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 *
harrismojadedi@gmail.com

Name (First Last) *
Harris Mojadedi
Are you a registered Democrat *

- Yes
- No

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

Community College Trustee

Jurisdiction *

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

District *

Trustee Area 3

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?

As a recently appointed out LGBTQ+ official, I worked with fellow LGBTQ+ elected officials and several LGBTQ+ Dem Clubs (including East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club) to issues a joint statement condemning the recent hate crimes the LGBTQ+ community has faced.

I've been a lifelong member of the Democratic Party, serving in various capacities including: Northern Chair, CDP Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, Vice President- Alameda County Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus, Alternate Member- Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, Co-Founder- American Muslim & Friends Democratic Club, PAC Chair- SF Bay Area South West Asian North African (SWANA) 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.

I have fought to support LGBTQ+ rights in several ways. As a staff member at UC Berkeley, I have co-founded and convened the Queer, Trans People of Color (QTPOC) staff affinity group, a space to uplift the issues that impact QTPOC staff populations at UC Berkeley. I have supported important student services initiatives that support and uplift LGBTQ+ student populations.

As a Community College Trustee, I have worked to uplift LGBTQ+ voices, including introducing the first Pride Month proclamation and am working to support a queer educators network at the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. Moreover, I am serving as a bridge between the LGBTQ+ community and several other communities that I belong to (AAPI/Muslim/Afghan-American) and am working to educate these communities and foster inclusivity for our community.

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

Alex Lee for Assembly, Shawn Kumagai for Assembly, Alfred Twu for AC Transit Board, Mel Mallory for New Haven School Board.

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

Assemblymember Alex Lee, Councilmember Shawn Kumagai

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

I want to ensure that LGBTQ+ students/staff/faculty in my community college district can thrive and belong. I am working to ensure that all policies (healthcare/dependent care) can equitably be applied to LGBTQ+ communities.
What makes you uniquely qualified for the office and how are you different or unique from the other candidates in your race?

I am a Proud LGBTQ+/Afghan-American/Muslim Trustee that understands the unique challenges of my district. Access & Equity are the cornerstone of my campaign and I will bring this lived experience onto the board if elected to a full term.