



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'm running for the DCCC (AD13) so a public education conversation can be incorporated in and elevated to San Francisco's discussion of at-large issues. Public schools' well-being, funding framework, and processes are in most part an afterthought at the Democratic party's table. SF public schools support 56,000+ children, their families, and staff of more than 4,500 employees, which equals a large portion of the SF constituents. Their issues are economic independence, affordable housing (home owners or renters), youth development, and accessible quality healthcare – the education perspective is needed and I'm going to bring it along with my School Board Colleague, Sandra Fewer, who is running in AD12.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

The above referenced reasons: to bring a comprehensive public education discussion to our Democratic Party's Table and thus elevate everyone's understanding about schools versus the mis-informing rhetoric. I'm not using the DCCC as a stepping-stone for another level of political office (all due respect to those who happen to have done that) but as a platform to help folks who care about education to better comprehend and become better engaged in the larger San Francisco. On a daily basis, I spend time with families and teachers breaking down complex central office issues to that they can clearly make decisions for their children's schools in the most informed manner.

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

While on the Board of Education, I, of all the Board members have learned the most about fiscal issues that affect the larger board body as well as who is responsible for our various forms of funding streams that flow into and out of the school district. Even in light of miscommunications with our accounting department, I have further recognized that it is just imperative that all members of the organization (staff and elected) be trained fully in all processes that incorporate our work for the good of the district and our children/staff. We are determined to continue to follow the goals of our strategic plan and implement new innovative approaches to education amid the nation's and state's financial crisis.

I have exhibited immense social progressiveness via my participation in our District's New Strategic Plan that has 3 main goals:

1) Access & Equity - We will ensure that every student has access to quality teaching and learning regardless of background, neighborhood and income level.

2) Achievement - We will ensure that every student graduates from high school ready for college and/or career with the tools necessary to succeed.

3) Accountability - We will keep our promises to students and families.

I've lead and supported policies the create Small Schools By Design, that bring Ethnic Studies to SFUSD where our students will receive college credit for their high school courses, authored our Restorative Justice Resolution and lead the task force in the implementation phases, supported Supervisor Campos' strengthening of our Sanctuary City policies and thus supporting the education of undocumented immigrant youth and their families. Additionally, I continue to support families and students by facilitating internships within the Board of Education offices and through letters of recommendation for our students to get as much real world experience in area that they may consider for careers. I continue to be accessible to all that care to dialogue about which way the schools are moving in San Francisco and how we lead the state in our policies and practices.

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