



**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?

The top three issues facing San Francisco are cost of living/maintaining a balance of affordable housing, access to technology in the schools, and transportation.

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

The top three issues facing District 10 are access to opportunities and private investment, schools, and transportation.

3. Please answer either question a or b.
 - b. If you are a challenger, why did you choose to challenge a sitting supervisor?

I have the utmost respect for Supervisor Cohen but this is about the future of our City and how to best represent this community. This is why I am running. I have deep roots in this community and am confident I can bring tangible resources to this community and help the City maintain economic development policies while maintaining our character, culture and diversity.

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

I believe we have a supply and demand problem and we need more supply. I think we need to have an open dialogue about adding to our supply in a way that is thoughtful and measured as housing and rental costs will level off if there are more units in the pipeline and online.

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

We need to invest heavily in our transportation infrastructure and support transit oriented development. Our population will continue to increase with the migration of technology companies seeking to move here to attract top quality talent. We must make sure that people can travel efficiently and safely with minimal impact on our environment.

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

Supporting transportation infrastructure is a top priority for the district and for the City as a whole.

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

I support Supervisor Breed's efforts to utilize the hundreds of vacant units under the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority. We have families in desperate need of housing that only need simple, basic improvements like paint and carpeting. I believe this is something we can achieve and it needs leadership and immediacy.

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

I support a minimum wage increase to \$15/hr. The income gap between management and labor has increased to unprecedented levels and individuals who are working hard for 40, 50, 60 hours a week should be able to support their families on a minimum wage salary.

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

I do not plan to qualify for public financing as I do not believe the taxpayers should be on the hook for political campaigns. Our public dollars are precious and should be used for services that help people's lives.

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