

Candidate Questionnaire for San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Primary Election, June 7, 2016

Please return this questionnaire electronically to contact_us@phdemclub.org **no later than Monday**, **April 4**th. Candidates who do not return the questionnaire by the due date will not be invited to appear at our April 12th endorsement meeting. Questionnaires will be made available to our members online.

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Web site: there is no website for DCCC, but her website for Supervisor is

www.londonforsupervisor.com

Please write a brief response (≤200 words) to each question.

1. Why are you running for the DCCC and what do you hope to accomplish if elected or re-elected?

I am running for the DCCC because I am a lifelong Democrat and I want a seat at the table of the Democratic Party and the decisions the party makes around policies and candidates. I also want to make sure that we are registering new voters for the party. The party wields enormous opportunity to influence the policy priorities of the voters, as well as our elected officials like myself. With a seat at the DCCC, as well as on the Board of Supervisors, I believe we can make incredible change in many areas but my top three priorities are creating affordable and healthy neighborhoods, improving public transportation and supporting public safety.

As a life-long Democrat and resident of San Francisco, I would be honored to earn the endorsement of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I am a native San Franciscan and grew up in the Western Addition neighborhood of District 5. I graduated with honors from Galileo High School, and attended the University of California, Davis, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science-Public Service. I also earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

For 10 years, I served as Executive Director of the African American Art & Culture Complex in the Western Addition, transforming the struggling center into an economically stable community resource, providing after school arts and cultural programs for youth and seniors.

I previously served as a San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commissioner and as a member of the San Francisco Fire Commission. I currently serve as the President of the Board of Supervisors and represent the residents of District 5.

3. Would you support closing the campaign finance loophole that allows candidates running for their party's Central Committee to raise unlimited funds, while other candidates for local elected office are limited to \$500 per donor? Why or why not?

Yes.

4. Please name the 3 endorsements of which you are most proud.

I very recently entered the race for DCCC and am just beginning to solicit endorsements. Most recently, I received endorsements from the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and San Francisco Firefighters Local 798.

I am currently interviewing with a number of clubs. To give you an idea of my general base of support, I have listed some of my endorsements for re-election to Supervisor. I hope to count each of them as an endorsement for the DCCC as well. http://www.londonforsupervisor.com/endorsements

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•	Proposition G (2014),	Additional	Transfer	Tax on	Residential	Property Sol	d Within	5 Years	of
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• Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals

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I opposed Prop F because the measure would have capped all short-term residential rentals to 75 days per year, required rental platforms (i.e. the companies, like Airbnb or Craigslist) to remove any listing that has rented for more than 75 days, and allowed neighbors to sue each other for rental violations.

Short-term rentals are a largely new industry, and creating a sound regulatory framework for them is an incredibly complex task. The problem with Prop F was that it was seemingly targeted at one company—Airbnb—at one point in time. And since it's a ballot measure, it could not be amended.

The market will change; there will be new companies. But even many of the current companies don't operate in a way that Prop F could effectively regulate. HomeAway, VRBO, and Craigslist do not broker rentals like Airbnb does. They have no way of knowing if someone has rented for 75 or 80 or 300 days. So the measure wouldn't have worked.

San Francisco already has a short-term rental law in place that has only just recently gone into effect. We need to give it time to work. We need to be able to respond to changes.

Maybe I'm biased as the President of the City's legislative body, but I think short-term rentals are exactly the kind of issue that requires a careful, deliberative public process, resulting in legislation that can adapt and improve.

6. The population of SF is up, but Democratic Party registration and turnout have mostly been down in recent years. What specifically will you do to improve the Party's registration efforts and organization in District 10?

We had a robust voter registration program during my first Supervisorial campaign and will again this year. Voter registration is one the most important tools we have as voters, and with the availability of online registration, we have a bigger opportunity than ever to get out and register more Democrats.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to public service. Pending timely receipt of your questionnaire, we look forward to seeing you at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on April 12th.

Executive Committee, Potrero Hill Democratic Club