

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 submitting your completed questionnaire is 11:59 PM on Thursday, May 13th for the AD 18 endorsement meeting tentatively scheduled for the evening of May 26th. 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 *

contact@eugenecansonforca.com

Name (First Last) *

Eugene Canson

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

State Assembly

Jurisdiction *

State

District *

District 18

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 not - although I do support their mission.

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. *

As a public health professional and health equity advocate, I have supported and continue to support efforts to advance LGBTQ+ issues and concerns. For example, in the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic, I strongly advocated for a bill authored by Sen. Scott Wiener, that would require California to collect the sexual orientation and gender identity data of coronavirus patients.

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

I have been supportive of LGBTQ+ candidates (Sen. Wiener, Asm. Lee), although, they are out of my district and I did not financially support.

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

None thus far

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

A significant tenant of my platform is investing in public health and addressing the structural inequities that exist in our society. Due to structural inequities and social stigma, the LGBTQ+ population face a plethora of health disparities and social inequities. I strongly believe that California must allocate needed funds to community based organizations, initiatives, and research that would work to address the environmental and social factors that contribute to disparities in the LGBTQ+ community.

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

I believe that my background in public health and experience in health equity advocacy differentiates me from the other candidates. I have been a long-time advocate of policies and initiatives that would address the structural inequities that exist. The coronavirus pandemic has shown us that we need more public health voices in the Legislature, and I believe that is why I am uniquely qualified for this race.

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