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**Candidate questionnaire for
San Francisco City College Board of Trustees
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Please write a brief response (≤ 200 words) to each question.

1. Please describe your qualifications for this office.

As the only candidate for Board of Trustees who is also a student, I am uniquely qualified because this election affects me directly. I have extensive experience working in bridging different communities: locally, nationally, and internationally. I graduated from West Point, served in Iraq, fought against Don't Ask Don't Tell, and I always fight until the end. I will fight to Save City College until the battle is won, by the students.

2. What are the top three issues facing CCSF, and what will you do about those issues?
Accreditation. This is a bigger fight than just CCSF. I will continue to attack the source of the problem, by taking on the organizations such as the Lumina Foundation and ALEC (American Legislative and Exchange Council) who want to shut down our school, and take down other public institutions during this tough economy. I will bring a national fight to the debate. I will support the court case, which is now ripping wide upon the corrupt

practices of the ACCJC, caught in lies and financial ambitions as well as conflicts of interest, with our students caught in the middle. I will push our Board to remain vigilant every year to fight against these agendas.

Enrollment. I will continue to campaign for enrollment. I have already signed up 5 of 11 Supervisors as non-credit students. Every semester, 3 times a year, this will be my commitment to bring students back to the school. End of pipeline job and internship opportunities can bridge the tech, hospitality, manufacturing and culinary industries with our diverse student body and increase faith in the institution, thereby increasing enrollment. We need TEDx CCSF on every campus around the city, where entrepreneurs present and mentor students. I will also devote 100% of my paycheck (\$500/month) to purchase an iPad or tablet for a deserving and underprivileged student. I will connect this student with a mentor. By the end of 4 years, almost 50 students in this, the tech capital of the world, will be empowered to fight for their city, and prepare for a bright career. I have already connected some students with start up pioneers in San Francisco and through my national connections I will encourage greater participation and cooperation, to bridge the gap between our local industries and City College students.

Diversity of Course Offerings. I will stand up for the city college programs that allow non-traditional students find their pathway to a new life. This includes ESL, citizenship, service-oriented job training at night. These opportunities should also come with child care and library availability. I will continue to fight for the LGBT, Women's, and Ethnic Studies programs that make our college desirable and unique in the nation.

3. How do you envision your role as Trustee if the board you serve on doesn't meet?

I will continue speaking out, as this crisis and usurpation has forced our Board to find their voice outside of the Boardroom. This is a moment where real leaders step up. Our current board has few leaders and many politicians. I will not complain about the situation but take action. I will pressure the Special Trustee, and speak out in protest as I have, on issues such as the unfair and disastrous policy of pre-payment, and class cancellations.

When I signed up for the army, I did not sign up with promise of rank, status, payment on my terms. I signed up to serve. I signed up to fight on behalf of those who could not or would not fight for themselves. Here we have the same situation. Here I sign up to serve.

4. Why did you choose to run for a 4-year term and not a 2-year term?

Because I believe in City College, and I am fully dedicated to serve until the job is done, for a full term, during this historic fight for our college.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to public service. We look forward to seeing you at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on September 9th.