

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) *

David Kakishiba

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Alameda County Supervisor, District 3

Jurisdiction *

Alameda County

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? *

No, I have not participated in East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club activities and I am not affiliated with other LGBTQ+ organizations. I am a dues-paying member of the Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus of Alameda County.
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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 voted to approve Oakland Unified School District's 2011 "Community Schools, Thriving Students" Strategic Plan, which led to the district-wide implementation of multiple school culture/climate policies dedicated to fostering inclusivity for LGBTQ+ and other historically marginalized student communities. These policies and initiatives include LGBTQ+ School Liaisons, sexual health education curricula, educator professional development, Social/Emotional Learning, Full-Service Community Schools, and Restorative Justice,
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Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? *

Yes, Rebecca Kaplan for City Council 2008. No, I did not provide financial support to her campaign.

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

None to my knowledge.

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

Over 8,000 people were living on the streets in Alameda County in 2019. There is no doubt that thousands more are doing so today. Homelessness is both a moral and a public health crisis. I will work to get Alameda County to collaborate with city governments and nonprofit and civic organizations to systemically: 1) expand street outreach and mental health and addiction treatment services; 2) organize tenants and expand eviction defense legal assistance to tenants; 3) preserve and upgrade existing affordable housing units; and 4) build 10,000 new deeply affordable housing units, including supportive transitional housing. I will hold Alameda County accountable for moving people off the streets and into real homes.

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

I am a lifelong children's advocate and public education leader. For 42 years, I have been the Executive Director of the East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC), a nonprofit youth development organization providing education, employment, counseling, and family support services to a racially and ethnically diverse membership of 2,500 children and youth residing in Oakland's Chinatown, Eastlake, San Antonio, and Fruitvale neighborhoods.

I am the author and co-founder of Oakland's Kids First! Initiative, a local ballot measure which voters passed overwhelmingly in 1996. Kids First! represented a unique public health approach to the prevention and reduction of youth violence. Today, Kids First! – known today as the Oakland Fund for Children & Youth – provides \$20 million annually for children services throughout Oakland without raising taxes.

I previously served twelve years on the Oakland Board of Education, including five years as Board President. As Board President, I led the school district out of State Receivership; fought off developer takeover of school district property; secured \$75 million to build the La Escuelita Education Center (housing United Nation Pre-School, La Escuelita Elementary School, MetWest High School, KDOL Public Access Station, and Youth Heart Health Center); and wrote the 2014 College & Career Readiness for All Act, which provides \$12 million annually to all high schools and has led to higher graduation rates across the board.

My parents were Japanese immigrants who left their war-devastated homeland and came to Sacramento in 1954 to support their families in Japan and to build a new life for themselves. My father and grandfather were incarcerated at the Granada Wartime Relocation Center in Colorado for the duration of World War II. During this same time, my mother, while she was in middle school, worked in a war armaments factory under compulsory service by the Imperial Government of Japan. Neither attended college. My mom worked as a homemaker and my dad worked 65 years as a farmworker and as a gardener. My older brother and I worked summers and weekends to help our dad, who worked seven days a week. Both of us attended and graduated from our neighborhood public schools in Sacramento.

I reside in Oakland with my wife, Isabel Toscano, a history teacher at the Oakland High School Public Health Academy. Our two children – Natalia and Chel – attended La Escuelita Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School, and graduated from Oakland High School and MetWest High School.

I have been doing the real work for a very long time. I am not a career politician . . . I seek this seat to achieve meaningful and powerful systemic change in service of working families.

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