



**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 am running for the San Francisco Democratic Party Central Committee because we need real leadership to stand up for those left out of San Francisco's increasing wealth. On the one hand, the City is blessed with a robust economy and record low unemployment, while on the other there are staggering inequalities in income and equity that must be rectified. The challenges we are faced with today need big solutions, and we need them now. The San Francisco Democratic Party is the natural place to bridge divides and to ensure that equity for all San Franciscans is the priority of our elected officials and endorsed candidates.

I have proven myself as a member who promotes progressive policies that move our Party forward. I have written and co-sponsored resolutions that:

- Reaffirm the importance of the City's Sanctuary City policy amid increasing attacks against immigrant families
- Call on Federal, State and Local elected officials to support increased gun control measures, making San Francisco the first Democratic County Council in

California to endorse the Safety for All Act for increased gun control across our state

- Lay out a roadmap for building more affordable housing in San Francisco
- Demonstrate support for community-based policing and for the #BlackLivesMatter movement

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

Affordable Housing -- As a longtime resident of the Mission, I have seen that many of my neighbors are struggling to survive in the face of rapidly increasing rents. As a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, my first priority is to increase the supply of affordable housing through every possible lever at my disposal. As secretary of the Board of Mission Housing Development Corporation, I am already working to build more affordable units in the Mission this year than have been built in the last eight years combined.

Good Jobs -- We must create good jobs to reduce inequality in San Francisco. I have worked on the ground as a labor and community organizer to support the Fight for 15 as well as to establish living wage protections in other sectors, such as city employment, landscaping and janitorial services. I am proud to have championed the country's most successful local hire policy.

Criminal Justice Reform -- We must divert victimless crimes toward rehabilitation and restorative justice programs that reduce sentences. This year, I'm launching a training partnership between Laborers Local 261 and the Sheriff's Department to highlight the power of employment to reduce incarceration.

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?

I am interested in hearing proposals that will make our campaign finance system more fair for everyone.

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

Assemblymember David Chiu
Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom
SF DCCC Vice-Chair Zoe Dunning

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**

I believe that the measure failed in large part because it taxed total sales price rather than total profit, as Harvey Milk originally proposed in the 1970's. Nonetheless, I thought it was an important step on affordability during perhaps

the peak of the affordability crisis, helping to reduce real estate speculation in many of our communities of color.

- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals

- **Opposed**

- Clearly city regulation hasn't keep up with the drastic increase in short term rentals and I do support further regulation in this space. I don't however, believe that Prop F got the balance right. It is essential that we have rules which protect tenants, and short term rental hosts that do the right thing. As a member of the DCCC, I will support policies that create stronger penalties on people or platforms who flout our cities laws.

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?

One of the fundamental purposes of the Democratic County Central Committee is to register new Democrats and expand participation in the democratic process. Unfortunately, there are still many who are being left out. We need to expend more effort as a Party to reach out to all our diverse San Francisco Democrats in their communities. The Democratic Party must be inclusive and representative of all of us.

I am proud to be the cosponsor of a resolution that supports extending the vote to 16 year olds in our City along with an expanded civics curriculum in public schools. I believe that expanding the franchise is an important step towards engaging more young people in the electoral process.