



**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 Monday, 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 full scope women's health care doctor including being an abortion provider, mother of a toddler and triathlete, you can guarantee that I have endurance, tenacity and discipline. I serve on the City's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. I also serve on the board of directors of the California Family Health Council, the San Francisco Medical Society's delegation to the California Medical Association, and is Secretary to the Lower Haight Merchant and Neighborhood Association. All of these experiences have helped me realize my desire to influence change and advocate for my community on a larger level by running for public office. I am also in the current Emerge California 2016 class and understand the importance of getting more women at the decision making table. As a medical provider, I am trained to listen and utilize a shared-decision making model to come up with a plan. I will take these skills and apply them to our San Francisco residents so that they can be heard and supported via my participation in the DCCC.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

Transgender health advocacy has long been a passion of mine. Throughout my career as a physician and

community advocate, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that all patients have access to the same high standards of care, regardless of sexual orientation or other self-identifying factors. I will use this same passion to advocate for other aspects of equality within the transgender community, including discrimination within employment, anti-violence laws, privacy and identity issues, and concerns specifically facing our transgender youth. I have been the volunteer medical director of St James Infirmary for 9 years and helped start a transgender clinic at Kaiser Permanente, so I have collaborated with and for transgender individuals from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. I also am the volunteer medical director of St James Infirmary, an occupational health and safety clinic for sex workers and their families. In addition, I have helped thousands of women in the Bay Area with their pregnancies- no matter what they outcome. Whatever the best decision was for them and their family, I have helped women with terminations of pregnancy and deliveries.

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 would support closing this loophole. I do not see why the DCCC race should be treated any differently than other races for local elected office.

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

Bernal Heights Democratic Club (my first endorsement)

San Francisco Women's Political Committee (the endorsement meeting was actually fun)

City Democratic Club (a moderate club that endorsed me, a reform/progressive candidate since they believed in me)

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

I am a Democrat since I believe it is the party that values the individual's contributions to bettering themselves and the group/world at large. The expression of one's views are encouraged and incorporated into the decision making process. I believe in poverty mitigation and asset building via fair pay and improved job opportunities. As a working mother, I will work to ensure quality and affordable childcare and preschool, even working towards offering on-site options if feasible for our families in line with the Democratic values. I am distressed to learn that the Democratic party is losing membership, and I believe the function of the County Central Committee is ensure the reversal of this trend. I will work towards increasing member and registering people to vote at citizenship ceremonies, public parks, street fairs, and farmer's markets. The DCCC has currently reached a critical level of divisiveness which will only result

in our opponents succeeding- we must focus on the issues that make us Democrats and support the city of San Francisco to be great. The DCCC's role with regard to environmental issues is to endorse and promote protections of the environment so that we can be proud of the city in which our children will reside.

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*