



**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'm running for DCCC re-election as part of the independent slate seeking reform and strong Democratic Party political responses to homelessness, the crisis in affordability and other key issues.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

2016 marks 40 years of public service beginning when I went to Capitol Hill to work for Representative Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman in Congress and 1972 Presidential candidate through Cal-in-the-Capitol.

Much of my work has been in the African American Community, having worked for the late Congressman Julian Dixon of Los Angeles on anti-apartheid legislation that was enacted and later Mayor Willie Brown as Director of Neighborhood Services.

I served as District 8 Supervisor from 2002-2011 and am proud to have been the 8th vote on critical measures, including Healthy San Francisco, Formula Retail legislation, due process for undocumented youth, banning formula retail in Hayes Valley and

mandatory SFPD Foot Patrol, among others.

As Director of HOPE, I am proud of working with homeless clients, the Coalition on Homelessness and other service providers to make changes, such as the SF Navigation Center, establishing a homeless preference for SF Public Housing, enabling individuals to make 90-day shelter reservations through #311 instead of requiring the everyone wait in long lines, and being part of the leadership that has housed over 800 Veterans over past 5 years.

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. People should run robust campaigns for DCCC but not use it as a back channel to take money like an independent expenditure campaign account.

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

Senator Mark Leno

Supervisor David Campos

Leonard Carter, 75-year young African American gentleman who had been homeless in SF for 2+ years. I ensured he was able to move into Navigation Center and he is now permanently housed and having me over for gumbo this month!

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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 x Opposed Why?
- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
 - Supported x Opposed Why?

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?

My track record advocating and working with Public Housing residents is among the strongest of any DCCC candidate. I am also well known throughout those

neighborhoods with the largest homeless populations and I want to enlist these individuals to become registered democrats and show that lower-income individuals can wield political power in our City and balance the scales against the monied interests that are too influential.

In 1964, my mother Maely, worked for the National Council of Negro Women (Dr. Dorothy Height) and ran a Harlem Storefront that helped African Americans practice the literacy tests that had to be passed in order to vote in New York State. It was powerful seeing adults of a range of ages from young to senior, working hard to pass a test at the 9th grade reading level.

I want SF to have the highest registration rates in the least affluent neighborhoods of our City and it can happen.

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