

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]

Email *

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Name (First Last) *

Lorrel Plimier

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Supervisor

Jurisdiction *

Alameda County

District *

District 5

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 not participated in EBSDC activities. My political experience has been predominantly with the League of Women Voters. I have held high, forward facing positions with LWV and this meant I was unable to participate in Democratic Clubs or other partisan organizations.

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. *

As a board member of the LWV of California, I helped support and participate in our Drag for Democracy™ event last May at our biennial convention. I was on the convention planning committee, but not specifically on the DFD committee. The event honored numerous elected officials and other advocates who have championed LGBTQ+ causes. Read more about the event here: <https://lwvsf.org/home/f/drag-for-democracy-calls-for-action-for-lgbtq-and-voting-rights>. I advocate for LGBTQ+ issues regularly within the League and support the League to be more forward facing with its advocacy on LGBTQ+ issues. On a smaller and more personal level, as the mom of a nonbinary kid, I gently correct and model the proper use of they/them pronouns to my friends and family every day.

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

I was not politically active before joining the League and since joining the League, I have been prohibited from supporting candidates because of my position in the League and the League's nonpartisan policy. I have donated to non-local candidates. I'm sure some of them have been LGBTQ+. This cycle, I donated to Jennifer Esteen and have done a little bit of campaigning for her.

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

none

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

Alameda County is behind the curve with policies that specifically support trans youth and gender affirming care of trans people in general. For individuals who are unable to cover the cost of gender affirming care - both physical and mental health care - the negative impacts can be devastating and sometimes life threatening. I propose to model a program in Alameda County that is similar to what San Francisco is doing in their Gender Health SF program with county funds specifically earmarked for gender care either through AHS or for contracted specialty clinics. Having the ability to receive necessary gender affirming care can reduce an individuals reliance on other social services.

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

As a US Army veteran, I know what it means to serve others. I served four years on active duty and was deployed to Turkey to enforce the no fly zone over Iraq. I am a lawyer and I have a masters degree in data science from UC Berkeley that I pursued because I wanted to use data as a tool to help governments make decisions that equitably represent all people. I now run a small business that supports mission driven nonprofit organizations to use technology and data to better assist the people in the communities they serve.

For the past seven years I have advocated for progressive policies in Piedmont and in Alameda County as a board member of the League of Women Voters of Piedmont and I am their most recent past president. I was elected to the state board for the League of Women Voters of California where I currently serve on their governance and finance committees managing a multimillion dollar budget. I have a track record of good governance decision making and am not afraid to ask tough questions.

In my work with mission driven nonprofit organizations as clients and as a leader within a nonprofit, I excel as a community builder. I brought together hundreds of leaders from across the country to learn from each other, so we can all better serve our local communities.

I am not yet the polished politician that some of the other candidates are. I have been a politician for all of 35 days. I do, however, have the experience and the courage to lead the county where it needs to go. I'm a fresh voice and I will not compromise my values because of political pressure.

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