



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

Please return this questionnaire electronically to [contact\\_us@phdemclub.org](mailto:contact_us@phdemclub.org) **no later than Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 ( $\leq 200$  words) to each question.

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

As a San Francisco native and life-long Democrat, I am committed to reforming our party and returning to our core, San Francisco values - a government that uplifts the most needy in our community, a strong labor community that fights for fair wages and safe working conditions, and a voice for our marginalized and underrepresented communities. These are the values I bring with me to my work and to the DCCC should I be elected.

If elected, I plan to expand upon the work I have already done to build the party, engage our communities of color more deeply, and make sure our party, through the candidates and measures we endorse, better reflects our San Francisco values. I believe that a strong DCCC reflects the economic, social, and political diversity of San Francisco.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I have 20 years of electoral and political campaign experience supporting democratic candidates and issues, from field work on local ballot initiatives to strategic direction for candidates for local and state office.

Currently, I am the Co-President of the San Francisco Women's Political Committee ([www.sfwpc.org](http://www.sfwpc.org)), one of the largest political women's organization in San Francisco and President of the Coalition of Asian American Government Employees, which provides training and leadership opportunities for Asian employees working in the public sector on the local, state, and federal level in San Francisco.

I have also been very active in my children's public schools, serving on the PTSA's at both Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy and James Denman Middle School.

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. If elected, that will be one of the first pieces of reform I plan to work on and pass. It has been and is currently being used to give an unfair advantage to candidates for DCCC who are also candidates for other elected offices.

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

John Avalos, Bernal Heights Democratic Club, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

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 felt this measure really tried to address one of the biggest factors aggravating our housing crisis - speculators - through a means that they seem to care most about, which is financially.
- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
  - Supported XX Opposed \_\_\_\_ Why? Unfortunately, the Board of Supervisors was not able to pass the type of protections and restrictions to help control the rampant conversion of residential units to tourist hotel rooms. I supported the efforts to restrict these rentals because they are helping to drive our housing crisis and having unmitigated impacts in our residential neighborhoods.

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?

Two issues I would like to focus on, should I be elected to the DCCC are voter engagement in our communities of color and increased voter registration in our southern districts, specifically Districts 11 and 10. I would like to see registration and education events in every

district and would count on working proactively with our Democratic clubs in those districts to expand on the work these clubs (like PHDC) are already doing. The democratic clubs are doing the groundwork in every district and the party should be supporting these efforts with real resources.

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 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Executive Committee, Potrero Hill Democratic Club*