

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 Shay Franco-Clausen, EBSDC PAC chair via email at [REDACTED]

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

Barbara Lee

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

United States Senate

Jurisdiction *

Statewide

District *

Statewide

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? *

I have been a longtime supporter of the East Bay Stonewall Democrats and many of its members. Most recently I had the opportunity to participate in the club's annual Oakland Pride breakfast and as a grand marshal of Oakland Pride. I am committed to continuing my support and work with the East Bay Stonewall Democrats to achieve true equality.

Throughout my career, I have fought to ensure equality for all. As a founding member and Vice Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, I worked to pass legislation that respects the love and dignity of all people.

While marriage equality is now a reality across the U.S., there remains much to be done to advance equality for all, including preventing employment discrimination and combatting homophobia and transphobia.

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've been an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community my entire life. I grew up in segregated Texas and my mother's best friend was a lesbian. My mother taught us to never disrespect or let anyone else disrespect her friend for who she loved. In the Assembly, I wrote the California Schools Hate Violence Reduction Act that included protections for LGBTQ+ students and a republican governor signed into law. When elected to Congress, I co-founded the LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus and, as its chair, brought the Congressional Black Caucus on board in support of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. I will always lift up the voices of the LGBTQ+ community and fight to protect the many hard earned rights.

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

I have worked to elect a variety of LGBTQ+ candidates over the years. This work has included fundraising, organizing, and vigorously campaigning for candidates.

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

I am proud of every endorsement, every dollar, and every phone call and door knocked on behalf of electing me to the US Senate. I am honored to have the endorsement of leading LGBTQ+ organizations and elected officials like San Diego Democrats for Equality, Harvey Milk Democratic Club, form California Democratic Party LGBTQ Caucus Co-Chair Tiffany Woods, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, State Senator Caroline Menjivar, State Senator Susan Eggman, Assemblymember Corey Jackson, former LA City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cesar Zippeda, Devin Murphy, Rebecca Kaplan, BART Directors Rebecca Saltzman and Bevin Duffy, Berkeley City Councilmember Terry Taplin, and many others.

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

I'm proud of the work we've done to lead to what I hope will be the first AIDS free generation. I look to continue to pursue this work in the United States Senate. When I got to Congress I worked with a Republican President to establish and implement the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR to assist developing countries in the treatment of HIV, AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria with the goal of eventual eradication. And in 2011, I founded the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus to eradicate HIV/AIDS worldwide, educate the public, and improve the lives of those affected by HIV and AIDS which I continue to co-chair today.

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

I have been fighting for justice and equity from the very start. From organizing with the NAACP to becoming my high school's first Black female cheerleader to standing my ground as the only member of Congress who voted against giving the president unlimited war powers after 9/11, I never back down from fighting for what's right. Throughout my career, I have fought to ensure equality for all. As a founding member and Vice Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, I have done the work to pass legislation that respects the love and dignity of all people. I am committed to continuing the work of advancing equality for all, including preventing employment discrimination and combating homophobia and transphobia. I'll be the experienced, accomplished progressive fighter Californians need now.

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