



**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 Monday, 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 have 35 years of prior service on the SFDCCC. On the SFDCCC (1980-2015). I am not an incumbent now only because I moved from the 19th AD to the 17th AD to live with my partner, Phil Cortland, whom I plan to marry in June after the election I have generally tried to work for consensus on issues. I also have been outspokenly supportive of the Democratic Clubs. When I was first elected in 1980, the SFDCCC did not regularly issue club charters. I wrote the rules which make club chartering virtually automatic. I also supported allowing clubs to endorse nondemocrats in nonpartisan races, and allowing each club to designate a representative to be a non-voting member of the SFDCCC. I look forward to getting re-elected to the SFDCCC so I can make SFDCCC Races more accessible to grassroots candidates: I believe that the number of elected seats should be increased by at least 7, with 18 in AD 17 and 13 in AD 19. I also advocate campaign contributions along the lines of those applicable to races for Supervisor.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I consider myself a JFK-Bill Clinton Democrat. Have been a Democrat since 1960, when I argued with other kindergarteners whose parents were supporting Nixon. I was Parliamentarian of the SFDCCC for over 30 years.. In the present election I am supporting Hillary Clinton. During my 35 year tenure on the SFDCCC, I have always watched out for the grassroots and always advocated for the lgbt community. I was author of SFDCCC resolutions supporting domestic partnership legislation and same-sex marriage. I also have taken hits from development interests because I was active in supporting Proposition M growth controls. .

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. I have usually only spent personal money in SFDCCC races. My long experience on the will facilitate me in accomplishing these reforms.

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

Mayor Lee, Sheriff Hennessey, Supervisor Scott Wiener

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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 Opposed Why? The transfer taxes are ridiculously low as it is.
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- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
 - Supported Opposed Why? If short-term rentals are not regulated, owners

would have additional incentives to wrongfully evict rent-controlled tenants.

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?

\ The Democratic Party needs to do what the GOP does: Raise money to pay volunteers for registrations. Such donations could be earmarked and segregated from the SFDCCC's operating funds so they are not campaign contributions..I believe a major reason for decline in Democratic registration are the "top-two" laws, which allow voters who are not registered Democrats to have almost the same rights of participation as registered Democrats. However, the "top two" system is popular with voters, so we have to work within it.

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