

**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 for DCCC to help our local Democratic Party do three things: 1) support the grassroots of our Party by encouraging the chartering of new Democratic Clubs and revitalization of existing ones, registering voters, and reaching out to voters through one-on-one outreach as we have done over the last two years with our canvass to repeal Proposition 8; 2) champion the values of San Francisco Democrats (pro-peace, pro-reform, pro-healthcare, etc.) within the Democratic Party by sponsoring resolutions on issues SF Democrats care about, representing the Party at marches, rallies and other actions, and supporting reformers and reform causes at the State Party level; and 3) cultivate and help elect excellent candidates for local office. These are the activities that I would like to see the local Democratic Party pursuing, and they the activities that I have taken on since being elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2008.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

During my two terms on the Democratic County Central Committee I have demonstrated my commitment to building a strong local Democratic Party. Between 2006 and 2008, I led the Party's efforts to register 15,000 voters, and since the November 2008 passage of Proposition 8, I have assisted and advised on the Party's marriage equality canvass, an extraordinary effort conceived and led by Michael

Bornstein, which has brought our local Party into contact with tens of thousands of voters and helped to build a database of voters and volunteers committed to repealing Proposition 8. I have stood with the grassroots in advancing resolutions opposing the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as other resolutions in support of various worker struggles, universal health care, and civil rights. Finally, I am proud to have supported independent, reform-minded candidates for local office.

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

I believe our public sector is underfunded at every level of government, from municipalities up to the federal government. Given the options of a high-tax, high-services government that actually provides a strong safety net or a low-tax, low-services government in which the vulnerable are left on their own, I would unquestionably choose the former. The trouble of course is that we live in California in the wake of Proposition 13 and other ballot measures that have furthered its intention to shrink the size of municipal and state government. As a member of the DCCC I have tried to support candidates who understand the profound difficulty of governing effectively in an age of diminished public resources and who understand the critical importance of using tax dollars wisely, of allocating revenue and cuts responsibly while at the same time, to the extent possible, protecting the most vulnerable.

## **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    X oppose

Proposition 17    support    oppose

2. Did you support Proposition 8?    support    X oppose