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

Statewide Direct Primary Election, June 8, 2010

Candidate/Campaign Information:

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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?

I am running for office because as a gay, African-American, there seems to be a void in diversity and representation from this community. This should not be in a city and county that prides itself on diversity. Having people of different backgrounds and life experiences is essential in governing bodies. As our country has played out in the not too distant past, when sub-groups of our population are missing from the table they are also missing from rights and privileges that all citizens should be afforded. I'm also running because serving the community is a way of giving back what has been given to me. I have volunteered on several local and national campaigns including Bill Clinton, Willie Brown, Dennis Herrera, Bevan Dufty, and Barack Obama to name a few. During President Obama's campaign I traveled to Nevada and knocked on at least 175 doors over the weekend. I have served as precinct captain, and have also worked numerous phone banks. I am a life-long Democrat and I believe in working hard to achieve the goals that our party has set forth.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

Fresh new blood is always important. As a first time candidate I bring new perspectives and fresh ideas about what's important in our city. Also, as mentioned above, I would be the only, gay, African-American on the DCCC

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

Growing up gay, black, and economically disadvantaged (raised by a single parent most of my childhood) I learned the importance of doing things on a small amount of money from early on in life. It's just the way I live. As far as being progressive, I moved away from Columbus, Ohio 15+ years ago to get away from political conservatism. I've always aligned myself with progressive values. That's why I worked hard on health care reform, I encourage my lawmakers to pass ENDA and repeal DOMA, and I support progressive candidates like Senator Mark Leno, Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, Senator Barbara Boxer, and President Barack Obama to name a few. Also a gay, Black man who has conquered an addiction (8 years ago) that almost left me homeless and without a job, I will always support progressive values because without progressive programs, (i.e., Family Medical Leave Act, and the SFAF The Stonewall Project) I would not be here today.

Issues.

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

Proposition 14	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input type="checkbox"/> _support	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _oppose
Proposition 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ <input type="checkbox"/> _support	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input type="checkbox"/> _oppose
Proposition 16	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input type="checkbox"/> _support	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _oppose
Proposition 17	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input type="checkbox"/> _support	<input type="checkbox"/> _ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _oppose

2. Did you support Proposition 8? _support _X__oppose

