

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

Statewide Direct Primary Election, June 8, 2010



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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 seek election to participate in the choice of Democratic endorsements and party platforms, hold elected officials accountable for their decisions, and encourage citizens to vote and participate in fundraising.

Voters are frustrated with broken promises. We must hold elected officials publicly accountable for actions inconsistent with campaign promises. The DCCC would benefit from my election because I am an informed resident, not a career politician, and not affiliated with special interest groups. I represent the average voter.

Elected Democrats too often disguise their unwillingness to stand by a position as working with the opposition. President Obama's struggle with health care and the loss of Kennedy's seat in Massachusetts proves that is a failing strategy. We need elected officials with a strong backbone to negotiate rather than a tendency to hide behind weak compromise. I have demonstrated the courage to do this through my political writing and volunteer work.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I regularly attend DCCC meetings and report on them in Fog City Journal. My columns also cover transportation budget shortfalls, the Sanctuary City Policy, and other local issues.

I won San Francisco's Best Political Mind contest in 2008, demonstrating the ability to analyze political climates. Two months before the election, I predicted the winners of each Board of Supervisor race and then estimated the percentage of first round votes for each candidate with a less than five percent error rate.

I have fifteen years of research and investigation experience as a litigation paralegal, and now operate my own contract paralegal business. I am familiar with local elected officials, community organizers, and advocacy groups, and understand the nuances of political relationships in San Francisco. My volunteer experience includes: SF SPCA, cat declawing ban, Supervisor Mirkarimi's re-election campaign, Project Homeless Connect, Prop H Clean Energy, and Prop F affordable Lennar housing.

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

My political views, work, and writing demonstrate I am socially progressive. For example, I currently publicly support the Sanctuary City ordinance by Supervisor Campos, oppose Mayor Newsom's proposed sit/lie law, and support the Community Choice Aggregation energy policy.

However, my professional training at corporate jobs has taught me fiscal responsibility, requiring accountability for costs and billing to clients. When I worked at the law firm of Heller Ehrman, I was frequently called on to travel off-site for clients because I was cautious with client money and billed appropriately.

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