

Fresno Stonewall Democrats

Candidate Questionnaire



ABOUT STONEWALL

The mission of the Fresno Stonewall Democrats is to advance equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We will support public policies that advance that mission in the United States, the State of California, and the greater Fresno area.

We will help elect qualified, openly lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people to public office, as well as Democratic Party candidates that support equal rights for the LGBT community.

INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in Fresno Stonewall Democrats and taking time to complete this questionnaire. In order to be considered for endorsement, candidates are required to complete this document. Answers are required for each question in Parts I and II; **Part III must be completed only if you are a school board candidate**. We encourage candidates to explain as many answers as possible. Do not make changes to any of the questions. Your answers are public information, and you must sign each page of this questionnaire, including the first. Questionnaires that are not signed on each page are considered incomplete and will disqualify you from endorsement.

Please attach your latest biography, a list of current endorsements and any campaign literature, your website, and social media information. Email completed and signed questionnaires to **where do we want them to go?**

Please feel free to attach any additional information to the questionnaire. If you have questions, please contact **PAC Chair - Should we appoint one - or Chuck**

NOTE: Stonewall policies prohibit the Club from endorsing anyone other than a registered Democrat, even in non-partisan races. If not a registered Democrat, please do not submit.

PART I: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION [Portions of this part will be redacted]

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PART II: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Goals and Purposes of Fresno Stonewall Democrats

- Advance equal rights for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Support public policies that advance lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender (LGBT) equality at all levels of government.
- Elect qualified, openly LGBT people to public office as well as other Democratic Party candidates who support LGBT equality.
- Work within the Democratic Party to advance LGBT equality and full recognition of LGBT families.
- Educate the public at large about LGBT issues and concerns.
- Promote the Democratic Party's message of economic justice and social equality for all.

1. Do you support the goals and purposes of Fresno Stonewall Democrats, as outlined above?

Yes

2. Identify one goal from the list above and elaborate on how you have helped to achieve it.

I voted to pass the Equality Act HR 5 to ensure that all LGBTQ Americans are granted the full protections guaranteed by federal civil rights law. The Equality Act amends existing federal civil rights laws to create a nationwide standard that explicitly prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

3. Are you a member of the Fresno Stonewall Democratic Club? If yes, when did you join? If no, do you plan to join?

No and yes

4. Have you been endorsed by Stonewall before? If yes, for what race?

Yes, US Congress CA-21

5. Have you endorsed a Republican over a Democrat for an elected partisan race? If yes, when and why?

No

6. Are you openly LGBT?

No

7. Is any of your staff or key volunteers openly LGBT?

Yes

8. Would you support mandatory diversity training that includes LGBT issues for public employees?

Yes

9. If your place of employment has diversity training, did you advocate for inclusion of LGBT issues? Why or Why not?

Yes

10. Would you support mandatory diversity training for all law enforcement, including correctional peace officers, that includes LGBT issues?

Yes

11. Do you support marriage equality (laws permitting same-sex couples to marry under state law)?

Yes



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12. Do you support laws enabling individuals, such as property owners, businesses and government officials to disregard LGBT rights, such as marriage, employment or housing, on the basis of personal or religious belief exemptions?

No

13. Do you support an age-appropriate public school curriculum that teaches awareness and sensitivity regarding sexual orientation and gender identity?

Yes

14. Do you support protections for transgender, gender non-conforming and questioning youth, regardless of sexual orientation, from discrimination in schools, foster care, juvenile justice and other institutional settings, including personnel training and zero tolerance for disparagement by peers?

Yes

15. Do you support protections for transgender individuals covering areas such as name-choice, facilities access and work place rules (e.g., non-discriminatory dress codes)?

Yes

16. Do you support requiring health insurance companies to cover medically necessary gender reassignment surgeries and follow-up care for individuals identifying as transgender?

Yes

17. Do you support allowing transgender Americans to serve in the U.S. military?

Yes

18. Do you support local funding for HIV/AIDS services, including, but not limited to, needle-exchange programs?

Yes

19. Do you support the rights of women to access reproductive healthcare, including abortion?

Yes

20. Do you support comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship?

Yes

21. Please describe your top goals, if elected to office.

Healthcare, Water, and Immigration

22. If you receive endorsement from Stonewall, will you list and disclose Stonewall as an endorsing organization?

Yes

23. Please describe how your election to this office would benefit the LGBT community.

Fifty percent of the national LGBTQ community still live in states where, although they have the right to marry, they have no explicit non-discrimination protections in other areas of their daily lives. Only 21 states have laws barring discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations, and only 20 states have protections for gender identity. I was proud to support HR5 landmark legislation, which reaffirms that freedom from discrimination is a fundamental civil right that belongs to every American. And, with your support I will continue to vote for legislation to help the LGBT community including those in California's rural communities.



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PART III: SCHOOL BOARD SUPPLEMENTAL

24. Why are you running for school board? What is your background in education?

25. Does your district have an LGBT Task Force to address the needs and challenges facing LGBTQ students, parents and employees in your district? If not, what do you plan to do to protect LGBT students, parents and employees?

26. Does your district have anti-bullying policies that include LGBT students?

27. What have you done to help make schools safer for LGBT students and staff, both classified and non-classified?

28. Do you support full implementation of the Fair Education Act, which requires California K-12 schools provide Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful representations of people with disabilities and people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender in history and social studies curriculum including recognition of Harvey Milk Day?