



**Candidate Questionnaire for  
San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee  
Primary Election, June 7, 2016**

Please return this questionnaire electronically to [contact\\_us@phdemclub.org](mailto:contact_us@phdemclub.org) **no later than Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 ( $\leq 200$  words) to each question.

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

**Rebuild Communities of Color**

- *Evaluate employment policies and compose legislation that eliminates practices that are exclusionary to persons of color.*
- *We need to eradicate the pipeline to prison that traps so many black and brown citizens.*
- *We need to improve educational resources and programs in low income communities to close the achievement gap.*

**Income inequality**

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## Social Services Reform

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2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

SF & Bay Area Community Leadership:

San Francisco Human Rights Commission | LGBT Advisory Committee Member |  
Appointed by the Human Rights Commission Focus: Homelessness & Housing

American Legion & “OneVetOneVoice” Veterans Services Organizations | 2015 Event  
Organizer & Fundraiser

Aids Life/Cycle | 2009-2013 Veteran Rider, raising \$10,000+ Team “Thank You” raising  
\$20,000+

Producer of Community Events For Fundraising, 15 Events

Black Lives Matter - San Francisco Group Member

Generations Black LGBTGII History Event | 2013-2016

Organizing committee member of annual history event in San Francisco in February.

CDC HIV Campaign | 2009 | 2010 “Testing Makes Us Stronger” | Learn More |  
Commercial

HIV Testing and Awareness Campaign focused on communities of color

San Francisco Bay Times | 2014 Contributing Writer Story 1 | Story 2

San Francisco Historical Documentarian | 2009 – Present - Photographer at SHH ITS ME

San Francisco Pride | 2013 Community Advisory Board Member

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 support the closure of this loophole that leads to political corruption.

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

President Board of Supervisors London Breed  
Trustee City College Alex Randolph  
Board of Equalization Fiona Ma

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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  Why?
- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
  - Supported  Opposed  Why?

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 am a San Francisco Native. I was born in San Francisco General Hospital and grew up in District 10 with in John McLaren Park as my playground. I attended Luther Burbank Middle. I and have family that still lives there. My roots in the community run deep and my experience has enabled me to form solid connections. The Democratic Party needs grass roots activists that who come from the people they represent and who can actively engage the community on every level. I have a demonstrated track records in terms of community and civic engagement through various forms of leadership. As a San Francisco Native who has lived in every district I have a connection community. I can use my life experience to motivate existing San Francisco Democrats to register and to get out to vote.

Beyond registering new and engaging existing voters. I will continue my work to address my top three priority issues:

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### *Income inequality*

*In the past 2 years, I have been told by multiple SF businesses that I am not a "cultural fit" or otherwise excluded from job opportunities that I am uniquely or over qualified to undertake. This is despite a stack of recommendations, decades of experiences, multiple degrees and career certifications. Current approach to resolving this issue: I serve on many advisory committees that give me access to use my experience to help our leaders devise new policies and legislation to reverse these issues that prevent many people from becoming successful.*

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- I will continue this work on projects through community based initiatives and legislative to provide greater access the resources that make more sense.*
- I will continue to work with leaders and organizations to through community based initiatives and a legislative agenda that provides more publicly accessible services such as restrooms, showers, laundry, health and human services.*

*Someone with these experiences at the leadership table of the DCCC can help bring about resolutions or work with our elected leaders to positively change these situations.*

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 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Executive Committee, Potrero Hill Democratic Club*