

Fresno Stonewall Democrats

Candidate Questionnaire



Thank you for your interest in Fresno Stonewall Democrats. In order to be considered for endorsement, candidates are required to complete this document. 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.

Please attach your latest biography, all current endorsements, and any campaign literature, your website, and social media information. Complete, sign, and scan the questionnaire to fresnostonewalldemocrats@gmail.com or send via regular mail to: Fresno Stonewall Democrats, 2037 W. Bullard Ave #253, Fresno, CA, 93711.

PART I: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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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.

After Fresno's only LGBT Resource Center closed in 2017, I worked with my then employer to discuss a

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way to continue the center. I founded and chaired the Inclusion Team at Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission and pushed for the agency to help fill in the gap. We were able to secure funding and open the Fresno EOC LGBTQ+ Resource Center in Downtown Fresno in early 2019. I helped to hire the first LGBTQ+ Resource Center Program Manager and support the new project from my role leading the Marketing and Communications Department. Since leaving my role at Fresno EOC, I continue to support the efforts of the center and help with their activities and fundraisers. The center continues to expand and has provided local full-time jobs with great health benefits to those in the LGBT community. I am excited to continue to support the LGBT+ community by advancing equal rights for all people and supporting equality in new role with American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

3. Are you a member of the Fresno Stonewall Democrat Club? If yes, when did you join? If no, do you plan to join? I recall joining Fresno Stonewall Democrat Club but am certain I haven't paid my dues for 2020 yet.

4. Have you been endorsed by Stonewall before? If yes, for what race?
Yes, I have been endorsed by Stonewall for my prior races.

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 and private employees?
Yes

9. If your place of employment has diversity training, did you advocate for inclusion of LGBT+ issues? Why or Why not?
Yes! I was able to help drive Inclusion as a strategic goal and help bring focus to LGBTQ+ issues. Specifically we opened the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, advocated for more training for staff, and create three gender neutral bathrooms.

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

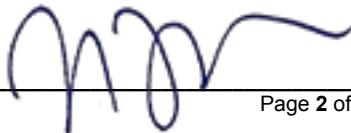
11. Do you support marriage equality laws permitting same-sex couples to marry under state law?
Yes

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

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

My top goals include being a champion for students by working to improve educational outcomes for both new and returning students who attend community college, advocating for the expansion of Career Technical Education (CTE), and driving policies that protect and include those who have historically been underrepresented. I plan on doing this while being accessible and transparent with the community.

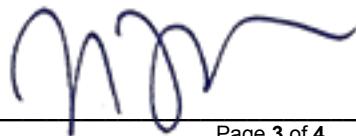
19. If you receive endorsement from Stonewall, will you list and disclose Stonewall as an endorsing organization?

Yes

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

I have always been a strong vocal supporter of the LGBT+ community and will be able to make sure LGBT+ issues and impacts are highlighted and addressed.

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PART III: SCHOOL BOARD SUPPLEMENTAL

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

I am running for school board to support my community. We deserve elected officials who will protect those in our community with the least and help forge a path for everyone. My ties to education are through being a student and a parent. I am a first-generation college student and have personally moved out of poverty because I was able to be a life-long learner and go back to school. I hope to help others do the same.

22. Does your district have an LGBT+ Task Force to address the needs and challenges facing LGBT+Q students, parents and employees in your district? If not, what do you plan to do to protect LGBT+ students, parents and employees? The colleges offer a Safe Space Club and helps train allies to support LGBTQ students, faculty, staff, and visitors. There is also a Student Equity Plan to track success indicators of disproportionately impacted populations including LGBTQ students and strategies for closing the gap.

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

There are policies that prevent harassment and covers sexual orientation and gender.

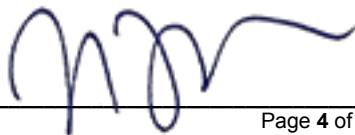
24. What have you done to help make schools safer for LGBT+ students and staff, both classified and non-classified?

My advocacy started when I was a high school student and same sex couples were not allowed the “couple discount” for prom tickets. I led a boycott of prom and supported Visalia’s inaugural all-ages LGBT Prom. I continue to be vocal and support student and staff LGBT efforts in the community. I attend local events including Trans Day of Visibility, Pride, support fundraisers, and have encouraged both of my kids to be active in their GSA club at school.

25. 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?

Yes! When my 4th grade student's teacher didn't approve Harvey Milk for her California Historical Figure presentation project, I shared with the teacher the Fair Education Act information and assured her that my daughter's subject fit the project AND was protected by law.

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