

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 for questionnaires is posted on the East Bay Stonewall website (<http://eastbaystonewalldemocrats.org/Elections>). Any candidate submitting a questionnaire that is received after the deadline will not appear on the endorsement ballot. To ensure a fair process, no grace period will be granted.

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 Joe Greaves, EBSDC PAC chair via email at jsphgreaves@gmail.com.

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

Shawn Kumagai

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Assembly

Jurisdiction *

Assembly

District *

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Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? 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 have been a member of East Bay Stonewall since 2018 and have actively worked to elect LGBTQ candidates to local office including: Gabriel Quinto, Terry Taplin, Victor Aguilar, Jr, Celina Reyes, and Brittni Kiick. I was a founding board member of the Lambda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County and I have routinely enjoyed the support of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club, the Lambda Democratic Club of Contra Costa County, and numerous LGBTQ elected officials. I am in leadership positions within the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and the California Democratic Party. I am an active member of the TriValley Democratic Club.

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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. *

As a Councilmember I have consistently advocated for pro-LGBTQ policies. I advocated for our city's (and region's) first LGBTQ Pride Month proclamation and to raise the pride flag, advancing awareness and visibility for our LGBTQ community. When the motion to raise the pride flag was voted down in 2019 it created controversy in Dublin and throughout the Bay Area. Under my leadership we were able to bring the item back and pass it, and we have passed it every year since. I have worked to have the pride flag and pride proclamations passed throughout the east Bay Area and beyond.

I also advocated for our city to self-evaluate using the HRC Municipal Equality Index. Our first year we achieved a score of 82, and working with staff we now have a score of 95.

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

Yes and yes

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

Equality California
Mayor Gabriel Quinto
Councilmember Terry Taplin
Councilmember Eli Beckman
Councilmember Victor Aguilar, Jr.
Boardmember Jorge Pacheco, Jr.
Boardmember Thomas Wong
Trustee Harris Mojadedi
Commissioner George Perezvelez
Carolyn Wysinger, President of SF Pride

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

I have been and will continue to be a champion for the EQCA legislative package and have been proud to work alongside Asm. Bauer-Kahan to advance pro-LGBTQ legislation. As a legislator I will:

- advance LGBTQ equity issues in our criminal justice system and in our government systems and reporting
- expand resources to our local governments and CBOs so that we can get health and human services to our LGBTQ community, particularly our trans people of color, youth, and elderly communities
- advance pro-LGBTQ education and professional training in our schools so that all schools are an inclusive environment for our youth
- ban conversion therapy

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

As the first openly gay elected official throughout the Tri-Valley region, I have consistently advocated for elevating the voices of LGBTQ+ people (as outlined above). My record of real results, along with my status as the only elected official and only AAPI candidate in an AAPI-plurality district, make me the pragmatic and business friendly candidate to support in the AD20 field. I am a third-generation veteran and the son of a first-generation Japanese immigrant. A lifelong Democrat, I'm also a U.S. Navy Reservist who served ten years on active duty. In 2018, I ran a relentless grassroots door knocking campaign that made history and was elected as the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the Dublin City Council, where I've been delivering results for the community on housing, transportation, and climate change. I also serve as the District Director for Democratic Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, where I work every day to deliver for Alameda County constituents.

I am the only AAPI candidate running for this AAPI plurality district. A 32% plurality of voters in AD20 identify as AAPI, and I am the only member of the AAPI community in the contest. This gives me the unique ability to connect with and mobilize the district's largest voting bloc come Election Day. I have already drawn the backing of the state's most influential AAPI endorsers, including the Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CDP API Caucus Chair Deepa Sharma, and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, cementing my status as the choice for Assembly among leading AAPI Democrats.

I am the only AD20 candidate with elected experience. I'm a results-focused, pro-jobs and pro-housing Democrat who has a record of results on the Dublin city council. On the city council, I have delivered affordable housing for seniors and low-income residents, helped local small businesses stay afloat during the pandemic, increased good-paying green jobs, and made the city safer. I am uniquely positioned to appeal to the majority of voters who want to see results from their elected officials, as the only elected official in the race who has actually delivered for constituents.

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