

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) *

Igor Tregub

Are you a registered Democrat *

Yes

No

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

Berkeley City Council

Jurisdiction *

Berkeley District 4

District *

District 4

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? *

As Chair of the Alameda County Democratic Party, - and long before that - I have consistently supported the club, including promoting, sponsoring, and attending Stonewall events. The moment I heard about two extremist and anti-LGBTQ+ members of the Sunol Board of Trustees trying to bar the district from flying the Pride flag on their school's grounds, I immediately connected with Stonewall leadership so that the club could mobilize resources and I could provide on-the-ground support. That is the kind of transparent leadership with concrete results that I bring into every part of my public service - including the importance of striving to be the best ally that I can be to the LGBTQ+ community. I am a dues-paying member of about half of the Democratic clubs in the district and support all of them in their fundraising events and speaking engagements. I have also served on the boards of the East Bay Young Democrats (including as a past president), Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club, and El Cerrito Democratic Club (after being recruited by Gabriel Quinto, one of my supporters for this race). I also chair the California Democratic Party's Environmental Caucus, where I've shown up in solidarity with my siblings at the CADEM LGBTQ+ Council, and serve as the NorCal Vice Chair of the CADEM Renters Council.

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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. *

Beyond the example mentioned above, I have ensured that the Alameda County Democratic Party shows up for the LGBTQ+ community with boots on the ground and money whenever it is required, as an injury to one community is an injury to all. I personally attended one of the Sunol Glen USD meetings and mobilized others to show up.

I did the same when a homophobic member of the Hayward USD was attempting to block a resolution in support of a fully inclusive curriculum last year. In Hayward, that resolution passed, and I partnered with the local LGBTQ+ community to ensure to support an LGBTQ+ candidate for the Alameda County Board of Education Board and ensure that the homophobe on the Hayward USD board, who was also running for that seat, would finish last.

In Sunol Glen, I ensured that we would mobilize our Party resources to support a recall effort of the two trustees that voted to ban the Pride flag. (Thanks in part to our support, a sufficient number of signatures has been received, and a special election to remove them is on track to being set; we will continue to support the community there with ongoing actions). I also invited Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to attend a recent Alameda County Democratic Central Committee meeting to talk about the efforts that his administration is doing to combat the kind of hate, including against queer folk, that we are sadly seeing throughout the state and in our own backyard.

When I first caught wind that the Port Bar was under attack by its landlord, I again did what I normally do - stand up, and fight back, including by shepherding through a resolution in support of and solidarity with this amazing gathering spot, as we became the first Democratic body to pass such a resolution. Unfortunately, our pressure campaign didn't succeed, but I am excited to continue planning and attending events at Fluid510 across the street.

My support of the LGBTQ+ community is deeply personal, though I am not a member of it myself. In 2008, when I first ran for public office as a 23-year-old recent college grad who had no idea what he was doing, my campaign manager made sure that it was a campaign that I could win, and ultimately did. He happened to be a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and we were mortified about the presence of Yes on 8 signs all over Alameda County, particularly in the Tri-Valley where I worked. Two nights before my own election, we drove to Livermore and removed all the Yes on 8 signs we could find from public places (something that I

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

I have supported numerous LGBTQ+ candidates for office, including but not limited to Terry Taplin for Berkeley City Council, Carolyn Wysinger for El Cerrito City Council (I worked on her campaign, and together we made history), Lupe Angulo for Alameda County Board of Education, Ricardo Lara for Insurance Commissioner, Vicky Kolakowski and Tara Flanagan for Judge, Gabriel Quinto for El Cerrito City Council, Kriss Worthington for Berkeley City Council, John Bauters for Emeryville City Council, James Chang for Berkeley Rent Board, Rebecca Saltzman for BART Board, Joaquin Rivera for the Alameda County Board of Education, Cesar Zepeda for Richmond City Council, and Marguerite Young and Andy Katz for EBMUD Board. My support has almost always come with financial and volunteer support as well for all of these races and others.

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

At this very early stage in the race, I'm deeply honored to have the support of Berkeley Councilmember Terry Taplin (2nd rank), Civic Arts Commissioner Kim Anno, and Berkeley Councilmember Gabriel Quinto. I will be announcing a slew of additional endorsements soon, and a number of members of the LGBTQ+ community will be part of it. It would be an honor to earn Stonewall's endorsement as well.

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

My formal platform includes the following:

Fight for a Berkeley we can all call home. A twice-elected Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Member, Igor has championed every ballot measure to invest in affordable housing and to expand tenant protections. Using every available strategy and resource available, Igor's top priority is to expand the dream of housing affordability and home ownership to Berkeleyans struggling to make it in our city.

Prioritize a safe and vibrant downtown. The District 4 Councilmember has the distinct honor and responsibility of representing Downtown Berkeley, the heart of our city. Igor will work closely with small business owners, city officials, and nonprofits to make our downtown the envy of the Bay Area. That requires smart approaches to public safety and a willingness to listen to impacted businesses. Downtown Berkeley should be an inviting and welcoming destination for all.

Help the unhoused rebuild their lives. While Berkeley has seen a reduction in homelessness in recent years, far too many people are living on the streets. This puts an enormous strain on the unhoused and our community. Igor will embrace a housing first approach that gets people off the streets and into supportive environments with wraparound services and treatment as needed. With a track record of building consensus to get things done, he will partner on a regional level with our neighbors to tackle the homelessness crisis from every direction.

Champion bold climate leadership. Berkeley has always led the way on the environment, often with Igor's leadership. Igor is a clean energy policy expert, and he will prioritize making Berkeley the first carbon-free city in the nation, including expanding public EV charging infrastructure, localized solar energy, battery storage, and microgrids - with an emphasis on helping renters and all those who have been left behind in the clean energy transition access their benefits.

Embrace Walkability, Bikeability, and Transit Accessibility throughout Berkeley. Igor is focused on making Berkeley streets safe for everyone, including bicyclists, seniors, and people with disabilities. He has close working relationships with leaders at BART and AC Transit - including being entrusted by his peers to serve as chair of the AC Transit Parcel Tax Oversight Committee - and will make sure that Berkeley is doing its part to accelerate seamless mobility across transit agencies.

I have devoted half of my life to causes that directly benefit the LGBTQ+ community, particularly around housing and homelessness. I have combatted the Bay Area's housing and homelessness crisis, which disproportionately affects people who are LGBTQ+. In 2012, I helped successfully stave off Berkeley Measure S. Since then I have been an active member of the Berkeley Homelessness task Force, through which I have come up with proactive solutions to combat homelessness in a human way. My efforts led to the exploration of the City's acquisition of vacant properties and lots for the purpose of providing low-income and transitional housing opportunities and sites for Tiny Homes. As Chair of the Berkeley Housing Advisory Commission, my efforts led to the funding of millions of dollars from our Housing Trust Fund towards the creation of new very low-income housing and the rehabilitation of existing, aging housing stock that houses

low-income families and individuals, including prominent members of the LGBT+ community.

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

I have a lot of respect for the other candidates, but several considerations set me apart:

1. I've worked within our party to build our bench and make us more inclusive, diverse, and progressive. I've joined the picket lines when no one was looking, and I've used my positions of influence to fight for strong project labor agreements and local hire provisions. I am also a proven Democrat in District 4, someone who has long fought to make our region and state adopt policies that reflect my progressive values. That record will continue on the Berkeley City Council.

2. Experience matters. The Democratic Party has endorsed literally hundreds of progressive bills through my leadership, including a number focused on expanding health care access, improving worker conditions, and combating hate. I've walked picket lines, chaired multiple commissions, and spoken before the City Council hundreds of times. I've a proven leader, and you know who you'll get if I'm elected.

3. As a native of Ukraine, a deep commitment to transparency, accountability, and democracy is in my DNA. To foster it, I have a history of listening to others' perspectives and lived experiences, meeting everyone where they are at, and recognizing our shared passion for helping each other.

That's the kind of leader District 4 needs, and, if I have the honor of winning in May, that's the kind of Council Member I will be.

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