

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 *

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Name (First, Last) *

Lucy Shen

Are you a registered Democrat? *

Yes

No

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

Fremont Unified School District Governing Board Member

Jurisdiction? *

City of Fremont, Alameda County

District? *

Area 5

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: Panromantic, asexual

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? *

As of this election cycle, I am still a new member of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club and have not previously participated in club activities. I am a dues-paying member of the Southern Alameda County Young Democrats. Most of my LGBTQ+ advocacy happens through my volunteer work: I volunteer for Intuit's (my employer) Pride Network, and was proud to volunteer for our company's first Trans Summit. I am also a founding member of the Fremont LGBTQ+ Task Force. We are a group of community organizers based in Fremont who decided we needed a task force to create a focal point for the Fremont LGBTQ+ community. Our mission statement is "respecting, empowering, and including LGBTQ+ community members." We usually work with the City of Fremont's LGBTQ liaison and organize local events like open mics and movie nights.

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 first foray into community organizing was as part of the core team of SaveFremontSexEd, a group formed by Fremont residents to advocate for comprehensive and inclusive sexual health education in Fremont schools. The curriculum the board was considering (3Rs) was under attack for its content on gender identity and sexual orientation, and I learned about the situation through an ACLU advocacy training. Many of the key organizers in that group, including myself, are members of the LGBTQ+ community, and a few of us went on to form the Fremont LGBTQ+ Task Force because we were shocked by the level of vitriol certain Fremont community members had directed at us during the board deliberations. Beyond the events we organize as a task force, I also attend NQAPIA events, am a member of the Proudly Against Tobacco (PAT) Coalition, and volunteer with StandUp For Kids Silicon Valley, an organization that works with homeless and at-risk youth, many of whom are LGBTQ+.

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

I have donated to the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, and I'm currently supporting fellow local LGBTQ+ candidates Alex Lee, Justin Sha, and Lance Kwan. I plan to donate to all of their campaigns this election cycle.

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

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This is part of my first wave of requests for endorsements from a LGBTQ+ organization or elected official. As more endorsements roll in, I will update the Stonewall Dems group accordingly.

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

Wells Lucas Santo - former education manager at equity nonprofit AI4ALL

Amaya Wooding - queer/trans health advocate, Proudly Against Tobacco Co-chair

Cedric Honigberg - member of the Transgender advisory board at Intuit

Amal Nanavati - anti-racism advocate, PhD Student at the University of Washington

Justine Tsai - anti-racism and affordable housing advocate

** Titles for identification purposes only

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

Advocating for comprehensive and inclusive sexual health education was what got me originally involved in local politics. I will continue to fight for every student's right to have access to medically accurate and culturally sensitive sexual health education. Like many of my fellow LGBTQ+ friends, I was a "late bloomer" and did not question my own sexual orientation or gender identity until I was almost 23. Though I'm proud to identify now as nonbinary, panromantic, and asexual, these are all elements of my identity that I'd wish I'd had the chance to explore earlier. I'm excited for the chance to create a present and future where students have access to information that I did not. This will allow them to begin asking themselves these questions at the most appropriate time in their own path of growth and feel supported and validated throughout their entire growing process.

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

My experience in community organizing has equipped me with the listening and mediation skills that I believe are crucial to any policy making and governance process. I am also a second-generation Chinese immigrant running to represent a district that is majority Asian. My experience as an alumnus of the school district I would represent will provide an important perspective that is currently missing on the board. I am uniquely positioned to help bridge the generational and cultural divides that I've been witnessing in our local advocacy efforts, and I will continue to do what I have always done—use my voice to elevate those who do not have a platform, and work to connect people across ideological and cultural divides.

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