

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) *

Kyra Mungia

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

School Board

Jurisdiction *

Oakland Unified School District

District *

District 6

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? *

I have joined a few events and participated in endorsement meetings in the past

I am a member of many local democratic clubs and other organizations. More specifically:

-Oakland Unified School District, Recently Appointed Board Member

-Oakland Literacy Coalition, Board Member

-Wellstone Democratic Club - active in the Education Committee

Also a member of, but less active role in:

-East Bay Young Dems

-Latine Young Dems

-John George Democratic Club

-MGO Democratic Club

-APA Democratic Club

-East Bay Women for Political Action

-Muslim Dems and Friends Democratic Club

-League of Women Voters Oakland

-BWOPA

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. *

One of my first summer jobs was interning with the ACLU of WA and working on marriage equality. During my time as an OUSD teacher, we often practiced using inclusive language and understanding in the classroom. I know it is small, but whenever I have the opportunity to, I'll introduce myself with my gender pronouns (and it's automatic on my zoom). Luckily, there have not been issues that I am aware of of policies in OUSD threatening LGTBQ+ rights but if that ever even looks like a possibility, I will fight against it every step of the way

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

Yes and yes

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

We have just started engaging in the endorsement process and are at the beginning stages with various organizations. As such, I do not believe that any of the endorsements I've received thus far are from LGBTQ+ organizations or elected officials

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

It's critical to recognize the intersectionality of so many issues in education. My understanding is that nearly 40% of Gen Z identify as LGBTQ+. We also know that queer folks of color have multiple systems of oppression working against them. These issues are highlighted by the disparities we see play out in the classroom that include academic achievement, but also span beyond that—to mental health, disciplinary action, workforce representation, to name a few. In order to begin addressing the disparities, we need to analyze data about those disparities (huge appreciation to [ousddata.org](https://www.ousddata.org) for transparently sharing data that can be disaggregated) because we can't move what we don't measure. I very much believe in the phrase "nothing about us without us" that originated from the South African disabilities rights movement. That is, those most impacted by a system of oppression know what is best for them and should be involved in the solution. I hope to work with members of the LGBTQ+ student community to identify what matters most (one of the things I hear time and time again is mental health supports) and then to work in partnership to develop solutions that work.

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

As a Latina and Asian woman and the only former teacher running for this position, I've dedicated my career to Oakland kids - as a classroom teacher at Horace Mann Elementary, as Deputy Director of Education, and now as the appointed school board member - working to solve four large problems: early childhood education, college access, the digital divide, and the lack of affordable housing for teachers. I will fight to make our district functional, responsive, and financially stable so all students, families, and educators succeed. East Oakland families deserve transparency and a seat at the table when difficult decisions are made, and I will fight to do just that.

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