

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 Ryan LaLonde, Interim EBSDC PAC chair via email at [REDACTED]

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

Elana Auerbach

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Berkeley City Council

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? *

No

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. *

I campaigned hard for a CA State Senate candidate, Jovanka Beckles, who takes a strong stand on LGBTQ+ issues and is herself a lesbian. Inclusivity is a primary value I espouse. I have supported Berkeley High students who are advocating for transgender bathrooms on campus.

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

Yes and YES!

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

Jovanka Beckles

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

I will be a consistent advocate in the movement to enshrine same sex marriage in California. I will also continue to support LGBTQ+ youth and community members by keeping my door and my office open as a space for organizing and dialogue for local issues facing our LGBTQ+ community. I want to also fight to provide organizations like the Pacific Center for Human Growth with more support. I am especially passionate about making therapy and mental health services as accessible as possible for my community. Also, I am running on a people first platform pioneering affordable housing, supporting unions, fighting against the closure of People's Park, and ending police brutality, all intersectional values that benefit the entire community, particularly the most marginalized.

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 as a change agent. I have vast professional experience (e.g., investment banker, mediator, facilitator, priestess). I have been immersed in local activism for almost 4 years, and am not part of the political establishment in Berkeley. I am uniquely qualified because I know many of the problems those who work, live, and study in Berkeley face from my deep involvement in the community and proven solutions to most of these problems. Integrity, accountability, and persistence are ingrained in me and I will not give up until solutions are implemented. I am different from other candidates as I have vast real world experience outside of the political arena. I am running because I want to serve the community I love, not for personal career advancement. Also, I have the maturity and the conflict resolutions and communication skills to hold our city management and leadership accountable and not back down until we have repaired the broken systems and begun to build bridges of trust and respect. I am a deeply spiritual person and I aspire to bring lovingkindness, meeting others on equal ground, generosity, and truth to everything. I know that serving as a city council member is an act of devotion and a privilege, and I will always treat it as such.