

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) *

Nikki Fortunato Bas

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Supervisor

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? *

I have participated in and sponsored Club events and fundraisers including Pride Breakfasts and the 2020 Public Servants, Private Servers fundraiser for Transgender Liberation. I actively support the LGBTQ Center & Health Clinic and Queer Arts Center (both in the Oakland Council District I represent (District 2)) by participating in, sponsoring and promoting programs and events. I partnered with the LGBTQ Center to create Oakland's first LGBTQ Cultural District in Oakland, centered on the Lakeshore neighborhood which I represent and have lived in for 26 years.

I am also a member of the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, John George Democratic Club, APA Dems and East Bay Young Dems.

I was endorsed by the Stonewall Democratic Club in my 2022 Oakland City Council campaign.

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 am a voice for all of us and a proven ally to the LGBTQ+ community. I will advocate with and for the LGBTQ+ community and all the County's diverse communities.

As an Oakland City Councilmember, I have advocated for city services that are inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community. For example, in 2020, I championed the 12 year reauthorization of the Oakland Fund for Children & Youth, approximately \$19 million per year, and ensured that LGBTQ+ serving organizations are included in the strategic plan and among the grantees. As Council President, I have also advocated for homelessness solutions and services that specifically support the LGBTQ+ community by prioritizing housing funds for the LGBTQ+ community in my FY 2021-2023 and FY 2023-2025 budgets passed by the Council.

With the current attacks on reproductive freedom, I have explicitly and publicly called for the rights of trans people and all people with a uterus for bodily autonomy and reproductive care. In 2022, I co-authored legislation making Oakland a pro-choice sanctuary city and a resolution establishing Oakland's support of Prop. 1. I also co-authored the successful ballot measure that amended the Oakland City Charter to include gender-inclusive language (Measure R, passed by voters in 2022).

In 2023, I co-authored the resolution establishing the first-ever LGBTQ Cultural District in Oakland, centered on the Lakeshore neighborhood which I represent, where there are a wide range of existing LGBTQ-serving and LGBTQ-allied businesses, cultural facilities, creative enterprises, and arts venues. The mission of the Lakeshore LGBTQ Cultural District is to uplift the rich history of the LGBTQ Oakland community, cultivate a supportive environment for diverse LGBTQ individuals, families, allies, and businesses, and nurture a safe, vibrant, and welcoming community.

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

Yes, I have supported and contributed to Rebecca Kaplan. I've also supported Alex Lee and Alfred Twu.

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

Rebecca Kaplan, Oakland City Councilmember
Victor Aguilar, Jr., San Leandro City Councilmember
Michael Colbruno, Oakland Port Commissioner
Jahmese Myres, Oakland Port Commissioner
Bobbi Lopez, Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee Vice Chair
Chaney Turner, Alameda County Democratic Party, AD 18
Joe Hawkins, LGBTQ community advocate and Oakland Pride co-founder
Carlos Uribe, Oakland Pride Board President, 2012-2022
Anne Marks, youth and violence prevention advocate

* Titles and organizations for identification purposes only

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

The current wave of anti-LGBTQ+ attacks, particularly of trans youth, across the country and here at home is unacceptable. At Alameda County, our primary healthcare and social service agency, there continues to be disparities in serving the LGBTQ+ community in the areas of healthcare and housing. While this is recognized by Behavioral Health Care Service, I will work with the LGBTQ+ community to ensure increased and focused resources and services to better address community needs for gender and sexually-affirming wellness care, including physical health, mental health and safe spaces. Recognizing the impact of homelessness on LGBTQ+ youth and seniors, I will also ensure focused resources and services for shelter, transitional housing and affordable housing to these communities.

As an Oakland Councilmember and Council President, I successfully advocated for youth and homeless funding and services for the LGBTQ+ community. In 2020, I championed the 12 year reauthorization of the Oakland Fund for Children & Youth, approximately \$19 million per year, and ensured that LGBTQ+ serving organizations are included in the strategic plan and among the grantees. In the FY 2021-2023 Budget I proposed and Council passed, we prioritized funding for a project with OUSD to house and serve transitional aged youth who are disproportionately Black, Brown and LGBTQ+. In the FY 2023-2025 Budget I proposed and Council passed, we prioritized the LGBTQ+ community for a Rapid Response Homeless Housing Fund of \$30 million which is now available.

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

I'm a lifelong community organizer, nonprofit director, Filipina-American, and working Mom guided by my lived experiences as the daughter of immigrants whose struggles inspired me to lead coalitions fighting for a living wage, an end to food insecurity, and access to affordable healthcare and housing.

I've spent decades successfully organizing Chinatown garment workers, building the student anti-sweatshop movement, and advocating for fair pay and working conditions for the East Bay's most vulnerable residents. Previously the Executive Director of the Partnership for Working Families and the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, I have been honored on multiple occasions for my transformative, visionary leadership. One example is receiving the Mario Savio Young Activist Award for my work organizing the student anti-sweatshop movement at UC Berkeley and across the country.

First elected to Oakland City Council in 2018, I currently serve as Oakland's City Council President. I lead the fight for an East Bay where every family is healthy, safe, and housed. I led efforts to secure \$350 million for up to 2,400 affordable housing units for homeless and working families; established a \$14 million Fund to assist low-income housing insecure tenants to purchase homes; expanded violence prevention and anti-sex trafficking programs; and launched Fire Department mobile crisis teams to address mental health and 911 calls. I serve on the Executive Board and Housing Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), where I am working to place a regional bond on this year's ballot to raise up to \$20 billion for 80,000 affordable homes.

As County Supervisor, my priorities are: Homelessness, Housing, Healthcare, Safety and Sustainability. I believe bold leadership is necessary to end homelessness, expand job creation, provide comprehensive mental health/substance abuse programs, improve our regional justice system, and transition to a clean economy.

I have the sole endorsements of Sen. Nancy Skinner, California Working Families Party, California Nurses Association, Alameda Labor Council, Alameda Building Trades Council, among others. I would be honored to have the endorsement of East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club. Thank you for your consideration.

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