



**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 Sunday, April 4th**. 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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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?

As a proud Democrat, I am a steadfast advocate for social change. Our party's core values resonate deeply with me, and I want to continue playing a leadership role in embedding those values throughout our city, our state, and our nation. I hope to sponsor and support policies that address affordable housing, transportation, and social justice.

As a member of the SF DCCC, I sponsored or supported initiatives over the past four years in favor of the development and availability of affordable housing, such as 2015's Prop A. Moreover, I support Senator Mark Leno's SB364 - legislation to close a loophole in the Ellis Act.

In terms of transportation, we need proper funding for our transit infrastructure so it can support our growing population, and proper oversight to ensure our tax dollars and transit fares are being spent wisely. Moreover, I support SPUR's transportation agenda. This includes making our streets safe and inviting for pedestrians, completing our bicycle networks, increasing our capacity and speed on key bus and light-rail lines, and integrating the region's many transit operators to make a seamless experience for riders.

Ultimately, I am devoted to continually addressing social, political, and economic inequalities in San Francisco.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

One of our democratic values is equality, and speaking out against injustice. I have spoken out against inequality by working to break down barriers impacting under-served communities, such as the LGBTQ community. I challenged the military's policies prohibiting gays from serving, and publicly came out as a lesbian naval officer and took a leadership role in working to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell. In 2010, I was recognized for this and given the honor of standing next to President Obama when he signed the repeal of DADT. In 2011, I was awarded Woman of the Year in Senate District 8 for my commitment to the LGBT, women's, and veterans' communities.

I served for 22 years in the Navy and Navy Reserves and was also a leader of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which set the groundwork for opening up military service for LGBT service members. As Co-Chair of Alice, I worked closely with elected officials to help communicate the wishes and desires of the LGBT community. For instance, I worked to demand our newly elected Sheriff to implement a process for identifying those transgender inmates who will feel safest housed based on their gender identity and, when appropriate, housing them accordingly.

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, I would support closing the loophole.

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

Senator Mark Leno, Assemblymember David Chiu, Board President London Breed

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5. Please indicate, and explain, your position on the following past ballot propositions.

· Proposition G (2014), Additional Transfer Tax on Residential Property Sold Within 5 Years of Purchase

◦ Supported _____ Opposed X Why?

I thought Proposition G was excessive -- I would have supported similar legislation with a shorter timeframe (such as 3-4 years) and a different transfer tax calculation.

· Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals

◦ Supported _____ Opposed X Why?

I agree the industry needs to be regulated, but I did not like that anyone had the ability to sue. I felt it would drive middle-class homeowners, single women, and older residents out of the city, who could only afford to live in SF by renting out a room.

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?

I have registered over 60 new Democrats in the past six months and am a regular at the Paramount Theater registering new citizens following their swearing in ceremony. I would be happy to register voters at D10 venues, such as Farmer's Markets, Sunday Streets, and other community events. I would also recruit D10 residents to volunteer for voter registration drives, as it is more productive to talk a neighbor into registering than having a stranger ask.

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