



**Candidate questionnaire for  
San Francisco City College Board of Trustees  
General Election, November 3, 2015**

Please return this questionnaire electronically to [contact\\_us@phdemclub.org](mailto:contact_us@phdemclub.org) **no later than Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Candidates who do not return the questionnaire by the due date will not be invited to participate in the August 4th forum. Questionnaires will be made available to our members online.

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Please write a brief response ( $\leq 200$  words) to each question.

1. Please describe your qualifications for this office.

*I have a communications background and have made a living for the past eight years leading grassroots marketing campaigns for small businesses and non-profits. I would take this experience and lead the Board of Trustees efforts to recover our college's enrollment. It would be an honor to go to every neighborhood in San Francisco as a member of the BOT and let San Franciscans know that there's a class for everyone at City College. The Board of Trustees should be City College's biggest cheerleader.*

*I'm proud to be a former community college student and long-time CCSF advocate. As President of the Harvey Milk Club I was proud to lead our organization as we joined the fight to save City College. We were one of the first organizations to sound the alarm within the LGBTQ community and it has been a privilege to be fighting for this college from the beginning. The work we were able to do to support the efforts of faculty and students at City College are the work I'm proudest of during my two years as President.*

2. What are the top three issues facing CCSF, and what will you do about those issues?

*One of the biggest issues we're facing is our enrollment crisis. Increasing enrollment will be my top priority as a Trustee and I look forward to using my background in grassroots marketing and communications to work with the faculty, students and other trustees to reach out across our neighborhoods and to SFUSD students to increase our enrollment.*

*Another critical issue facing the college is the fight against turning CCSF into a cookie-cutter junior college. City College should not be forced into the one-size-fits-all mold that accreditors think a college ought to be. I will fight to ensure that we remain the same community-serving institution that we always has been, one that provides pathway to a four year college but also one that allows all San Franciscans to participate in what CCSF has to offer.*

*The third major challenge that our college will face in the coming years is the threat of looming cuts. In the midst of our affordability crisis the last thing the administration should be doing is threatening to cut classes and close campuses. As trustee I will push to stop the huge payouts to high-priced consultants and bloated middle management salaries and fight against cuts to classes and faculty salaries.*

3. What specifically do you propose to enable City College to remain accredited?

*Though the attack on CCSF's accreditation was politically motivated and manufactured by the ACCJC, the Board of Trustees still needs to remain focused on moving through restoration status and addressing the remaining areas of non-compliance.*

*Thanks to the ACCJC's manufactured accreditation crisis, City College is now also dealing with a very real enrollment crisis. It is important that we not lose sight of this crisis as the College is heading toward an enrollment cliff in 2017 which will have very serious funding repercussions. Leading the school through our enrollment crisis would be my top priority as trustee.*

4. What will you bring to the table that's not already there?

*For the past eight years I have done grassroots marketing for small businesses, non-profits and government agencies. I worked for San Francisco Small Business Week, which attracts thousands of attendees each year; The Treasurers Office, where I helped launch marketing efforts to get low-income San Franciscans enrolled in financial literacy programs; and Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, a small business assistance non-profit that provides training to low-income women to help them open and run successful small businesses.*

*I'm also the proud co-owner of a neighborhood bar and event space in the Mission called Virgil's Sea Room, that serves as a popular meeting spot for the LGBT community and allies. We're proud that we provide a friendly space for non-profits and community groups to host events and fundraisers.*

*And since 2010 I have organized a cultural dance and music event called Hard French that has been written about in the New York Times and is famous for bringing together people of all ages, backgrounds and genders to dance to 60's soul music. To date Hard French has raised over \$50,000 for community non-profits.*

*My background in LGBT community organizing coupled with my marketing skillset and experience as a small business owner is exactly what the Board of Trustees needs to rebuild its relationship with the community.*

Thank you for your time and your commitment to public service. We look forward to seeing you at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Executive Committee, Potrero Hill democratic Club*