



Questionnaire for candidates for the office of
Trustee, San Francisco Community College Board
General Election, November 6, 2012

*Please return this questionnaire electronically to contact_us@phdemclub.org no later than **Tuesday, September 4**, to confirm your speaking slot at the September 11 endorsement meeting.*

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Please write a brief response (≤ 150 words) to each question, unless otherwise specified. We will make these questionnaires available to the public before the endorsement meeting.

1. Why are you running for office?

I am a naturalized citizen from Ecuador. San Francisco has accepted me with wide-open arms, given me a family and a successful business, and I want to give back to my community in the best way I know how.

2. What are your qualifications for this position? If you are an incumbent, describe your major accomplishments while in office.

I have the energy and passion for the position, especially in these rough times, and I believe my experience in engaging the private sector will be critical to bringing the necessary resources back to CCSF.

I had the honor to served San Francisco as president of the Building Inspection Commission by appointment from Mayor Willie Brown and again by Mayor Gavin Newsom. I was also appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom and again by Mayor Ed Lee to the Workforce Development Commission.

3. The Accrediting Commission has detailed the following concerns for San Francisco City College: deficit spending; too much of budget going to salaries and benefits; too few administrators for size of school; failure to conduct financial audits. If elected, what solutions to these problems would you as Trustee pursue? (Please answer in ≤300 words)
As Trustee, we are facing some of the harshest decisions to come to City College. Everything will be on the table and I will be reviewing past contracts with high scrutiny to make sure that CCSF lives within its means. I want to do a reassessment of all the facilities to make sure they are being used in the most efficient way possible.

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4. Do you support or oppose the following Propositions on the November ballot? Please give your reason (≤50 words) for each position.

Proposition 30 support ___ oppose

Reason: **I want to support any proposition that will efficiently refuel funding back to our Educational Institutions**

Proposition 31 support ___ oppose

Reason: **A two-year cycle is more efficient, giving people a more long-term view of their budget; it provides the discipline required so as not to further aggravate our current deficit**

Proposition 32 ___ support oppose

Reason: **Unions should have the right to campaign for what they find important to their cause**

Thank you for your time, and your commitment to education. We look forward to seeing you on September 11th.