

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 *

mark@humbertforcouncil.com

Name (First Last) *

Mark Humbert

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

City Council

Jurisdiction *

Berkeley

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. *

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 recently joined the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club, but have not yet participated in any activities. I have signed up for the upcoming breakfast. While not technically an LGBTQ+ organization, I have been, for three decades, a panelist on the AIDS Legal Referral Panel in San Francisco, where I have volunteered to assist clients with issues about employee benefits, which is my legal specialty. I am a member of the Berkeley Democratic Club.

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 marriage equality among my friends and legal colleagues, on a continual basis for the past 30+ years. I contributed money to organizations advocating and lobbying against Proposition 8 in California in 2008.

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

Yes, I have strongly supported Councilmember Lori Droste both times she ran and I supported Councilmember Terry Taplin in 2020. I financially supported both. In the mid-90s, when I lived in San Francisco, I supported Leslie Katz in her initial campaign for the Board of Supervisors, contributing funds to her campaign and helping her line up endorsements among the legal community. I also supported Harry Britt in the 1980s.

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

As of August, Berkeley Councilmember Lori Droste, Berkeley Councilmember Terry Taplin, Emeryville Mayor John Bauters, and Dublin Councilmember Shawn Kumagai support my campaign but I hope to garner even more support in the weeks ahead, as I have the support of a supermajority of Berkeley City Council and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks.

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

I believe each of my three campaign priorities benefits the LGBTQ+ Community: Public safety in all its aspects (safety from gun violence and violence in general, safety from traffic violence and in our public spaces), housing, including affordable housing, and helping our small businesses emerge from the pandemic.

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

I have served my community for approximately twenty years. After I moved to the Elmwood, a woman was tragically killed by a driver at a nearby intersection. I successfully lobbied CalTrans to improve safety along Ashby by leading efforts for the lighted crosswalk at Piedmont and Ashby, and have continued to advocate for our community ever since.

As Transportation commissioner for Councilmembers Lori Droste and Gordon Wozniak, I worked on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plans to make Berkeley's streets and public spaces safe and enjoyable.

As a Public Works commissioner, I helped draft the equity paving policy, ensuring fair allocation of repaving funds.

As our neighborhood association president, I mediated between UC & neighbors to help address concerns & arrive at win-wins.

As a FCPC commissioner, appointed by Councilmember Taplin, I held elected officials accountable.

As a current Parks & Waterfront commissioner, I am working to ensure that all stakeholders are heard during our Marina visioning process.

As of now, I have not been able to find websites or other current, credible sources of campaign information about my opponents, so I cannot speak to how their goals and priorities might differ. In my twenty years of being closely involved in neighborhood civic engagement in my district, I have never met my opponents.

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