



**Candidate Questionnaire for the office of
San Francisco Supervisor, District 10
General Election, November 4, 2014**

Please return this questionnaire electronically to contact_us@phdemclub.org **no later than Monday, June 23** (ten days before the debate/endorsement meeting). The questionnaires will be available to our members online.

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Please write a brief response (≤ 200 words) to each question.

1. What are the top three issues facing San Francisco? What will you do about those issues?

I think Questions 1 and 2 should be answered together - the most pressing issues facing our City and District 10 are affordability, jobs/living wages, and public safety. These issues are disproportionately felt in our Southeastern neighborhoods. In my first term on the Board of Supervisors, I have focused on crafting and supporting legislation that delivers real solutions to address these problems.

Specifically, I fought for an increase in the minimum wage and passed landmark legislation protecting jobs for hotel, restaurant and concession workers. I spearheaded legislation to protect and expand our City's manufacturing industries that employ local residents in blue-collar jobs. We took significant steps in rebuilding affordable housing and bringing key projects that deliver low and middle-income units to the District. I supported increased payments for victims of the Ellis Act and supported State efforts to reform this law, which is being used by speculators to displace long-time residents in our communities. During the height of the economic downturn, I implemented a mandatory mediation program with the Superior Court to ensure that foreclosure victims had access to the legal services they needed to keep their homes.

Every member of our community should be able to live and enjoy our City without fear of violence. In addition to strengthening the regulation of weapons and ammunition, I successfully fought to ensure our Police Department is adequately staffed and helped to secure funding for additional Police Academy courses. I implemented a series of gun-buy-back programs, which resulted in removing more than 650 guns from our streets, and most recently we secured cameras to help reduce car break-ins.

I will continue to push forward efforts to rebuild public housing, build new infrastructure in our neighborhoods, expand job opportunities, improve public transportation and re-establish the Bayview Station Community Police Advisory Board to increase neighborhood collaboration on public safety issues.

2. What are the top three issues facing District 10? What will you do about those issues?

Please see answer to Question 1

3. If you are the incumbent, of which accomplishments during your time in office are you most proud?

- Championed the development of affordable housing for seniors and families
- Established a mandatory mediation program to ensure foreclosure victims have legal support
- Secured funding to stop domestic violence, increased healthy food options, and expanded language access services
- Broke ground on rebuilding public housing, opened new libraries and parks
- Spearheaded landmark legislation strengthening regulations on guns and lethal ammunition to curb violence
- Toughened enforcement standards on blight and substandard housing across the District
- Supported free Muni for youth and fought to secure more funds for Muni service
- Fought poorly planned development projects and sponsored legislation giving residents more say in neighborhood planning

I have earned broad support across the political spectrum and in all neighborhoods of District 10, including: Attorney General Kamala Harris, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Senator Mark Leno, Mayor Ed Lee, Public Defender Jeff Adachi, six of my colleagues on the Board, UESF Executive Board, Firefighters Local 798, the Police and Deputy Sheriff's Associations, School Board Member Matt Haney, CA Democratic Party Chairman & Potrero Hill Resident John Burton, Former Planning Commissioner & Potrero Hill Resident Ron Miguel, along with other Potrero Hill Residents Uzuri Pease-Greene, Monica Ferrey, Brenda and Eddie Kitrell.

4. How would you address San Francisco's current housing crisis?

We must take a multifaceted approach to address the current affordability crisis, which includes looking at both housing affordability and wage equity. We cannot simply build our way out of an affordability crisis, which is why I support efforts for the City to acquire and improve rent-controlled buildings to provide stability for long-term tenants. One of the most transformative investments we can make, which will generate hundreds of new units of affordable housing, is the rebuild of our public housing sites.

In my first term, we opened new units at Hunters View, and we will be breaking ground on rebuilding the Alice Griffith site this summer. We have secured Federal funds for planning the rebuild of Potrero Terrace/Annex sites. Additionally, we are moving forward the redevelopment of Schlage Lock in Visitacion Valley, which will bring more than 1,000 new units, many of them affordable, to a corner of our City that has historically lacked investment. I also believe we need to develop strategies to build more middle-income housing, which is why I initiated a proposal to invest \$50 million from our City's pension funds into a first-time homebuyer program.

5. What infrastructure investment is needed if the City is to accommodate future growth?

I also think Questions 5 and 6 should be answered together - most of the future growth planned for our City will occur in our Southeastern neighborhoods, the Mission and South of Market. It is essential that we implement and fund the infrastructure that is needed to support this new growth while continuing to serve our existing communities. When the City adopted the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan, we were aware that a significant funding gap

existed for the promised neighborhood infrastructure improvements. As development is moving forward at a fast pace, the infrastructure needed to support this growth has significantly lagged. Current and future residents need additional parks, transportation, streetscape, and pedestrian safety improvements to accommodate this growth. To help push for solutions, I called a hearing with City Departments to discuss different funding strategies to implement these projects.

I have been working to secure general fund resources to fill the gaps on projects like Daggett Park. This way, we can have new, open space in our neighborhood and free up the future Development Impact Fee revenue for other projects, such as improvements to Jackson Park. I have also pushed SFMTA to implement interim measures to support growth until all funding is located, which is why we will begin running bus service down 16th Street years in advance of completing the full build-out and extension of the 22 Bus Line. I believe an Infrastructure Financing District is one of the strongest tools we have to address these problems.

Additionally, the November ballot initiative to help fund SFMTA is critical to improving the transportation network in the City and especially in District 10. Historically, the City has underfunded the capital investments and maintenance of our public transportation system, which has resulted in a system that cannot adjust to increased growth or demand. I am a supporter of increasing the Vehicle License Fee to help fund additional pedestrian safety, bicycle lanes and transit improvements in our City, in order to support our existing residents and accommodate for new growth. Furthermore, I believe that we need to invest more significantly in clean infrastructure programs such as CleanPowerSF and GoSolarSF, which allows individuals to choose to implement cleaner energy solutions.

6. What infrastructure investment is needed to accommodate future growth in District 10?

Please see answer to Question 5.

7. What is the first piece of legislation you plan to introduce as Supervisor in 2015?

I have several pieces of draft legislation in various stages poised for introduction in the upcoming legislative session.

8. Do you support a minimum wage of \$15 an hour? Why or why not?

I am a supporter of the initiative to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2018. Within the compromise reached by labor, non-profit workers, local businesses, the Mayor, and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, we set into motion a plan to increase the City's current hourly base pay (\$10.74) to \$15 by 2018. This would bring annual income for a full-time, minimum-wage worker to \$31,000. This gradual increase will help build a stronger local economy by putting more money in the pockets of hard-working San Franciscans, whom we know will in turn support our local businesses. Additionally, this increase is essential in helping residents accommodate for increased cost of living in our City.

9. Have you qualified or are you planning to qualify for SF's partial public financing program? Why or why not?

While I believe the public financing program is vital to leveling the playing field in politics, I have not elected to take public financing. We have strong grassroots support, and do not find it necessary this cycle.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to public service. We look forward to seeing you July 2nd.