

Questionnaire for candidates for the office of
San Francisco Democratic County Central
Committee Member, AD 13
Statewide Direct Primary Election, June 8, 2010

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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 several reasons: (1) to restore the standing of the Democratic Party in the eyes of progressive voters; (2) to help bring greater unity and coordination among progressive Democrats in San Francisco; and (3) to increase the number of women running for local office.

29% of San Francisco voters identify as decline-to-state – this is the highest percentage of any county in California. It's a safe bet that a large percentage of these voters share our progressive values. If elected, I intend to work hard to bring these voters into the Democratic Party fold and make the party younger, more vibrant, and relevant.

I find the DCCC's debates fascinating and informative when the members disagree; however, I would like to see less rancor and fewer personal attacks among progressive Democrats in government. I will support professionalism and collaboration among members.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

As a former city Commissioner, a Deputy City Attorney, and a former candidate for Supervisor, I have a broad range of experience to bring to this position. I have been a member of many political advocacy groups and chartered Democratic clubs in San Francisco, and so I have a deep understanding of the many campaigns and issues that will come before the DCCC in the coming years. Having served as President of the San Francisco Elections Commission during its turbulent early years, I learned a very valuable skill: how to bring a political argument to conclusion in a way that makes both sides feel heard. As the former President of NWPC, and a graduate of the Emerge Program (which recruits and trains Democratic women to run for office), I am uniquely qualified to work with the DCCC to recruit more women to run for political office in San Francisco.

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

I strongly believe that government should live within its means. Making government efficient is a high priority for me. Unfortunately, in these times of a collapsing economy and falling revenues, cutting spending simply won't be enough.

NOW is the time to fix the structural budget deficits at both the state and local levels. Set-asides that were approved by voters in boom years are choking us now! I strongly support the call for a Constitutional Convention to take a hard look at what is holding us back. I also support the California Democracy Act, in order to return California's budget process to a majority vote standard.

I oppose the creation of any new tax breaks. Governments need MORE revenue now, not less. I support bifurcating the Prop 13 property tax rolls to exempt commercial property from the protections of Prop 13. This will significantly increase our tax revenues at both the state and local levels.

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