

2020 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 to complete your questionnaire via Google forms is Friday, August 21, 2020 at 11:59pm for the August 26, 2020 East Bay Stonewall endorsement meeting for the November 2020 presidential election. Any candidate submitting a questionnaire that is received after the deadline will not appear on the endorsement ballot.

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 Amy Fitzgerald, EBSDC PAC chair via email at afitzlap@gmail.com.

Email address *

justin@justinsha.org

Name (First, Last) *

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Are you a registered Democrat? *

Yes

No

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

Mayor

Jurisdiction? *

Fremont

District? *

Citywide

Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing as of August 19, 2020? 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 served as PAC Director of GAPA, and I am an alumni of Victory. For Democratic clubs, I am affiliated with the South Alameda County Young Democrats in addition to other clubs local to the Tri-City Area.
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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 have always been an active proponent of diversity and inclusion since college and in law school.

I am active today with GAPA, serving on their Board of Directors as Political Director.

As an elected Assembly District Delegate to the CADEM, I have spoken up about LGBTQ issues with respect to affirmative action and our Asian community.

At an event hosted by outgoing SF College Board President Alex Randolph (who cannot endorse due to his day job), I asked Asm. Phil Ting and Asm. David Chiu to actively work to combat homophobia and "homoadverse-ness" in the API community in a crowded room of LGBTQ nonprofit leaders.

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

Yes, including financial support

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

Victor Aguilar Jr of San Leandro City Council has officially endorsed me, and I am will be actively seeking endorsements starting next week.

What other LGBTQ+ community members and/or organizations support your candidacy? *

Local LGBT community members support my candidacy, including AD25 State Assembly Democratic Party Candidate Alex Lee, former Fremont Planning Commissioner Laurie Manuel, Fremont School Board Candidate Lucy Shen, SACYD President Lance Kwan, and Fremont resident Hrishi Sathawane whose made headlines in India in 2018.

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

My campaign platform includes a "Fremont for All". We need to make sure we have resources for our LGBTQ youth, and I will work with the Fremont School Board to ensure we have comprehensive curricula in our schools. I have officially made an affirmative statement to fight for structural change to address societal inequities as Mayor.

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

To my knowledge, I am the only LGBTQ candidate in the race. I am someone who has consistently fought for LGBTQ issues. I have an inherent interest in seeing all of our minority communities thrive. And I have demonstrated in real ways that I will fight for our community (even if it is against my own interests) because of my fundamental commitment to equality and equity for all.

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