

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) *

Terry Wiley

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

District Attorney

Jurisdiction *

Alameda County

District *

13th

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? *

None

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 the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District Attorney's office I have created a three module training program dealing with Implicit Bias that includes a section on the LGBTQ+ Community. It is important that all of our employees understand that everyone be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, or sexual orientation. We have also required our employees receive "cultural competency" training regarding the LGBTQ+ Community.

We will not tolerate members of the LGBTQ+ community being victimized by hate crimes. In 2003 I was the prosecutor assigned to prosecute the brutal murder of a member of the Trans Community by her ex-boyfriend. I learned a lot about the Trans community and their struggles with barriers to housing, healthcare, and jobs.

Should I become the District Attorney of Alameda County, I am committed to our office being a place where the LGBTQ+ community will find opportunity and acceptance.

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

No, but I'm supporting Dublin City Councilmember Shaun Kumagai in this election cycle.

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

None, but I do not know everyone's status.

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

We will vigorously defend the LGTBQ+ community from hate crimes. We will bring the full force of the prosecutors office to protect the LGTBQ+ and prosecute the perpetrators of hate.

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

What separates me from the other candidates is the Balance, Independence, and Experience that I bring to this race. I've worked for the District Attorney's Office for 32 years and the first African American Chief Assistant District Attorney in the history of Alameda County. I have broken through several ceilings as I worked my way to my current position including being named the first African American Hiring District Attorney, and creating the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I have been a part of the budget process of a 100 million dollar budget.

I've been endorsed by the Civil Rights Community including Attorney John Burris, Attorney Benjamin Crump who represented the families of George Floyd, Ahmad Arberry, and Daunte Wright, and Lonita Baker who represented the family of Breanna Taylor. I have also been endorsed by all 17 Police Chiefs in Alameda County. I received these endorsements because I represent balance, independence, and experience.

As the youngest of 12 kids, whose father died when I was 7 years old, I was raised in very challenging circumstances. I was born and raised in the Bay Area, and a product of public schools. I played football and ran track and field at UC Berkeley. I have earned everything that I have ever received. I bring empathy and compassion to this job.

What I have learned over the years in this job is you must possess empathy for people and work everyday to understand the communities you serve and you must have independence from everyone.

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