

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) *

Susan Wengraf

Are you a registered Democrat? *

Yes

No

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

Berkeley City Council District 6

Jurisdiction? *

City of Berkeley

District? *

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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? *

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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 supported the following Berkeley City Council actions:

May 1, 2018: Our Family Coalition's annual night out

June 13, 2017: Funding San Francisco Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Pride Parade

May 30, 2017: Resolution denouncing the systematic detention and torture of gay men in Chechnya under President Ramazan Kadyrov.

April 26, 2016: Funding the Pacific Center

February 23, 2016: Funding Our Family Coalition

October 13, 2015: Approved Proclamation in Honor of Spirit Day and endorse the Campaign to Go Purple in a Stand Against Bullying and Show Support for LGBT Youth.

June 23, 2015: Funding the Pacific Center

September 30, 2014: Funding the Pacific Center

July 16, 2013: Funding the Pacific Center

March 19, 2013: Overturning Prop 8 by Flying Rainbow Flag

May 21, 2013: Proclamation to Honor June as Lesbian Gay Bisexual

Transgender Queer Questioning and Intersex Pride Month and authorize City Manager to Fly the Rainbow Flag for the Month of June

January 17, 2012: San Francisco LGBT Pride

September 20, 2011: Stonewall Festival

June 7, 2011: Proclamation to celebrate First Annual Berkeley LGBT Comedy Festival Week

May 18, 2010: AB2199, Repeal of Discriminatory Code

March 25, 2009: R 1283 to Repeal "Don't ask, Don't Tell"

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

Yes & yes, included financial support

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

I am supported by: Judy Appel, Lori Droste, Andy Katz, George Perezvelez, Joaquin Rivera, John Bauters, Ces Rosales, Andy Kelley

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

John Gooding, Eric Panzer, Bob Dixon, Beth Gerstein, Terry Taplin, Yoel Kahn, Diane Davenport

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

Human Rights Issues; Anti-Discrimination Laws; anti-bullying; equity and equality issues.

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

My experience and leadership are essential as we face the challenges and devastating consequences of the pandemic on our community. I have represented District 6 in the Berkeley hills for the past 12 years. I am the institutional knowledge of the City Council. I am a good listener, work collaboratively, and try to build consensus using my problem-solving skills. I am very responsive to my constituents' concerns. I am a champion for women's rights, public safety, and progressive environmental and human rights policies on the City Council. I support LGBTQ+ rights. I have reached out to work with every other council member, regardless of political ideology. I have high standards for how and what the City Council should be doing and how our work should be accomplished. We need more civility at the City Council and I believe that I can help to be a positive force to help the City Council become more effective and efficient in our work in a more respectful way.

My opponent has not been involved in Berkeley government for almost 40 years. I know very little about him, and having been involved in representing this district for 25 years, it is surprising that I did not recognize his name. He lacks experience and knowledge of the district and city.

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