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 am running because I have wanted to serve on the DCCC for a long time. I'm running as a progressive candidate and I want be bring more local, state, and federal environmental public policy issues to the Democratic Party. This said, I feel there are many social justice issues the Democratic Party cares about which intersect with environmental issues and so scale generally in terms of social ecology.*

2. What sets you apart from your opponents? *I developed an environmental caucus* for the Harvey Milk LBGT Democratic Club and was nominated to a delegation with Global Exchange for the COP15 United Nations Climate Talks. I am a progressive who likes to make an effort get along with those I don't necessarily agree with all the time.

3. Potrero Hill Democratic Club endorses fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates. Please give examples of why you fit these criteria. *I didn't feel it was fiscally responsible to propose the San Francisco police department and the district attorney's office get a budget increase during a fiscal crisis and economic downturn.* So I interned for Supervisor John Avalos while he chaired the budget committee last year. Social problems are usually exacerbated during a recession. When these programs are not funded it becomes a burden for law enforcement. Peace officers are not social workers. I am good friend of the Arlo Smith family

and support Kamela Harris's bid for the State AG's office. But I much preferred John Avalos's budget recommendation over Mayor Gavin Newsom's.

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	X_oppose
Proposition 17	support	X_oppose

2. Did you support Proposition 8? _____support __X_oppose