

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) *

Barbara Lee

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

U.S. Congress

Jurisdiction *

East Bay - Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, Alameda, and San Leandro

District *

Congressional District 12

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? *

Throughout my career, I have fought to ensure equality for all. My support of EBSDC and other LGBTQ+ organizations are as follows: Founding member and Vice Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ Equality Caucus, regularly sponsored the EBSDC Pride Awards, EBSDC Pride Breakfast, member of EBSDC.

I am a strong supporter of East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club (EBSDC) and other LGBTQ+ organizations and I was so proud to be honored for my efforts at your Gala, which was held at the Rotunda in Oakland.
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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 have been a leading voice in Congress promoting inclusion and equity. As Vice Chair of Congressional Equity Caucus, I have advanced equality for all, including sponsoring legislation to prevent employment discrimination, combating homophobia, transphobia and biphobia , and I was one of the first Members to support Marriage Equality so that spouses and their children can enjoy the same benefits as others. My other legislative efforts to advance LGBTQ rights and inclusivity include: Legislation to Uplift Black LGBTQ Leaders; and I support policies that promote justice and safety for transgender and gender non-conforming people to name a few.

In 2019, I co-sponsored and helped pass in the House the PRIDE Act, which amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide for equal treatment of same-sex married couples,

I have proudly appointed a transgender woman to serve as my CDP delegate to the CADEM, and her appointment enables her to serve as co-chair of the CADEM LGBTQ Caucus. Also, I have hired LGBTQ staff in my Congressional Office.

Other causes that I have advocated for to help advance LGBTQ+ communities throughout my legislations/policies are: Anti-Bullying and Harassment Act, The Respect for Marriage Act, Real Education for Healthy Youth Act, and the Health Equity and Accountability Act to name a few.

One of my greatest honors was to perform same sex marriages at Oakland City Hall.

I received the "Leading Light" Award by Immigration Equality.

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

I have supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office since being in public service and my support has been financial as well. A few are: Rep Angie Craig, Sharice Davids and Mondaire Jones. I recently endorsed Robert Garcia, mayor of Long Beach, for Congress.

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

Still early and endorsements are still coming in. So far, I have been endorsed by Equality California (EQCA) and the Human Rights Campaign.

Also, it is very heartwarming and important to me that East Bay Stonewall, my constituents, led a successful petition drive to help requalify my candidacy for the 2022 ballot. My endorsement from East Bay Stonewall is something that I have valued throughout the years. I will be proud to receive EB Stonewall's endorsement again.

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

I have introduced more than 35 bills as a member of Congress guaranteeing civil rights protections against discrimination as a basis of sexual orientation, race and gender identity, and the effect of my policies goals have been to combat discrimination in housing, education, health and public services.

As chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, I work alongside Congressional Democrats and President Biden with the goal to protect dignity, safety and equality for the LGBTQ+ community at home and abroad.

Also, I have been out front with funding for HIV/AIDS at home and in Africa and abroad.

One of my latest bills addresses equality in access to credit for LGBTQ+ small businesses.

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

Throughout my career, I have been honored to stand with the LGBTQ+ in demanding equality for all,. As a member of the CA State Assembly, I authored numerous bills, including the CA Schools Hate Crimes Reduction Act in 1995, and I will continue to do so in Washington, DC in the face of incredible headwinds. In 2012, I was statistically the most "Pro-LGBTQ" member of Congress having sponsored 23 of 27 bills in support of the LGBTQ+ community. Today, I continue to have a 100% score in Congress in my support of LGBTQ+ rights, and I continue to make sure that our Country's civil rights laws and policies are inclusive of LGBTQ+ people. No other candidate in this Congressional race has such a record.

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