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 *

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Name (First Last) *

George Drapeau
Are you a registered Democrat *

- Yes
- No

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

HUSD School Board (short term)

Jurisdiction *

Hayward

District *

Hayward Unified School District

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
- [X] 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?

Have not had the pleasure of supporting East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club as of yet; not affiliated with any other LGBTQ+ organizations. Not a member of any other Democratic clubs.

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 not done any lobbying or public support. My wife and I try to support LGBTQ+ businesses when we can; our son went to a daycare from 1 year to 5 years old, which was run by a gay married couple (teacher & accountant). They promoted inclusion with the toddlers; we supported their approach and recommended them in public (Yelp, word of mouth to other families). I say this to try to describe my support for LGBTQ+ individuals in my life.
Have you previously supported LGBTQ+ candidates for office? If yes, did that include financial support?

Yes, a local candidate who successfully ran for office in Hayward. No financial support of candidates.

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

None as yet. Would be delighted if that were to change.

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

One goal of mine is to drive greater parent awareness / involvement; this applies to all parents in the district, so that parents’ voices are more prominent, and so parents have better awareness of how the district works, and what they can advocate for, how to use the system to drive change. This benefits under-represented groups the most, which would help the LGBTQ+ community (as well as economically disadvantaged families, for example).

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

I am the ONLY candidate (or board member for that matter) with a child in the HUSD system (Burbank Elementary); I think from a parent’s perspective first, and have daily experience with what kids in the system deal with. I am a Parent Ambassador, so am on campus several times a week, helping and talking with parents, kids, teachers. Nobody else running or on the board has that direct connection with the students, parents, and teachers.