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

Email *	
Email *	
Name (First Last) *	
Marisol Rubio	

Are you a registered Democrat *
YesNo
Office you are seeking? (e.g. City Council, School Board, Supervisor, etc) * State Senate
Jurisdiction * Most of Contra Costa County and parts of Alameda County
District * 9
Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, * email eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com .
YesNo

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: Demisexual
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 am currently affiliated with East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club and the Diablo Valley 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 regularly attended pride events throughout the East Bay and in SF and, as a San Ramon City Councilmember, I was one of only two councilmembers who attended and spoke publicly at our pride event about the need to fight for LGBTQIA+ rights because they're human rights. I specifically advocated for our transgender and nonbinary youth who are needlessly suffering because they do not have access to information and because society and family sometimes make them feel bad for being who they are. I also presented an LGBTQ+ resolution at our City Council.

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

Yes, I have supported several LGBTQ+ candidates for office and absolutely provided financial support when possible.

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

Victor Aguilar, San Leandro City Councilmember
James Aguilar, San Leandro City Councilmember
Rebecca Saltzman, Bay Area Rapid Transit
Shay Franco-Clausen, Hayward Planning Commissioner
Devin Murphy, Pinole Mayor
Cesar Zepeda, Richmond City Councilmember
Anthony Rocha, Salinas City Councilmember
Robyn Kuslits, Parliamentarian, Democratic Party of Cor

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

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Access to quality, affordable, and timely comprehensive universal health care including mental health care, which will help our transgender youth get the support they need to lead healthy and happy lives.

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

I have both the lived and academic experience needed to understand and effectively address the needs of our LGBTQIA+ community, as well as many other typically marginalized populations including people with disabilities, single parents, immigrant single parents, and low socioeconomic status. My opponent on the other hand, not only does not share this background, but has actively missed several key votes for our LGBTQIA+ community, including most recently a vote to enshrine the right to marriage in our California constitution by Asm. Low, ACA 5 (2023), Marriage Equality. There are many more key bills he has missed and, unfortunately, it has largely gone unnoticed.

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