



**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 seek to build a DCCC that is focused on representing all Democrats in San Francisco. Everyone should have a voice regardless of gender, race or income. I am especially interested in providing a voice for immigrants and low-income people who may have barriers to participating in the Democratic Party process. My top three issues are affordable housing, tenants' rights and transparency in government.

2. Please describe your current and past community activism.

I have been working on social justice, affordable housing and tenants' rights issues in San Francisco for the last 13 years. As Deputy Director at Chinatown Community Development Center, I have built skills in negotiation, project management, and critical problem solving. I have used these skills to serve for the last four years on the SF Planning Commission, serving as both President and Vice-President. My work focuses on participatory planning for low-income neighborhoods to have self-determination over the improvements they seek for their neighborhoods.

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, Central Committee should be about 1) raising issues that are important to the party, 2) getting people that represent those values elected and 3) registering voters. Candidates should not use their Central Committee campaign to raise funds for another purpose, and the limit to \$500 per donor is fair.

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

- When I served as Planning Commission President in 2014, I “took us over the finish line” on putting forward strong protections for small business (prohibitions on chain stores). This legislation was adopted by Board of Supervisors.
- From 2007-2014 I served as the Planning Director for Chinatown Community Development Center and won over \$40 million in concrete improvements to parks, streets and alleys for the neighborhood. Capital improvements, made in conjunction with neighborhood leaders, are a long term investment in the neighborhood.
- In the last year, CCDC has taken on the task of rehab-ing and then managing over 500 units of public housing. I am proud of the values I have brought (with our whole team) to this process, ensuring that we engage the residents in decision-making, committing to provide services for those who need to relocate during construction, and a 100% promise that everyone that moves will have the right to return.

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? Housing should be used as homes, not as investments for “flipping.” We need to treat our housing stock as a precious resource for people who need housing, and to dis-incentivize using the housing stock as a commodity for profits.
- Proposition F (2015), Short-Term Residential Rentals
  - Supported  Opposed  Why? Requiring registration by those who want to run a short-term-rental business, and allowing for enforcement on those rules is the key to keeping housing as housing.

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 would work with grassroots groups to understand the barriers to registration. I would strategize to increase registration through existing social relationships (churches, community centers, etc).

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*