

**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?

I have been a lifelong democrat and began advancing democratic policies since the age of 16 when I moved to Washington DC to intern for then Congressman Tony Coelho. While in college, I was involved with the Young Democrats and worked on Al Gore's Presidential Campaign in 1988 and Dianne Feinstein's campaign for Governor in 1990. Upon graduating from college, I spent a year in Japan teaching English and then came home to attend law school at the University of Pacific McGeorge School of law. I began my legal career as a prosecutor in Contra Costa County. I eventually went back to law school as a graduate legal scholar in 2003 to obtain my advanced law degree (LL.M) in Government and Public Policy. Since then, I have focused on public policy while working for Democratic politicians including Assemblyman Herb Wesson, Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez in San Jose and in my current position for Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier. I believe my experience thus far qualifies me for a seat on the Democratic County Central Committee.

I am running because I'm committed to strengthening the Democratic Party in San Francisco and focusing on our common ground to advance democratic values at the local, state and national level. Karl Rove said on Meet the Press on Sunday, March 14, 2010 that they [Republicans] are "going to exact their revenge this fall and it's not going to be pretty for Democrats." If this isn't a call

to action, I don't know what is. I am committed to registering Democrats to vote and turning them out this November and every election after that.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

As a mother of two children, ages 5 and 8 months, I believe the Democratic Party is the only party that will advocate for polices to secure a bright future for the next generation. I think what is missing on the Democratic County Central Committee is a voice for families and what sets me apart from most of my opponents. In the 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, there are only three women on the DCCC and none of them have young children. I think we need that voice to make sure we endorse polices and people that aim to keep families in San Francisco. San Francisco has one of the lowest ratios of children to adults in the country. It shouldn't be such a struggle to raise a family in this beautiful city. We need to invest in the next generation. As a member of the DCCC, I vow to do just that.

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

I have always considered myself socially progressive. I believe in everyone's right to marry whomever they desire and believe same-sex marriage should be legal in every state of our nation. I believe everyone should have equal access to health care and applaud the health care bill that was finally passed but still believe we can do more. I believe we must worker harder to achieve wage parity for women and believe that women can make appropriate choices about what to do with their bodies and thus have always been pro-choice. I also believe in embryonic stem-cell research and other socially progressive issues such as campaign finance reform.

I am committed to fiscal responsibility and strongly believe that San Francisco needs to do better in this area. It was pointed out in a recent article that, "San Francisco has poorly managed, budget-busting capital projects, overlapping social programs no one is certain is working, and a transportation system where the only thing running ahead of schedule is the size of its deficit." (*The Worst-Run Big City in the US.*, Benjamin Wachs, Joe Eskenazi, December 16, 2009). One of the problems is that no one seems to be held accountable when the City comes up short. I am committed to focusing on policies and procedures that account for our tax dollars. With a \$6.6 billion dollar budget, we can certainly find a way to fund our important social programs while at the same time accounting for how the money is spent.

**Issues.**

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

Proposition 14 \_\_\_support X oppose

Proposition 15  support  oppose

Proposition 16  support  oppose

Proposition 17  support  oppose

2. Did you support Proposition 8?  support  oppose