## Questionnaire for candidates for the office of San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee Member, AD 13

Statewide Direct Primary Election, June 8, 2010



## **Candidate/Campaign Information:**

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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?

As a longtime Party activist, I am seeking to rejoin the DCCC to stimulate a stronger voter registration program aimed at young voters and new citizens.

Years ago, the DCCC conducted a successful, "bounty" program, subsidized by elected officials, which paid underemployed people a "stipend" for new democratic voter registrants.

The loss of former Senator Kennedy's seat in Massachusetts served as a "wake up call to me. In this era of political cynicism and disaffection, I believe steady "hands-on" efforts and novel approaches are needed to fortify the Party and create viable paths to successful Party building.

## 2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

I submit I have the experience, knowhow and proven loyalty to make a positive contribution to the DCCC profile in the City. My experience in fundraising will assist the Committee in developing a grassroots network of SF donors, who, through small contributions, can have direct access and a voice in Party affairs.

In My view, the composition of the DCCC ought to be a blend of activists of all ages, political and ethnic backgrounds in order to best represent our broad and diverse Democrat family ... Those of us who have served in elected leadership are no less worthy for membership than eager newcomers. The DCCC ought to reflect a balance in order to integrate all interests and points-of-view in order to operate at full strength with maximum "buy in" from our constituents.

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

As an elected official – County Supervisor, State Assemblywoman, and State Senator, I headed the fiscal committees of all three bodies.

Progressive social policy must be tied to fiscal soundness in order to launch successful social change and to earn the support and respect of the people.

In 2005, SB 663 was signed into law. It eliminated off shore tax shelters for corporate crooks, generating 50 million dollars per year in savings to the California tax payer.

I authored almost every domestic partnership benefit bill that was signed into law beginning in 2000. Slowly, same sex couples gained the right to stepparent adoptions, health benefits, sick leave, tax equalization, certain retire benefits and a myriad of rights equalizing those of married couples in the State of California.

These measures were ground breaking as they promoted true social equality but at the same time, fiscally prudent; didn't cost much to implement and thus, finally enjoyed broad based business and social support.

## Issues.

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

Proposition 14 oppose

Proposition 15 **support** 

Proposition 16 oppose

Proposition 17 oppose

2. Did you support Proposition 8? **oppose**