

**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?

At this time in San Francisco's political history, the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee needs members who can move beyond the current politics of personality, work together to build our party, and craft real consensus on issues of importance to Democrats. As an elected official, I am eager to work alongside grassroots Democratic leaders to strengthen the local party in the bluest city in the bluest state, a party that has shaped the values that San Francisco has and will stand for. As the only elected Chinese DCCC member from the 13th Assembly District, I am also committed to bringing diverse voters to the Democratic fold and to building bridges between diverse communities.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

In addition to my current positions as President of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors and District 3 Supervisor, to which I was elected as a Democrat, I have been a long-time Democratic leader and led on many Democratic efforts. In the mid-1990s, I served as Democratic Counsel to the US Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution in Washington, DC. In San Francisco, I have served as the twice-elected chair of the 13th Assembly District Democratic Committee, vice president of the District 3 Democratic Club, and an elected member of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee.

I also believe an important qualification for this office is someone who can build bridges between our numerous San Francisco communities to strengthen our Democratic Party. I am

someone who has deep ties to numerous communities – from civil rights to law enforcement, with progressive activists and the business world, between diverse communities of color – and would continue to bring my bridge-building ties and abilities to the DCCC.

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

I believe my record on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors fits the fiscally responsible and socially progressive criteria of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club. Last year, I led the victorious November 2009 campaign for Proposition A, to reform our city’s budget process that has seen a decade of structural budget deficits. Prop A now requires a two-year balanced budget requirement and five-year financial forecasts. With a Board of Supervisors vote this week, I also successfully sponsored an ordinance to double our general fund reserves and to create a new budget stabilization fund to save more revenues during good economic times to be used during future recessions.

As a former civil rights attorney who worked on numerous socially progressive issues before I was elected, my voting record on the Board of Supervisors reflects my constant support of numerous socially progressive causes, including advocacy for immigrant communities, civil rights, marriage equality, working people, tenants facing evictions, and funding for the most vulnerable in our community, such as seniors, children, our disabled and our homeless. I also have regularly stood up against numerous socially conservative political causes, domestic violence, discrimination of all forms, and unnecessary wars.

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