

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 *

Leethomasformayor@gmail.com

Name (First Last) *

Lee Thomas

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Mayor of San Leandro

Jurisdiction *

Alameda County

District *

San Leandro

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 am not affiliated with any Democratic clubs and have not participated in any Eastbay Stonewall club events but would be open to attending and supporting future events.
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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 worked in public schools for for over ten years and in my role, I have worked with various school leaders to support and implement safe places for LGBTQ youth on campus. As the next Mayor I would be happy to work with any LGBTQ organization or community member to do the same.
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Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support? *

I have never been asked by any LGBTQ candidates for financial support.

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

I am endorsed by El Cerrito Mayor Gabe Quinto who was first LGBTQ Councilmember in the history of the city of El Cerrito.

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

San Leandro is a diverse city and as a Mayor its important that we create programs that support all people, no matter your race, sex or religion. I would like to be a Mayor who will be known to the LGTBQ community that they will always have a voice at city hall and someone they can count on to support them.

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

I have a B.S Degree in Organization Behavior and Leadership and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. These two degrees have helped me be successful in politics. I have over 10 years of political experience from serving on appointed city commission to serving on the San Leandro city council. I'm the only Mayoral candidate that lead the passing of a county wide bill to allow unemployed chefs and home cooks to legally cook and sell food from home, during the height of Covid so they could make living. As a council member, I legislated the first flavor tobacco ban in Alameda County to help protect youth and advocated for the ban of Menthol cigarettes because of the strategic marketing from big tobacco to African Americans and the LGTBQ community. I'm endorsed by multiple Alameda county Mayors and Alameda County supervisors that is listed on my website: LeeThomasformayor.com

I feel confident that will my years of political experience will be a great resource to your organization and the LGTBQ community.

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