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 Joe Greaves, EBSDC PAC chair via email at jsphgreaves@gmail.com.

Email *
alfredtwu@gmail.com

Name (First Last) *
Alfred Twu
Are you a registered Democrat *

- Yes
- No

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

AC Transit Board At-Large

Jurisdiction *

AC Transit

District *

At Large

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?

Yes. Also part of the CA Democratic Party LGBTQ Caucus. I’m also part of the Berkeley Democratic Club, the Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club, the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus, San Leandro Democratic Club, as well as being on the executive board of the CA Democratic Party.

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 helped organize the first East Bay Gay for Transit meetup for LGBTQ transit advocates, helped organize alumni events for the LGBTQ theme house in the Berkeley Student Co-op, worked on getting the Democratic Party to prioritize pro-LGBTQ legislation, and have had one-on-one conversations with Asian Pacific Islander leaders to help bridge the gap between our communities.
Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support?

Yes - many times, including financial support

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

Equality California, Harvey Milk Club, Assemblymember Alex Lee, BART Directors Bevan Dufty, Janice Li and Rebecca Saltzman, AC Transit Director Jovanka Beckles, El Cerrito Mayor Gabe Quinto, Berkeley Councilmembers Lori Droste and Terry Taplin, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Trustee Harris Mojadedi, Ohlone Community College Board Trustee Lance Kwan, San Leandro City Councilmember Victor Aguilar, and many more, full list at www.alfredtwu.org

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

- Implementing SB1161, a pending state bill that would collect data and implement plans to reduce harassment on transit riders.
- Making sure that LGBTQ communities are connected to community spaces, healthcare, jobs, etc.

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

One of the biggest issues coming up for transit is the fiscal cliff coming around 2024 when the federal relief money runs out. Avoiding massive cuts will require a regional funding measure and/or new support from the state and US government. I have worked extensively with local leaders and elected officials throughout the entire AC Transit district and the surrounding region and have the relationships to build the support needed to make this a priority.

Additionally, I have extensive knowledge of transit both as an architect that has worked on transit facilities and affordable housing, as well as someone that uses bus, BART, and bike to get around. Having coordinated, seamless connections between transit agencies and improving traffic safety are among my top priorities.