



**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?

**I have been actively involved in the HIV & AIDS, homelessness, substance and alcohol recovery, and LGBT communities for many years. Having experienced chronic homelessness in the mid-2000s, I have consistently given back to my communities and engaged them to be actively involved in local politics and the Democratic Party.**

**If elected to the DCCC, I will continue to engage Democrats in the communities I have served. It is important to provide a voice for these communities to the San Francisco Democratic Party to make sure its values align with ours. I would continue to register new voters, as I have been doing. I will also do outreach and offer support to all of our locally chartered democratic clubs. These clubs are the best way to engage with our City's newcomers across many diverse neighborhoods throughout San Francisco. I will fundraise for the DCCC, and implement more social events to bring together many of our chartered clubs.**

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

**As a Senior Aide last year, I worked extensively on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Legislation (“In-Laws”) that passed unanimously at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for District 3 – allowing the creation of new, potentially rent-controlled, housing within the envelope of an existing building while retaining the character of our neighborhoods. Supervisor Aaron Peskin is now pushing for this legislation citywide. I have served as Vice Chair for the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee – first appointed by Supervisor John Avalos, and later appointed by Supervisor Scott Wiener. I did extensive work on the Vision Zero Taskforce in advocating for better data collection from collisions so that we could better understand how to prevent pedestrian injuries and fatalities. I have also done extensive work in the Recovery Community, serving on the Advisory Board for the Castro Country Club – an LGBT clean and sober space dedicated to helping folks stay sober and access resources. I also continue to bring 12-step meetings into San Bruno Jail twice each month to the Recovery and Veterans pods/**

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?

**Absolutely. I think the real work and meaning of our Democratic County Central Committee tends to be lost when abused by allowing folks to use their DCCC campaign as a slush fund for other elected office(s).**

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

**State Senator Mark Leno, State Assemblymember David Chiu, Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club**

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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\_\_X\_ Why? **There was no “out” for long-term property owners that have invested in their property for retirement.**
- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
  - Supported\_\_\_ Opposed\_\_X\_ Why? **I was a Senior Aide in City Hall last year, advocating for the creation of the Short Term Rentals Enforcement office – because the idea of short-term rentals is too new, I thought it best to adjust the legislation at the Board of Supervisors and not at the ballot.**

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?

**Continue to push myself and each member of the DCCC to register new voters, and engage and support our locally chartered Democratic clubs.**

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*