



**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 (≤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 been an active Democrat since 1964. I have attended numerous Democratic National Conventions, and State Conventions. I worked on dozens of campaigns to elect Democrats at every level, most recently Obama for President in 2008 and 2012. I founded the Internet Caucus of the CDP in 1995, and the Progressive Caucus in 2007.

I believe that the main purpose of the DCCC is Voter Registration, GOTV, and Funding and Operating our local Democratic Campaigns (especially 2016 US President).

I will continue to attend your Potrero Hill Democratic Club events and programs, and work with your leadership on issues vital to Potrero and to San Francisco.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I have been a lifelong progressive Democrat working for LGBT, Women, People of Color, Economic, Social and Environmental Justice, Choice, for more than 50 years. I was an organizer of the SF Democratic Party's Permanent Precinct Captain Program and on the Fundraising

Committee. I'd like to continue my work as an elected member of the SF DCCC.

I attend every DCCC Meeting and Event. We had an enormously successful Democratic Party Debate Watch Party last month at Local 261. I was delighted that Potrero Hill was a co-sponsor. I helped to re-start the College Democrats Chapter on the SF State Campus in 2002 to ensure that young people are engaged in our Party at all levels. I am a 35 year Member/Officer of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club. SF National Organization for Women. I am very active with SF Tenants Union; Cesar Chavez Celebration Committee, San Francisco Tomorrow; Sierra Club PAC, and Living Wage Coalition.

2. 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 this effort. It gives an unfair advantage to those who raise obscene amounts of money for a position that is by its very nature grassroots and attainable.

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

In past years I have had the support of Tom Ammiano, David Campos, and Nancy Pelosi. I hope to have their support this year as well.

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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?

We need to kick-up and increase Voter Registration and GOTV. Through OFA and DFA I have been an avid organizer for voter registration drives, and participation at street fairs and community events.

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*