

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

Email \*

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Name (First Last) \*

Celina Reynes

Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

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

City Council

Jurisdiction \*

San Leandro

District \*

District 1

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? 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 was a member of the executive board in 2020. I am affiliated with the San Leandro Democratic Club, the East Bay Young Democrats, and the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee. I went through the Equality California training last year and have received the endorsement of Equality California. ....

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 advocated for issues locally by signing on to resolutions in support of LGBTQ+ rights in my capacity as an Associate on the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee. I have spoken at the City of San Leandro's pride flag raising ceremony. I am currently involved in OUTLaw, an LGBTQ+ group of law students on the UC Hastings campus, where I work to foster an inclusive community for LGBTQ+ law students. ....

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

Yes. Victor Aguilar, Jennifer Esteen, Shawn Kumagai. This included financial support as well as volunteer work.

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

Equality California; Assemblymember Alex Lee; San Leandro City Councilmember Victor Aguilar; San Leandro School Board President James Aguilar.

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

Research has shown that those who identify as LGBTQ+ have a 120% higher risk of experiencing some form of homelessness. With up to 40% of the 4.2 million youth experiencing homelessness identifying as LGBTQ+ while only 9.5% of the U.S. population, LGBTQ+ youth disproportionately experience homelessness compared to their straight and cisgender peers. A major part of my platform is addressing homelessness—which has quadrupled in the last five years—by offering comprehensive, wrap-around services. I think that these services should include resources specifically for LGBTQ+ people to address the intersectional experience homelessness and being LGBTQ+.

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

If elected, I would be the first openly LGBTQ+ women on San Leandro City Council. I am a community organizer, and led a coalition that successfully organized to pass San Leandro's historic community police oversight ordinance last spring. My approach to solving policy issues is always community-based; I want to ensure that every voice is heard.

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