

**Questionnaire for candidates for the office of
San Francisco Democratic County Central
Committee Member, AD 13**

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General Questions. *Please write a brief response (under 150 words) to each question.*

1. Why are you running? Why should we vote for you?

My passion is serving the city that I love. I am lucky to wake-up every day and to work directly with residents as the community liaison for State Senator Leland Yee. This role gives me the opportunity to work directly with constituents and making government *work for them*. Additionally, on the DCCC in the 13th district, only 3 of the 12 seats are held by women, none of which are women of color. As a young Filipina, I'm dismayed that the DCCC is not only a misrepresentation of the female population of this great city, but also an underrepresentation of the city's Asian-American population. I hope to bring a new voice to the DCCC to help bring balance to this important body. I respectfully request that you vote for me because I will bring fresh ideas to the table, as well as a unique perspective to the committee.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

As I mentioned in the previous question, I am a person of color. And more than that, I'm a woman of color. I believe these are characteristics that the committee currently lacks to be true representatives of the democratic people of San Francisco. As a young democrat, I am able to empower our youth and young adults for voter registration and voter turnout and introduce the next generation of the Democratic Party .

3. Potrero Hill Democratic Club endorses fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates. Please give examples of why you fit these criteria.

I've always been a supporter of same sex marriage and worked to oppose Proposition 8. I've also been an advocate for women's rights and youth empowerment through my involvement in the community, especially amongst Filipinos. Finally, I believe in taking a balanced approach to save the city and state's budget--budgets solutions shouldn't be made by cuts

alone. I am actively working towards removing the 2/3 vote necessary for passing a budget in Sacramento, allowing California to deliver an on-time budget that reflects democratic priorities.

Issues.

1. Do you support or oppose the following Propositions on the June ballot?

Proposition 14 support oppose

Proposition 15 support oppose

Proposition 16 support oppose

Proposition 17 support oppose

2. Did you support Proposition 8? support oppose