

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 *

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Name (First Last) *

Victor Aguilar

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

California Assembly

Jurisdiction *

Alameda County

District *

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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? *

- Board Member of Stonewall Democratic Club and R&R committee member

- President of non-profit Lavender Seniors of the East Bay. I contribute to grant writing to help raise funds for the organization. We run programs to improve quality of life for the LGBTQ+ senior community in the East Bay, and we have been recognized by Congresswoman Barbara Lee and the city of San Leandro for our work.

- Vice President of National League of Cities LGBTLO Constituency Group and advocated for policy at the federal level.

- Spoke on a panel with National Leagues of Cities Constituency Group leaders to discuss the importance of LGBTQIA+ identification for federal programs.

- Member of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF)

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. *

- Proposed and successfully passed a ban on conversion therapy in San Leandro.
- Proposed and successfully passed a bill to create more gender neutral bathrooms in San Leandro schools.
- Advocated for implementing LGBTQ studies in San Leandro schools.

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

Yes to both

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

n/a

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

- Supportive services and policies that reduce risks of harm to our transgender and gender non-conforming community
- Improving quality of life for LGBTQIA+ Seniors in California
- Implementing more competent LGBTQIA+ education in public schools
- Banning conversion therapy statewide
- Banning unnecessary and harmful surgeries on intersex youth

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

I am running for Assembly because I believe that every Californian deserves universal healthcare, affordable housing, and justice. That's not a slogan. Those are my core values. I was raised in a union-household by parents whose families emigrated from Mexico. My parents taught me to respond to hard times with a love for family, community, and a passion for social justice. From serving as President of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay to holding elected office, I have worked to lift up those in need. As San Leandro's first openly gay Vice-Mayor, I have championed progressive policies that make a lasting difference in people's lives, from hazard pay for grocery workers to rent stabilization and civilian police oversight. The pandemic has personally affected us all. My family are frontline workers. I lost my loving mother to COVID-19. Her hospital bills were over \$800,000. Without medical coverage from her union job, my father would have not only lost his wife, but he would've been financially devastated. To me, it's simple. California's response to COVID-19 would have been different if the profit motive was removed from our healthcare system. I will fight tirelessly for universal single payer healthcare. I will champion affordable housing. I will be a voice for racial, economic and environmental justice. My values are consistent.

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