

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) *

Tracy Jensen

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Alameda City Council

Jurisdiction *

Alameda city

District *

n/a

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 remain aware and appreciative of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club's activities, and I worked with Lavender Seniors of the East Bay to establish the "Lavender Lunch Bunch" social group at the North Oakland Senior Center in 2008.

I am a member of the City of Alameda Democratic club and past member of Dem clubs at Emory University and in Washington DC.
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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. *

+While serving on the Alameda school board in 2009 I led the adoption of the first public school curricula intended "to teach public elementary school children about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) families." (Michigan Journal of Gender and Law 17:315). For that activity I was the subject of an unsuccessful recall campaign.

+In consultation a coordination with executive leaders and employee groups I worked to establish Alameda Health System's first Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (HEDI) committee to ensure that operational decisions support access to health care for under-represented and underserved Alameda County residents.

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

yes.

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

None yet.

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

Discrimination in housing, employment and access to public services is one of the continued challenges for LGBTQ residents of Alameda. My platform is founded on transparency by ensuring community access to all public meetings, avoiding potential conflicts of interest with private or labor groups, and expanding contract opportunities to prioritize previously under-represented LGBTQ+-owned businesses.

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

My qualifications for the City Council seat are based on a career of public service and positions in government.

My professional/paid public policy work began in the US Department of Health and Human Services, where I developed the Medicare policy to address pre-existing condition exclusions, and worked on the Clinton Universal healthcare proposal. As the manager of a number of Oakland senior programs since 2002, I work to expand programs and ensure access for all.

In two terms on the Alameda School Board I focused on the needs of all community members by establishing the inclusive Lesson 9 curricula to ensure that Alameda elementary school students understand and respect their LGBTQ+ classmates, families, parents and teachers.

I am committed to marriage equality and to ensuring that LGBTQ+ do not experience discrimination in any form, including implicit or explicit limits on access to services. As a lifelong Democrat with a bisexual child I am proud to be completely committed to LGBTQ+ equality.

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