

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) *

Valarie Bachelor

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

School board

Jurisdiction *

Oakland

District *

D6

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'm new to Stonewall Democratic Club but I have spent my career supporting working families around all types of issues from marriage equality to labor rights all over the country.

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. *

Through my work in the labor movement I have supported organizations like Pride at work and the human rights campaign. I was also part of the lavender caucus for SEIU when I worked for the international. In my everyday work I strive to include historically marginalized workers in new organizing campaigns and union leadership. Personally I've also attended many rallies and lobbied for different policies to support queer and trans youth.

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

Yes I support Kristen Cinema she was the first bisexual representative from her state. I also supported Jared polis when he ran in Colorado. In both instances I also contributed to their campaigns.

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

Bobbi Lopez, Angela Normand, and Chela Delgado. I'm also waiting to hear back from HONOR PAC.

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

I want to reprioritize our budget so it supports our students and teachers in their classrooms everyday. And that means providing more counselors so that students can get the mental health support they need. That means supporting educators being able to live and work in the city of Oakland so they stick around and feel like a part of the community to best supporter students. And I also want to ensure that we adequately provide resources for sex education funding so that our students can feel confident about themselves.

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

I have been in the labor movement for over 15 years and can bring that perspective to the school board. I not only want to support the workers that do this work everyday but also the working families that rely on our schools to educate their kids.

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