

# 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](mailto:afitzlap@gmail.com).

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Name (First, Last) \*

Rebecca Saltzman

Are you a registered Democrat? \*

Yes

No

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

BART Board

Jurisdiction? \*

District 3

District? \*

District 3

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](mailto: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 have been a member of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club for more than eight years and have attended dozens of the Club's events. I'm a member of the Lamda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County, and I've worked closely with Equality California for many years and spoke at their annual event a few years ago. I was an alternate member of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and a delegate to the California Democratic Party for several years. I was the president of the East Bay Young Democrats and am a member of several local Democratic Clubs.

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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. \*

I wrote and passed a policy to make BART restrooms gender neutral, and I supported the initiative led by the BART Police Citizen Review Board to institute a BART Police policy for interaction with transgendered individuals. I also led the Board along with Director Dufty to pass a policy that adds LGBTQ ownership to the bidding preference given to qualified small businesses seeking work on BART contracts. In my volunteer time, I have worked on several LGBT issues, including significant time doing voter outreach for the No on Prop 8 campaign.

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

Yes, in every election cycle for more than a decade I have supported LGBTQ+ candidates, endorsing them, volunteering, and donating.

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

Some of my LGBTI endorsers: Lamda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County, State Senator Scott Wiener, BART Director Bevan Dufty, BART Director Janice Li, Berkeley City Councilmember Lori Droste, El Cerrito City Councilmember Gabriel Quinto, East Bay Municipal Utilities District Director Andy Katz, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner James Chang, Emeryville City Councilmember John Bauters

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

Jonathan Bair, Former Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair, Michael Colbruno, Oakland Port Commissioner, Andy Kelley, Alameda County Planning Commissioner, Terry Taplin, Berkeley Transportation Commission Vice-Chair, and many more.

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

I think that all of my policy platform benefits the LGBTQ+ community, which depends on BART to get around and is an integral part of BART's workforce and contractor community. In particular, my efforts to make BART affordable for all are particularly relevant. I've worked towards discounted fares for those who need it, and this summer, in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, BART will begin offering a 20% discount to low-income riders. I also led the BART Board to put in place a strong affordable housing policy, which mandates at least 20% affordable housing at every new BART station development, and sets a systemwide goal of 35% affordable housing. This year we went a step further – approving a policy to discount BART land for affordable housing development. In BART District 3, a 100% affordable housing development was completed at the San Leandro BART station, BART and the City of Berkeley unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding for development at North Berkeley BART with significant affordable housing, and I am working with the City of El Cerrito on a project at the El Cerrito Plaza station, which will include affordable housing, retail, and potentially a public library.

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

I've served on the BART Board for eight years, and I've been a transit advocate for much longer.

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