

# 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](mailto:jsphgreaves@gmail.com).

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Name (First Last) \*

Sara Lamnin

Are you a registered Democrat \*

Yes

No

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

Director

Jurisdiction \*

Hayward Area Recreation District

District \*

N/A

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, email [eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com](mailto: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: I identify as Bi and non-binary, but am not generally very open about either.

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've participated in various Stonewall Club fundraisers and meetings and have promoted club events and board member recruitment. In the past, I was a volunteer and co-chair of the Hayward Gay Prom and have collaborated with Lambda Youth for many years. I was also involved with the Lighthouse Community Center in Hayward when it was active and have been a donor to Lambda Legal and have signed letters with Equality California. I am a sponsor of the South Alameda County Young Democrats and a member of the Hayward Area and Castro Valley Dem Clubs and the Asian Pacific American Dem Caucus of Alameda County.

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. \*

In addition to the items mentioned above, I collaborated with Project Eden/Lambda Youth, two of my colleagues on Council, and Sean Manalo, to lead the City of Hayward in its LGBTQQI2-S affirming resolution that recognizes the importance of LGBTQ+ rights in the City, the history of Gay Prom in Hayward, and the contributions of LGBTQ+ community members. The resolution also declares June as Pride Month every year and calls for flying the rainbow flag in front of City Hall. This tradition is now in its 4th year.

I have participated in Trans memorial events and rallies with Castro Valley Pride and other groups, volunteered at Pride events, signed petitions regarding pro LGBTQ+ legislation, supported fundraisers for LGBTQ+ organizations, and had 1:1 conversations with people opposed to marriage equality to try to shift their perception/perspective. I also volunteered with the no on Prop 8 campaign. The wedding rings my husband and I wear came from HRC and it was one of our chosen charities when we got married.

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

Yes I have and continue to support LGBTQ+ candidates and Yes to financial and/or volunteer support. I've also appointed LGBTQ+ individuals to City Commissions in my current role as a Hayward City Council Member.

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

Senator Scott Wiener, Palm Springs Mayor Lisa Middleton, Ret. Hayward Council Member Kevin Dowling, Hayward School Board Member Ken Rawdon, Chabot Las Positas College Trustee Harris Mojadedi, and Ohlone College District Trustee Lance Kwan.

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

Ensuring that the District, its programs, facilities, and events feel welcoming to all residents regardless of identity, gender expression, or family configuration.

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

I am the only candidate/board member who has a recreation therapy degree and who worked in that field for 20 years.

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