

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) *

Shruti Kumar

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

School Board

Jurisdiction *

New Haven School Board

District *

New Haven Unified School District #4

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 yet

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 am a professor at City College of San Francisco. We have a great diverse student population. Over my 15 years at CCSF, I have had many students from the LGBTQ+ community. I have always created an atmosphere of inclusivity in my classroom and have an open door policy for students to come talk to me about any issues they face. Recently, I had a student who was born female but identified male. He needed some help and support with coming out to classmates and was unsure of how to do it. I gave him my full support and with the help of his family, we were able to have him get through this successfully.

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

I got my citizenship very recently, and have not had an opportunity to. I plan on doing it for the upcoming election.

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

None yet, but am in the process of talking to some.

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

One of my priorities is to generate and allocate funds in an equitable manner. Two key areas that I want to allocate funds for are:

1. Provide training to teachers on how to ensure and practice inclusivity in their classrooms.
2. Provide counseling and educational resources for all students. Governor Newsom today announced additional funding for kid's mental health, which I hope to tap into.

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

The biggest differentiator for me is that I am a part of the Public Education system, and a parent of three kids in the school district. I am very aware of the ground realities of both teaching and being taught in the system. I have no aspirations to be part of active politics other than to serve on the School board and help better our district.

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