexual
- Queer
- Straight
- Other:

How have you participated in East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club activities, and/or supported the Club other ways? What other LGBTQ+ organizations are you affiliated with and in what capacity? What other Democratic clubs are you affiliated with? *

I've been a member of Stonewall since it was the East Bay LGBT Democratic Club. Since I first joined Stonewall as one recently out it quickly became my political home. I previously served as a board member and have been a club member for many years. I've been a member of EQCA and NRDC and a Victory Fund supporter. I also am a former staff member of the Courage Campaign where I was one of the organizers around community efforts to repeal Prop 8 and later Don't Ask, Don't Tell. I've been actively involved in supporting LGBT politicians as well.

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Using specific examples, please identify the causes you have advocated for and the ways you have helped advance LGBTQ+ rights or otherwise helped foster a community of inclusivity for LGBTQ+ individuals and families. *

While on staff for Courage Campaign I organized Camp Courage and other community events post Prop 8 in the fight to overturn the measure. I was one of the folks who ran the blog Prop 8 Trial Tracker which provided daily updates on the efforts. I also organized as one of the national leads for the coalition to Repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell (The Facebook page I ran for that gained nearly 200k followers.) Though my work at the Courage Campaign I generated hundreds of thousands of petition signatures and legislative contracts to fight to defeat NOM and advance marriage equality. I also organized dozens of young democrats to fly back to Maine for the month leading up to their marriage equality ballot measure.

Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? *

I have supported numerous openly lgbt candidates for office including: Shawn Kumagai, Joaquin Rivera, Judy Appel, Gabe Quinto, John Bauters, Jim Oddie, Evan Low, Mark Leno, Mike Bonin, Tori Osborn, Rebecca Kaplan, Darryl Moore, Kriss Worthington, Rebecca Saltzman, Victor Aguilar, James Chang, Andy Katz, Lori Droste, Abel Guillen, Melissa Shuen Mallory, Xavier Johnson. Yes, I have made financial contributions to lgbt candidates, but as a young professional my main efforts have been as a volunteer, advocate, and helping secure the Democratic party and organizational endorsements, as well as volunteering.

Which LGBTQ+ organizations and elected officials have formally endorsed you for this race? *

Lori Droste, Gabe Quinto, Rebecca Saltzman, Judy Appel, Shawn Kumagai, Victor Aguilar, James Chang, Andy Katz, Joaquin Rivera. Stonewall is the first lgbt org I'm seeking support from.

What other LGBTQ+ community members and/or organizations support your candidacy? *

Alfred Twu, Terry Taplin, Xavier Johnson, Melissa Male, George Perezvelez, Donald Lathbury,

Please describe a policy/goal that is part of your formal platform that benefits the LGBTQ+ community? *

First and foremost to make sure everyone, regardless of gender identity, expression, or sexual orientation, is treated with dignity and respect by the Rent Board Commissioners and staff. LGBTQ+ communities are more likely to be lower income and to be more exploited by landlords, so it is doubly important for our community to have access to rent and eviction protections. We also know that LGBTQ+ youth are far more likely to experience homelessness, but Berkeley does not currently have a full year youth shelter. I want to work to expand programs that do outreach to and protect our LGBTQ+ youth, students, and elders.

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

I currently serve as Keith Carson's appointee to the Alameda County Planning Commission where I've been a strong advocate for affordable housing. I've also seen first hand how insufficient our current protections and options are for tenants. I've worked to raise funds to build new affordable housing and fund homelessness prevention programs, co-chairing the Measures O&P campaign last election. I'm prepared to serve on the Rent Board and to be an advocate for our community.

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