# 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 chose to run for the DCCC because of the desire to become more engaged in our party. Like many Democrats in San Francisco who love living here because of its open culture, celebration of diversity and progressive social policies, I decided to be bold, and get more involved locally, to work with Democrats and others, to continue to build a City and County that celebrates diversity of all kinds, sexual, racial, ethnic, economic, and age. You should vote for me because you represent a Democratic party that moves forward with new leaders, leaders with external experiences of working together in teams, collaborating with others of diverse backgrounds and bringing forward new ideas and new solutions to build on the foundations of previous Democratic Leaders.

#### 2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I have spent my adult life living in different places, being engaged locally and showing a willingness to roll up my sleeves and get engaged. I am one of the only few candidates who comes from a traditional business background having spent time in economic consulting, hi-tech general management and now renewable energy. With my diverse experiences, I believe I bring a fresh perspective and a willingness to want to "get things done" rather than the cantankerous sharp language of the status quo which has been part of the local party recently. This does not mean forgetting the past and change for change sake, but I believe in incremental changes that address the realities of the current environment and economic needs of our City. I believe I am also representing those civically minded Democratic voters who have not become involved

politically because they found it intimidating or a challenge. My hope and goal of this candidacy is not only to win but be a catalyst for others to become more engaged who typically have not.

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

In the past I have supported issues that I found to be fair and prudent without creating too much of a fiscal strain on the City or on items that would become mandated obligations that provided little or no flexibility to the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor. Our civic leaders need choices when tax revenue sources change or unforeseen costs are encountered. In previous elections I voted for Measure A and C in the November 2009 election. Given the City's current fiscal crisis, voting for mandated social progressive measures, we may have wanted to reconsider them. I also believe that vibrant City is comprised of a mixed economic community and we need to support housing policies that support this diversity which includes the middle class and families. As a new home owner of a unoccupied TIC that I bought with a friend, I am thankful for this opportunity, but I was also thankful for the diversity and opportunities my former apartment building which comprised of tenants of 2 months and also 20 years due to rent control brought to my community. We need to find a balance and that is what I believe I bring to the table.

### Issues.

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

| Proposition 14 | support          | X_oppose        |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Proposition 15 | <u>X</u> support | oppose          |
| Proposition 16 | support          | _Xoppose        |
| Proposition 17 | support          | <u>X</u> oppose |
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2. Did you support Proposition 8? \_\_\_\_\_support \_\_X\_\_oppose