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 jspghreaves@gmail.com.

Email *
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Name (First Last) *
Nancy Sidebotham
Are you a registered Democrat *

- Yes
- No

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

City Council

Jurisdiction *

Oakland

District *

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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
- [x] 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 support programs but and not affiliated. I am a member of MGO & Treasurer and Oakland East Bay Democratic Club.

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.

Being a Lesbian I have stood my ground and worked to protect equality and the rights of anyone and everyone throughout my life time to date.
I have always supported the individual I felt was most qualified for the office and I do not believe money should be a crutch to run for office. So no I have not donated funds.

While I ordinarily do not seek endorsements because they often come at an organization's internal strife or there are only 6 members voting or a candidate has personal ties to the organization, I would seek yours as affirmation that a LGBTQ+ person can be an active, contributing citizen within this community. Thank you for your consideration, fellowship and advocacy.

In order to create safe and healthy environment in which Oaklander’s may thrive, all of my policies, particularly mandating audits (that have not been done), benefit the LGBTQ+ community. That is where discrepancies and inequalities can provide the raw data, not the gossip, not the rumor, not the hint, that the community is not being served. From there it is a matter of correcting budgets and providing active oversight to administration. Do remember that a council person is limited in duties by the Charter.
What makes you uniquely qualified for the office and how are you different or unique from the other candidates in your race? *

I have lived and served this community for almost 50 years. My activism has had me interacting with almost every department of the City so I know their purpose, function and current status. I know staff (although now many are running away having seen the residue of leadership for the last decade); I know where a lot of *^%*$ is buried which makes a person "leadership" not want to see me in office or on the public record.

My leadership of NCPC 29X has enabled a track record of one of the safest neighborhoods in the city, although the attack on the police budget has demonstrated that knee-jerk responses often bring larger problems and unintended consequences. While I certainly support reforms, where cuts were made have impacted the entire community, from increased traffic accidents, to deadly sideshows, and non-response to 911. These issues are also related to lack of local housing for public servants, and an inability of leadership to create a circular economy within Oakland.

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