

## **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<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.

Candidate name: Scott Wiener Contact person: Todd David Email address: info@scottwiener.com Phone number: (415) 942-9373 Web site: www.scottwiener.com

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?

I am running for reelection to the DCCC because of my lifelong commitment to the Democratic Party and my ongoing desire to help build it, make it successful, and ensure that the party is a strong voice for our shared progressive values.

I registered as a Democrat the day I turned 18 in 1988, and I have been working to build the party ever since. I founded a Democratic club in college, campaigned for many Democrats, and co-chaired the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club.

I have served on the DCCC since 2004 and have been a committed member. I served as chair of the DCCC from 2006-08, during a time when we registered 15,000 voters. I have continued to be an engaged member, including helping raise funds for the party.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I am a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, serving on the Board's Land Use and Economic Development Committee. Concurrently, I serve Chairman of the San Francisco County

Transportation Authority and represent San Francisco on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, and the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. Before being elected to the Board of Supervisors, I co-chaired the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, co-chaired BALIF (the Bay Area's LGBT bar association), co-chaired the LGBT Community Center, and served on the national board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign

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?

I am open to the idea.

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

State senate endorsements: Democratic Party Senator Mark Leno California League of Conservation Voters

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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
  - I opposed this measure because I believed the unintended consequences could have made housing more expensive in San Francisco.
- □ Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
  - I opposed Prop F. Many San Franciscans use a spare bedroom for a short-term rental as a way to afford to live in San Francisco.

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?

The current DCCC has registered around 30,000 voters in the past four years. The party's voter registration operation is strong, and the premise of this question is false. We need to continue to fund and promote a robust voter registration program.

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