



**Candidate Questionnaire for
San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee
Primary Election, June 7, 2016**

Please return this questionnaire electronically to contact_us@phdemclub.org **no later than Sunday, April 4th**. Candidates who do not return the questionnaire by the due date will not be invited to appear at our April 12th endorsement meeting. Questionnaires will be made available to our members online.

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

1. Why are you running for the DCCC and what do you hope to accomplish if elected or re-elected?

I want a party that represents progressive values and the majority of the citizens of San Francisco rather than a few. I want to maintain what is left of the housing stock and create policies and housing that keeps the working class, students, artists, teachers and young families in the city. I also support a living wage in San Francisco. I am concerned about density and the lack of corresponding services for the increasing density. I believe a more concerted effort should be made at the ballot box to address the evictions and housing affordability issues, as well as requiring our elected representatives to demand more affordable units in future developments; and that the planning commission utilize a more efficient standard and allow real community input when

deciding future developments so that the new development meets the different community's needs. I also support a minimum wage of at least \$15.00 an hour. In addition, the city should demand that developers provide actual jobs to SF residents, utilize minority and women owned business in SF and ban the box, regarding convictions on applications so all citizens have an opportunity for employment.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I am an attorney and was a SF Public Defender for 10 years. I currently represent blue collar and union workers, i.e., shipyard workers, welders, electricians, mechanics and various construction trades that are dying from exposure to asbestos. I have been on the Police Commission for seven years and voted to keep tasers out of SF. I supported the Crisis Intervention Team focusing on de-escalation rather than force.

I have been on the DCCC since 2012 and have consistently voted to preserve housing stock in San Francisco, to stop evictions, supported the moratorium in the Mission, supported the successful effort to stop the wall on waterfront, supported the effort to stop real estate proposals to develop hotels and arenas literally on the Bay and supported the fight against prop 8, supported gun control, the preservation of sanctuary city, supported the coalition on homelessness (5 year plan), supported the original black lives matter resolution, and supported getting to zero strategic plan regarding HIV/AIDS.

3. Would you support closing the campaign finance loophole that allows candidates running for their party's Central Committee to raise unlimited funds, while other candidates for local elected office are limited to \$500 per donor? Why or why not?

Yes, it is not moral that they can legally circumvent the campaign rules set in the other races. Also, we have to stop the unseemly amount of money needed to run for office. It prohibits community activist and young people from being able to compete.

4. Please name the 3 endorsements of which you are most proud.

Harvey Milk Club Democratic Club, Bernal Heights Dem Club and the Bay Guardian

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5. Please indicate, and explain, your position on the following past ballot propositions.

- Proposition G (2014), Additional Transfer Tax on Residential Property Sold Within 5 Years of Purchase Supported__XX_ Opposed___ Why?
- I supported it—because of the real estate corporations and speculators are taking entire buildings off the market.
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- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
 - Supported__XXX_ Opposed___ Why?
 - Same as above. Also, I am concerned about large corporate Real Estate interest and speculators hiding behind community members that need the income. These large corporate interest continue to evict families, students, artists and workers by removing entire buildings from the market and operate these buildings as hotels.

6. The population of SF is up, but Democratic Party registration and turnout have mostly been down in recent years. What specifically will you do to improve the Party's registration efforts and organization in District 10?

I will support a leader with progressive values and one that can unite the committee rather than divide it. A concerted effort has to be made to catch young people and tech people that register as independents. Perhaps a major campaign should be focused on District 10 to register and make sure they vote.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to public service. Pending timely receipt of your questionnaire, we look forward to seeing you at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on April 12th.

Executive Committee, Potrero Hill Democratic Club