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 (<u>http://eastbaystonewalldemocrats.org/Elections</u>). 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) *

Margot Smith

Are you a registered Democrat *
 Yes No
Office you are seeking? (e.g. City Council, School Board, Supervisor, etc) * State Assembly District
Jurisdiction * Assembly
District * 14
Are you an East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club member in good standing? If you are unsure, * email <u>eastbaystonewalldems@gmail.com</u> .
 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?

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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.

Racial justice, Voting rights, Women's rights; I've housed many LGBTQ people.

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

Yes, including financial donations. I support candidates according to their policies, not their LGTBQ or racial identities. Candidates must advocate justice and equality for all.

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

None that I know of. I didn't ask their gender.

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

I advocate housing for moderate and low income people; I oppose our State housing policies that increase housing for the rich. Better housing policies benefit LGTBQ low income and unhoused Californians.

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

As your Assemblymember, I will work to legislate needed housing. I oppose current housing laws that favor developers who build high-rise market-rate housing anywhere for the wealthy. That is not the housing we need. We need housing for all, including LGTBQ Californians at all income levels.

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