

ABOUT STONEWALL

Tulare County Stonewall Democrats is a chartered organization of the Tulare County Democratic Central Committee and affiliated with the CADem LGBT Caucus and the CDC (California Democratic Council).

The purpose of the Tulare County Stonewall Democrats is to work within the Tulare County Democratic Party, providing a strong voice and representation within the party structure; securing full equal rights of LGBT+ citizens through affecting legislation and policies; and encouraging LGBT+ community to participate fully as Democrats at all levels of policymaking and public service.

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 Tulare County 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 tcstonewalldems@gmail.com.

It is strongly encouraged for the candidate to contact us and schedule time on a future meeting agenda to speak.


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 Tulare County 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 Tulare County Stonewall Democrats, as outlined above?

Yes, 100%.

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

Specifically on the last plank, promoting the Democratic Party's message of economic justice and social equality for all: this has been my calling as a Democratic club activist, a County Chair, CDP Secretary, and CDP Vice Chair. I have traveled across the state speaking about the importance of the Democratic Party's message of both class-conscious economic justice and aggressive social equality movements for disadvantaged groups. I have been proud to campaign for Democratic candidates across the state who make these values a key part of their candidacies.

3. Are you a member of the Tulare County Stonewall Democrats? If yes, when did you join? If no, do you plan to join?

No, yes.

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

No.

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

Never.

6. Are you openly LGBT+?

No.

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

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Yes, including my partner and several members of my campaign staff and “kitchen cabinet”.

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

Yes. Public employees should be required to have diversity training that includes LGBT+ issues.

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

This question is not applicable to my personal business, which is an one-person independent consultancy, but as Vice-Chair of the California Democratic Party, I have always supported the LGBT Caucus' efforts to mainstream inclusion and education for the community. More can and should be done. As chair of the California Democratic Party, I will work to include LGBT+ issues in our own staff training.

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

Yes. Certain municipal police departments even have special task forces with special training who are tasked with enforcing LGBT equality laws and responding with sensitivity to crimes affecting the LGBT+ community. Mandatory diversity training is the least that police departments can do to work with the LGBT+ community, and I believe they should go above and beyond this minimum.

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

Yes, as well as all equality in all other areas of law, including adoption.

12. Did you publicly oppose Proposition 8? If not, has your position evolved?

Yes.

13. 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. I do not and will never support laws allowing individuals, private businesses, or governments to disregard full equality for the LGBT+ community.

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

Yes, and it should be mandatory.

15. 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.

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16. 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.

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

Yes.

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

Yes.

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

Yes. I believe local governments, especially counties, have a crucial role to play in reducing HIV/AIDS transmissions through funding programs that have been proven effective, including needle exchange, pre-exposure prophylaxis, safe injection sites, and any other methods.

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

Yes. I am 100% pro-choice.

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

Yes.

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


My platform has three main goals: to reform the structure of the California Democratic Party; to increase our organizing effectiveness; and to enable advocacy at ever level around the issues we care about the most. I encourage you to read my full, comprehensive vision and platform at www.darakafordpchair.com.

23. If you receive an endorsement from Tulare County Stonewall Democrats, will you list and disclose Tulare County Stonewall Democrats as an endorsing organization?

Yes, proudly!!

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

The Trump Administration and its allies in some state governments are attempting to roll back hard-earned protections for the LGBT+ community. California Democrats have long stood as the voice of conscience speaking in opposition to the politics of hate and discrimination. As chair, I will be unafraid to be vocal on behalf of the entire LGBT+ community, and fight for the community's rights whenever and wherever it is under attack. Democrats look to California for leadership. As chair, I will provide that

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leadership by working with party activists to continue exploring and understanding the unique issues facing the LGBT+ community, exploring solutions to them, and empowering the party itself to advocate for legislative solutions where applicable.

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