

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) *

Sara Raymond

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Castro Valley USD Board of Trustees

Jurisdiction *

Castro Valley Unified School District

District *

At Large

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: Parent of a teenager who has come out as pan.

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 sad to say that I am not very familiar with Stonewall Democrats. I am a member of Castro Valley Dems. For the last few years I have served as an elected delegate for AD20 to the California Democratic Party. I was elected as part of a progressive slate. Here in CV I have supported Castro Valley Pride with my time and money.

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. *

Specific to LGBTQ+ families and people in my community, I have advocated for the displaying of pride flags on all our school campuses and in our classrooms as a showing of support for LGBTQ+ kids and families. I have also volunteered at CV Pride festivals in the past and helped distribute pride flags to many members of our community. These acts of service and allyship have been pretty important to me, even more so now that one my my children has recently come out.

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

I hate to say it but I really can't remember. I do not support (and have not supported) anyone who does not have LGBTQ+ rights and visibility as a priority, however.

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

Billy Ray Bradford, the founder of Castro Valley Pride has endorsed me and is fully behind my efforts in this race.

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

I think that our sex ed curriculum should include instruction regarding the spectrum of gender and sexuality in a way that decreases stigma and discrimination. I fully support gender neutral bathrooms on our school campuses. I would like to see that the books our kids are exposed to include stories that reflect LGBTQ+ relationships, families, and identities. I think this can be done in age-appropriate ways in all grade levels.

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

I am an attorney and bring a full set of analytical and advocacy skills to this position. The other people running for the open seats do not have this same background, and there is not one on the Board, currently, who has this skillset. A lot of my identity over the years has been wrapped up in political activism and community organizing, particularly where it concerns issues related to the rights of women, LGBTQ+, BIPOC, asylum seekers, and voting rights. These experiences will inform and be part of my decision making as a school board member. The other people running do not have the extent of experience in these areas as I do.

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