

# 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) \*

Mike Hutchinson

Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

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

School Board

Jurisdiction \*

Oakland

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](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 don't think I've participated in any club activities and I'm not affiliated with any other LGBTQ+ organizations. Almost all of my work and time has been devoted to advocating and organizing for quality public schools and education justice. I have often met with Democratic clubs to talk about and advocate for osud and issues surrounding public education. ....

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. \*

The most impactful ways the I've helped foster a community of inclusivity is during my 20 plus years working directly with youth. I always provide a safe and inclusive space for youth to express themselves and grow. I've done a lot of advocacy work of the last 25 years but it's all been focused on education and racial justice, and even though many of the people I've worked with identity as LGBTQ+, I'd say my work has complemented LGBTQ+ issues rather than been focused on them. ....

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

Yes. No.

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

Rebecca Kaplan and Janani Ramachandran

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

I plan to continue the work we started with my election in 2020. My top four policy goals will benefit the whole community, which I see the LGBTQ+ community an important part of.

1. Stop the planned closures of our public schools.
2. Continue to stabilize OUSD's finances so we can leave state receivership in 2023 after 20 years of limited local control.
3. Use the state surplus to fund transformational change using a "sustainable community schools" school redesign model.
4. Create authentic community engagement where the community is included as partners and decision makers.

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

I was elected to the Oakland School Board in District 5 in 2020, but I've been redistricted to District 4 so I'm now running to represent District 4. I'm an Oakland native and proud graduate of the Oakland Public Schools. I worked directly with youth for over 20 years, then for the past ten years I have worked as a public education organizer and advocate. Although we've made progress in my first two years on the school board, we still have work to do. I'll continue the work to end school closures and financial mismanagement in OUSD, facilitate authentic community engagement that includes the community as partners and decision makers, and ensure that we create sustainable community schools in every neighborhood. I strongly believe that every child in Oakland has the right to a high quality public education.

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