

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 Ryan LaLonde, Interim EBSDC PAC chair via email at [REDACTED]

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Name (First Last) *

John J. Bauters

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Board of Supervisors

Jurisdiction *

Alameda County

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
- 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. I have been a member of the Club for 10 years. In that time, I was PAC Chair in 2018 and 2019, Vice President of the Club in 2020, and President of the Club in 2021. Throughout that time, I have attended countless club forums, the Pride Breakfast, our former political fundraisers at Albany Bowl, served as a bartender at the Transgender Rights Fundraisers, attended club meetings and outings, and hosted endorsement events for elections. We were Alameda County's Democratic Club of the Year in 2020. I also support the Sacramento LGBT Center and was a foundational donor for the creation of STEP House to house and support homeless LGBTQ youth, and have attended Mama's Makin' Bacon as a an auction item and donor over the years.

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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 am a huge champion for housing justice and housing for vulnerable communities. This includes passing Emeryville Measure C, which was a \$50M affordable housing bond our voters approved and this club supported in 2018. We developed a Housing Expenditure Plan and also championed changes to state law, making it possible for us to build an intergenerational housing project where 80% of the units will be for seniors on a fixed income and 20% are reserved for homeless and foster youth aging out of care or services, who are disproportionately LGBTQ. When the City of Dublin voted against raising the Pride Flag in 2019, I held a ceremony and won council support to raise two flags in Emeryville to support the LGBTQ community in Dublin. Dublin subsequently called a special, emergency meeting to revisit their vote, and voted to raise the Pride Flag. I gifted our second flag to them to be raised at Dublin City Hall. In 2018 when a HS in Kentucky refused to allow Christian Bales the opportunity to read his valedictorian speech because he was gender non-conforming, I arranged to bring him and his family to our city where he delivered his speech at a large city Pride celebration. I have worked in these and many other ways to promote and support inclusivity, visibility, and safe space for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

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

Yes, local and state candidates. That has included financial support in some of those cases. This has included former Dublin CM Shawn Kumagai, Senator Scott Wiener, Tracy CM Dan Arriola, and others.

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

I am endorsed by Equality California, CA Senator Scott Wiener, CA Assemblymember Chris Ward, Berkeley CM Terry Taplin, Tracy CM Dan Arriola, El Cerrito CM Gabe Quinto, BART Directors Bevan Dufty and Rebecca Saltzman, Alameda USD Trustee Ryan LaLonde, San Leandro USD Trustee James Aguilar, and Shay Clausen-Franco, Former Vice-Chair of Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority.

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

One of my priorities is to improve hiring and retention of social workers, counselors, clinicians, and behavioral health workers for low-income people. LGBTQ people are disproportionately represented among this cohort, especially amongst people experiencing homelessness or living with substance use disorders. One of the most important ways to serve the LGBTQ community that also serves others is to ensure that we have adequate, competent, staff providing important social services across the county. This is an important part of my platform that will meaningfully impact the LGBTQ+ community.

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 openly LGBTQ candidate in this race and Alameda County has never elected an LGBTQ person to a county office. My life experience as a formerly unhoused youth, and my career working as an attorney and advocate for the homeless, people living with mental health and substance use disorder issues, people facing eviction, and now working with people who are living with trauma positions me as the candidate who has both been a recipient of the kinds of services the county offers and has been an advocate and champion for others who access and use them. I received the County Welfare Directors Association's State Advocate Partner of the Year Award in 2014 for my work to help the most vulnerable in California access the social safety net.

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