

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 Shay Franco-Clausen, EBSDC PAC chair via email at [REDACTED]

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

Jorge Lerma

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

OUSD School Board Director 5

Jurisdiction *

OUSD

District *

OUSD District 5

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 am a lifelong progressive Democrat and was endorsed by the Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club. I've stood in solidarity my whole life with the LGTBQ+ community.

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. *

My campaign team includes LGTBQ community members. As a principal and teacher, I have always advocated for the inclusion, acceptance and access for diverse community including LGBTQ staff, parents and students. I have been a strong proponent of inclusive curriculum in schools, including sharing the history and accomplishments of people of color and LGTBQ people. I have also encouraged and supported affinity groups and clubs in schools that bring people of like identity into supportive and powerful community. As a school principal and administrator I have sought to hire a qualified staff that includes members of the LGTBS community.

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

Nick Resnick, District 4 OUSD School Board, supported and donated
Rebecca Kaplan, City Council, supported and donated

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

Stephisha Ycoy-Walton, Candidate for ACOE Board of Education Area 2

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

I have worked on creating pipelines for diverse educators for the last five years and plan to include LGBTQ educators of diverse ethnicities in these efforts, especially cultivating local community members as OUSD teachers.

I look forward to continuing to work with LGBTQ+ families on meaningful priorities that advance inclusive, safe and thriving school experiences at school.

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

I am a person of color, son of Mexican immigrants who was born and raised in Oakland among our diverse community.

I have 34 years of experience as an educator, a principal and community leader. I fought alongside Cesar Chavez in the civil rights movement and rallied for women's rights in the often machista Latino community. I have experience advocating for equity gaps to be closed and achieving tangible and measurable impact for our students and families.

For example, I protested when there was no access to bilingual translation for Oakland families who were not English speaking. I achieved success with district policies to include oral and written translation for parents. Similarly, when there were no culturally responsive programs for Latin American immigrants, I advocated with the OUSD school board and succeeded by being a co-founder of the first bilingual preschool in District 5, Centro Infantil de la Raza.

As a proven and experienced Oakland educator and administrator, I bring firsthand experience with the complexities of changing and improving a big school system to better meet the needs of its students and families.

I have also had significant experience upholding fiduciary oversight as co-chair of the Oakland Children's Initiative Commission, ensuring the \$30M in public funds is properly allocated, spent and audited. It's crucial we elect someone who has real experience with oversight and accountability in the role of school board member.

I thank you for your consideration and for all you do to further an inclusive and just community.

This form was created inside of Shay Franco-Clausen.

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