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San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

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Why are you running for DCCC and why should you receive our endorsement?

Tom Hsieh Jr. (AD 19)

I am a lifelong Democrat who cares deeply about making sure all voices of the party are heard in San Francisco. As a former Chair of Registration I led an effort to register over 10,000 new Democrats, mostly women and communities of color. As Treasurer of the SFDCCC we have registered over 28,000 new Democrats in the past term, reached out to Democrats with millions of pieces of mail and hosted numerous grass roots organizing events to bring new activists into the party. We want to make our party INCLUSIVE not EXCLUSIVE based on ideology.

Supervisor London Breed

I am running for the DCCC because I am a lifelong Democrat and I want a seat at the table of the Democratic Party and the decisions the party makes around policies and candidates. I also want to make sure that we are registering new voters for the party. The party wields enormous opportunity to influence the policy priorities of the voters, as well as our elected officials like myself. With a seat at the DCCC, as well as on the Board of Supervisors, I believe we can make incredible change in many areas but my top three priorities are creating affordable and healthy neighborhoods, improving public transportation and supporting public safety.

I am a native San Franciscan and grew up in the Western Addition neighborhood of District 5. I graduated with honors from Galileo High School, and attended the University of California, Davis, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science-Public Service. I also earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

For 10 years, I served as Executive Director of the African American Art & Culture Complex in the Western Addition, transforming the struggling center into an economically stable community resource, providing after school arts and cultural programs for youth and seniors.

I previously served as a San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commissioner and as a member of the San Francisco Fire Commission. I currently serve as the President of the Board of Supervisors and represent the residents of District 5.

As a life-long Democrat and resident of District 5, I would be honored to earn the endorsement of the District 5 Democratic Club.

Some of my legislative accomplishments include:

PROTECTING AND CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Wrote groundbreaking legislation prioritizing neighborhood residents for the affordable units in their community.
- Wrote legislation creating the highest affordable housing requirements in San Francisco history, for the Divisadero and Fillmore corridors in District 5.
- Authored Planning Code changes that encourage creation of all housing types – including affordable housing – while preserving neighborhood character.
- Secured millions of dollars to refurbish unused public housing units and make them available to homeless families.
- Developing a comprehensive Housing Blueprint for District 5, to preserve existing housing and create new affordable units.

INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Fought to put dozens of new ambulances and medics on the streets, helping to reduce ambulance response times by over 26%.
- Helping to put 400 new police officers on the street, patrolling our neighborhoods, and outfitting every officer with body cameras.
- Stopped the proposed \$380 million jail and is creating alternative investment in mental health treatment for the homeless and those at risk of incarceration.
- Rewrote the City's graffiti policies, creating a high-tech evidence system that is stopping the worst graffiti offenders.

MODERNIZING MUNI AND IMPROVING RELIABILITY

- Led the Board of Supervisors' effort to replace hundreds of outdated Muni buses with modern buses, and replace and expand Muni's entire train fleet.
- Stopped Muni's attempt to remove 6 Parnassus service from the Ashbury Heights/Upper Haight neighborhood, and increased 71 bus service along Haight Street.
- Helped launch the 5 Limited, now called 5 Rapid, which has increased bus service by 33% during morning commute, sped travel times, reduced collisions, and encouraged thousands of new riders to take the 5.
- Created a new seat layout for Muni trains that has added more space and faster service.

- Secured \$9 million to improve traffic flow and safety along the Octavia corridor, and is implementing transportation and safety redesign projects in Hayes Valley.

PROTECTING AND ENCOURAGING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES

- Wrote first-in-the-country legislation to protect live music venues, at risk in our dense urban environment.

- Led the effort to re-activate the famous Harding Theater on Divisadero, protecting the unique history and character of the theater and the surrounding neighborhood.

CREATING SUBSTANTIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Implemented CleanPowerSF, a program that is projected to cut 941,000 tons of CO2 every year and wrote Proposition H, passed by voters in 2015, to ensure it launches on time and succeeds.

- Passed 3rd-in-the-nation legislation to provide safe, convenient disposal of unwanted medications, a program that has already kept over 32 tons of pharmaceuticals out of the Bay or landfill.

Francis Tsang

I am running for the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC) to make sure the San Francisco Democratic Party remains an inclusive body that represents the diverse residents and communities of San Francisco. I am the only Asian American incumbent running in Assembly District 17, and one of the youngest members of the DCCC. As a native San Franciscan and lifelong Democrat, who has received the Volunteer of the Year award in 2008 from the California Democratic Party, I was truly honored to be appointed to the DCCC.

For the last year, I have been working hard to register new Democrats, pass policies and resolutions that strengthen the values of our Democratic Party, and support Democrats in elected office. I want to continue the work of building a stronger Democratic Party.

For the last 10 years, I have been working for the Mayor's Office, working for both Mayor Gavin Newsom and Mayor Ed Lee. I served as Mayor Newsom's Liaison for District 3,4, and Asian American Community in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and then as his Deputy Press Secretary, writing press releases, speeches and was his spokesperson. For the last 5 years, I have been Mayor Lee's Deputy Press Secretary. I've had a diverse public service career - as a cancer lab researcher, emergency medical technician, healthcare researcher, and now a City Hall staffer - and I want to continue my service to my fellow San Franciscans and help those most in need in our City.

We are living in a truly controversial time. Our City is facing a housing affordability crisis, a growing homelessness population, and more and more our working families are getting squeezed out. As a member of the DCCC these issues are what concerns me and drives me to work even harder for my community. I want to push for more innovative and coordinated strategies to address the homeless crisis, including expanding the successful Navigation Center, moving forward with progressive approaches on mental health, and bringing more resources to help our homeless population living on our streets. I want to address the housing crisis by continuing to build housing at all ends of the economic spectrum so that San Francisco can remain a city for everyone. I support the Mayor's goal to build and preserve 30,000 units of housing in San Francisco by 2020 and his blueprint of making more than 10,000 affordable units available to low and middle income families and residents. I strongly supported last November's \$310 million affordable housing bond that does not raise property taxes to provide additional resources we need to increase production of permanently affordable housing up to and beyond 2020. San Francisco's housing crisis demands our continued, aggressive leadership, especially on the DCCC to recommend sound housing policy solutions.

To accomplish what must be done to continuing cultivating innovation and incorporating technology in our daily lives, to enhance our safety and build our community, we must all work together to push our City forward. I would be honored to have the endorsement of the District 5 Democratic Club.

Supervisor Mark Farrell

I'm running for the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC) to represent our party and the values it embodies in San Francisco. As a born and raised San Franciscan, I've proudly been a registered Democrat since I turned 18. Throughout my life, I've fought for policies and projects that advance the Democratic values – fighting for San Francisco families, developing a robust local economy, protecting the strong quality of life in our neighborhoods, ending homelessness, and keeping our city affordable. This is the work I've done on the Board of Supervisors and it's the work I will continue to do on the DCCC. Whether it's realizing true equality, or helping the most vulnerable in our society thrive, I am committed to continuing to fight for the priorities and values that will continue to uplift our party.

I ask you to support my campaign so we can continue to fight for the priorities and values our party represents here in San Francisco - and, I humbly ask for your endorsement.

Hene Kelly

I want to be reelected to the SF DCCC because the Central Committee needs to be a progressive voice for our residents. In the past 4 years, the DCCC has not had that progressive voice. In the past 18 months, the chair has appointed five new members who are moderate democrats. I am running on the Reform Slate to change the balance on the committee so that the committee is again the voice for Progressive Democrats who represent the working class, unions, seniors, children, families, the disabled community, renters, and the homeless rather than the 1%, tech companies, speculators,, developers, and other corporate entities.

Myrna Melgar

I want to be a member of the Democratic County Central Committee because I add my voice as a public servant, an advocate, a mother and San Franciscan. I see the relationship that exists between issues of land use, equity, affordable housing, education, environmental protection, and resource allocation. I have learned that what makes sense is not always what gets implemented, and that political power, relationships, organizing, and community education are all essential in problem solving and creating change. This is an important year for Democrats - I want to make sure we do all we can to get as many Democrats registered as possible and to get them motivated to vote in the elections in November.

Rachel Norton

I have been an elected school board member since 2008, and I currently serve as the Director of External Affairs for the San Francisco Parks Alliance. I think public schools and parks deserve a higher spot in our City's political priorities, and serving on the DCCC is a key avenue to accomplish that. In addition, I am a lifelong Democrat and I think our Party needs to encourage and engage more voters. I am currently sponsoring legislation at the school board to increase engagement among young people and prospective voters, because I think our democracy is strongest when most people participate. I would be honored to receive the endorsement of the D5 Democratic Club.

Bevan Duffy

2016 marks my 40th year in public service, which began when I started working for Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), the first Black woman elected to Congress and 1972 Presidential candidate.

For 23 years I have worked in San Francisco City government, 8 as a City Supervisor. For the past three years, I led an effort within City government to improve our response to homelessness.

I take pride in many accomplishments that I led and/or helped make happen including: allowing individuals to make 90-day shelter reservations through #311 instead of waiting in lines starting in the middle of the night; establishing the Navigation Center, the City's first low threshold intervention that allows people to access shelter with partners, pets and possessions and directly leads to permanent housing; Housing almost 800 Veterans over the past 5 years through the Homes for Heroes collaboration; helping David Campos and community leaders close funding gaps and secure a pro bono construction manager for the City's first 24-bed shelter; opening the City's first permanent supportive housing for TAY Youth; and personally and directly assisting hundreds of individuals to leave the streets and secure housing.

I worked closely with the Coalition on Homelessness on many initiatives around family homelessness, establishing a homeless preference for public housing and especially recognizing the humanity of people living on the streets.

I am adamant that the City makes it too hard for individuals to access services and too hard to access housing opportunities. I support

Supervisor Campos' declaration of emergency because 3,600 people are on our streets and it is unprecedented that 50% of our homeless population living on the streets is in 1/11 of our City, District 6.

I am proud to be a candidate for re-election to DCCC with an independent slate that is committed to progressive values that reflect democratic principles and the urgency to maintain the character and diversity of our City.

Most of all, I have worked with all my energy and creativity to make government work for people. To be responsive and to be effective in meeting individual and community needs.

I am honored to have the endorsement of Senator Mark Leno and Supervisor David Campos. I also live in D5 in the Lower Haight and am active in my neighborhood and my child's school community.

I want to serve on the DCCC to advocate for better policies addressing homelessness, stronger policies promoting housing affordability and working in the forefront of Civil Rights, social justice and LGBT issues, especially for members of our community who lack housing, employment and opportunity.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

I have a 40-year public service career that spans working for Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY), the first Black woman elected to Congress and 1972 Presidential candidate to serving as point person for innovating our approach to homelessness in San Francisco and responding with the SF Navigation Center, a dramatically different, low barrier approach that allows people with partners, pets and possessions to access temporary housing and services leading to permanent supportive housing or a return to family or loved ones:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgM4ay14V7A>

I am seeking re-election to DCCC as part of a reform/independent slate that strives for our party to be a strong voice for affordability and against the displacements that are changing San Francisco's character and diversity. With my freedom and independence from full-time employment, I will be a fierce advocate for effective responses to homelessness and registration and empowerment of low-income people as Democratic voters to have a greater voice in our City's direction.

I am proud to be a D5 resident in the Lower Haight and am active with my neighbors, supporting local businesses and taking part in the Dog community as well as school sports for my 4th grader, Sid, who attends Rooftop School.

I've been endorsed by many former clients whom I've directly help exit homelessness as well as Senator Leno, Supervisors Campos and Breed and the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, SF Bay Guardian and SF Tenants Union, among others.

Frances Hsieh

As a San Francisco native and life-long Democrat, I am committed to reforming our party and returning to our core, San Francisco values - a government that uplifts the most needy in our community, a strong labor community that fights for fair wages and safe working conditions, and a voice for our marginalized and underrepresented communities. These are the values I bring with me to my work and to the DCCC should I be elected.

If elected, I plan to expand upon the work I have already done to build the party, engage our communities of color more deeply, and make sure our party, through the candidates and measures we endorse, better reflects our San Francisco values. I believe that a strong DCCC reflects the economic, social, and political diversity of San Francisco.

I think I am an excellent candidate for your endorsement because I am a viable and serious candidate and, if elected, am committed to the hard work of engaging our electorate and expanding the breadth and reach of the democratic party throughout San Francisco.

Trevor McNeil

I am seeking another term because I care about access, fairness, and leadership. In terms of access I mean that we build a DCCC that is not just a spring board to further political office or a way to influence endorsements. Rather it should be where young people (I am the youngest member of the DCCC) can prove themselves as thoughtful activists. In terms of fairness, I think we are getting too polarized - I don't make endorsements without talking to all sides and listening to public comment. And finally I want to run to continue to set the standard for active leadership on the DCCC. I register people to vote. I organize campaign offices and GOTV trips to purple counties in California. I walk the walk that so many others talk when it comes to active leadership. I am proud of my work on the DCCC and think I deserve one more term.

I grew up in District Five and am a former board member of the Inner Sunset Part Neighborhood Association.

Rebecca Prozan

The Democratic Party needs help, and I bring the right credentials for the job.

As a lifelong Democrat, organizer, and fundraiser, I bring years of experience running campaigns and strategy to this position. I have advised numerous Democratic elected officials in their campaigns, including Willie Brown for Mayor, Kamala Harris' inaugural run for District Attorney, Bevan Dufty for District 8 Supervisor, Rachel Norton for School Board, Steve Ngo and Alex Randolph for City College Board. In these positions, we have been able to strengthen the City's democratic rolls and base.

In 2008, I was POTUS' Northern California liaison and delivered a message from then Senator Obama opposing Proposition 8; later I was an elected delegate from San Francisco to the 2008 and 2012 conventions.

I love serving on the SF DCCC as it gives me the opportunity to do even more to shape a progressive Democratic Party Agenda on immigration, environment, police reform, homelessness, and youth voting, ensure the Party has sufficient financial resources to GOTV, and continue San Francisco's tradition of being a beacon for Democrats across the country.

As a side note, I lived in District 5 for ten years [lower haight, Fillmore and Fell, I still miss Spaghetti Western] and look forward to future partnerships with D5 Dems!

Alysabeth Alexander

I have been a tenant organizer, immigrant rights advocate and workers rights advocate fore the last 12 years. My job has been to organize people around policy solutions that solve the problems they face, and now that our City is in crisis I believe it is time for the Democratic Party to do the same thing. An increasing number of people are registered "Declined to State" in our City, as we are seeing party affiliation drop. SF must be a leader in the Party, and I want to create a policy agenda and programming that can help build the Party.

As a Tenant Organizer, I helped hundreds of tenants facing eviction, dealing with uninhabitable living conditions and helped them fight their situation and improve public policy to protect them overall. I helped create the first locally funded rent subsidy program available to families to move people immediately out of homelessness and into multi-bedroom apartments.

As an immigrant rights advocate I helped expand language access and translation in our schools, and cleaned up children's parks.

As a workers rights advocate I supported low-wage workers to form a union, and was the proponent of the first \$15/hour minimum wage ballot measure in our City. I am working with at state-wide coalition to create a secure retirement program to prepare now for my generation's retirement. I have led fights and won for equal pay, and I hope we can expand this work.

These are some of the things I have done to improve racial and economic justice, and I hope they give you a snap shot of the kind of advocate for working people that I will be on the DCCC.

Sophenia (Sophie) Maxwell

Democracy only works if we participate. With my experience as a neighborhood and community leader as well a former member of the Board of Supervisors I believe it gives me a unique perspective that can be valuable when endorsing candidates and initiatives also getting people out to vote.

Arlo Hale Smith

ABOUT ME:

I AM 60 YEARS OLD. Openly Gay for past 20 years. Was born in San Francisco and have lived here all my life. Attorney since 1981. Have done successful civil rights legislation, including suing Native Sons of the Golden West to compel them to admit my sister as a member. I am partnered with Philip Cortland and plan to marry him in June

MY EXPERIENCE:

I have previously served on the SFDCCC for 35 years (1980-2015). Before that I was a Democratic club President. Have been a Democrat since 1960, when I argued with other kindergarteners whose parents were supporting Nixon. I was Parliamentarian of the SFDCCC for over 30 years. I resigned from the SFDCCC only because I changed districts.

MY POLITICS: WATCHING OUT FOR GRASSROOTS DEMOCRATS

I consider myself a JFK-Bill Clinton Democrat. In the present election I am supporting Hillary Clinton. During my 35 year tenure on the SFDCCC, I have always watched out for the grassroots. Before 1980, the SFDCCC had chartered few clubs, and the attitude of SFDCCC members was that Democratic clubs “get in the way” of the SFDCCC. I wrote the provisions of SFDCCC by-laws and rules that make club chartering easy for the grassroots. When several clubs endorsed non-Democrats in a nonpartisan race for Mayor, I (and Mary Jung) opposed any discipline, taking the position that we cannot enforce party loyalty in nonpartisan races. I look forward to getting re-elected to the SFDCCC so I can make SFDCCC

Races more accessible to grassroots candidates: I believe that the number of elected seats should be increased by at least 7, with 18 in AD 17 and 13 in AD 19. I also advocate campaign contributions along the lines of those applicable to races for Supervisor.

David Giessen

I am running for DCCC to educate the electorate regarding public policy that will raise wages and end poverty. That same public policy will end land speculation and go an enormous way towards resolving San Francisco's real estate crisis. I should receive your vote because my candidacy is, at present, the only one that plainly and fully acknowledges the role land values play in forming political power.

I am a land rent communist, which means that I support socializing the entirety of potential land rent, and simultaneously liberating work from taxation. My chief objective is to educate voters as to why and how taxing land values will raise wages and end poverty. By starting from a principled and inspired position, my candidacy will then inform voters as to which possible/permissible public policies best approach this ideal. In the absence of a sound knowledge of political economy, both politicians and lay folk are in a very compromised position regarding an understanding of how to best achieve their social justice aims.

Pratima Gupta

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 that I will bring to the DCCC. I will provide the unique medical voice to the issues since I issues from education, to the environment, to transportation arise from improving the health of our community. I believe that healthier communities result in stronger communities.

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 District 5 residents (where I have lived for the last nearly 10 years) and all SF citizens so that they can be heard and supported via my participation in the DCCC. Besides acting as the medical director of St. James Infirmary, an occupational health and safety clinic for sex workers and their families, I serve on the City's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, and I am in the current Emerge California Training Program.

Thank you for your support.

Jon Golinger

I believe San Francisco is a special place worth fighting for. That's why I love it, that's why I live here, and that's why I've worked so hard for years to protect San Francisco's beauty, vibrancy, and unique character. I'm running for a seat on the SF Democratic Party County Central committee to reclaim the SF Democratic Party from the real estate industry and corporate lobbyists who have taken it over to serve their own interests.

For the last fifteen years, I have worked hard to preserve San Francisco's environment, clean the air, and protect our beautiful Bay and waterfront. I worked with the Sierra Club and Save the Bay to lead the campaign to stop the SF Airport from unnecessarily paving over two square miles of the Bay to build new runways. I led the battle to pass 2004's Proposition I, which voters approved to require MUNI to replace its dirtiest diesel buses with cleaner hybrid-electrics. I fought to stop a shopping mall from being built by the Mills Corporation at Piers 27-31 – instead we have a cruise ship terminal that brings in visitors from around the world to SF every week. I led the No Wall on the Waterfront campaign to defeat the 8 Washington high-rise luxury condos and the battle to pass Prop. B in June 2014 to give voters the power to protect our waterfront by requiring voter approval for any waterfront height limit increases.

Unfortunately, the real estate lobbyist currently in charge of the SF Democratic Party was able to get the Democratic Party by one vote at the DCCC to oppose the Prop. B waterfront protection measure -- a measure that was overwhelmingly supported by 60% of the voters in District 5. This example clearly demonstrates how wildly out of touch the current SF Democratic Party leadership is with what Democratic voters in District 5 and across SF actually want.

A real estate lobbyist should not be the Chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party, which should be fighting to keep families in their homes, not helping to evict them by blocking Ellis Act reform and opposing other tenant eviction protection measures. I will vote to replace the Chair with someone independent of the real estate lobby and work to ensure that the SF Democratic Party becomes a leader in the fight to stop unfair evictions and create affordable housing so San Francisco can be a diverse, creative place open to everyone. Those are real Democratic values and that's what I'll work for and fight for if I am elected to serve on the SF Democratic County Central Committee.

I have been endorsed by State Senator Mark Leno, former Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, former City Attorney Louise Renne, and the

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, among others. I would be honored to have the support of the District 5 Democratic Club.

Joshua Addison Arce

I am running for SFDCCC because we need real leadership to stand up for those left out of San Francisco's increasing wealth. On the one hand, the City is blessed with a robust economy and record low unemployment, while on the other there are staggering inequalities in income and equity that must be rectified. The challenges we are faced with today need big solutions, and we need them now. The San Francisco Democratic party is the natural place to bridge divides and to ensure that equity for all San Franciscans is the priority of our elected officials and endorsed candidates.

I should receive the endorsement of the District 5 Democratic Club because I have proven myself as an appointed member of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee who promotes progressive policies that move our Party forward. I have written and co-sponsored resolutions that:

- Promote sustainable communities through fair-wage union jobs, local hiring, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, and transit-oriented development
- Re-affirm the importance of the City's Sanctuary City policy amid increasing attacks against immigrant families
- Call on Federal, State and Local elected officials to support increased gun control measures, making San Francisco the first Democratic County Council in California to endorse the Safety for All Act for increased gun control across our state
- Lay out a roadmap for building more affordable housing in San Francisco
- Endorse a mandatory solar policy for new construction in our City
- Demonstrate support for community-based policing and for the #BlackLivesMatter movement

Mary Jung

I am running for re-election to the DCCC because I am interested in ensuring that we have the first female President of the United States. As a Party activist, who has no interest in running for higher political office, my interest is in building the Democratic Party at the local, state and national level. During my tenure as Chair of the SFDP, we have registered close to 28,000 Democrats in San Francisco. In the last year, democratic registration has increased in SF, while it has decreased in the rest of the state. I believe in a strong, working Democratic Party - not one filled with rhetoric and rancor. Help the grassroots activists have a voice in the Democratic Party.

Shaun Haines

I am running for the DCCC to grow our party and advocate for resolution on the issues that impact our communities.

If elected, I would be a much needed breath of fresh air and break away from the legacy politics that have stifled our Party growth. My only interests are to make SF into a city that works for all of its people. I do the hard work and I am committed growing our party and turning out

voters to the polls. To do that successfully, we need new blood.

In AD 17, I am the only one that is Black, Gay and Male. If elected, I will be the first one in some decades to win a seat rather than be appointed or serve as a proxy. I am one of few candidates with a lifetime of experience in SF. I have experienced our community from every aspect living all over the city. I have been poor and homeless another experience that lacks representation in our leadership. I understand that DCCC has a great impact on our population from the ground up.

I ask for your endorsement and support to help bring a new voice to the table to represent for community that are not being heard. A significant number of the candidates running in the 17th assembly district are current or past politicians or have already served our community or served in our Democratic Party leadership and for multiple terms.

Our shared values include building strong families, providing a good education, creating new opportunities, and working to maintain and grow our city's diversity.

My top priorities include:

- Affordable Housing
- Quality Education
- Accountable Public Safety

I have dedicated myself to positively affecting our community in various positions of civic engagement and leadership. I have learned the importance of working collaboratively with diverse groups on key issues affecting San Franciscans:

Rebuild community's low income communities

- Evaluate employment policies and compose legislation that eliminates practices that are exclusionary to persons of color, mentally ill or homeless.
- We need to eradicate the pipeline to prison that traps so many black and brown citizens.
- We need to improve educational resources and programs in low income communities to close the achievement gap.

Income inequality

In the past 2 years, I have been told by multiple SF businesses that I am not a "cultural fit" or otherwise excluded from job opportunities. This is only one of several barriers to accessing work and job opportunities. Exclusion based on education, past incarceration or non-narcotic drug usage are other practices that exclude large populations from getting work.

Social Services

There are major gaps in the services that are organized to prevent our people from becoming homeless. There are also gaps in the services that are organized to support our people on the path out of these homelessness. I know from firsthand experience that these services are woefully insufficient to get the job done. What is available is insufficient to meet the current demands. Our resources are

failing to bring many out of poverty. I will continue this work on projects though community based initiatives and legislative to provide greater access the resources that make more sense. I will continue to work with leaders and organizations to though community based initiatives and a legislative agenda that provides more publicly accessible services such as restrooms, showers, laundry, health and human services.

Someone with these experiences at the leadership table of the DCCC can help bring about resolutions or work with our elected leaders to positively change these situations. With the endorsement of your organization. I can continue the work I have begun with leaders to devise policies and legislation to fix problems that prevent so many people from becoming successful.

Norman Yee

I have been a registered and active Democrat my entire voting life. I should receive the District 5 Democratic Club's endorsement because I have been involved in registering voters both as an individual, and in my work running a non-profit service agency, and I am running for DCCC to bring that experience to the table to increase the number of voters registered with our Party. Another key focus for the organization is to shape policy via its endorsement process. I will bring an independent voice to the SFDCCC's policy debates, which is needed to move the City forward, to counter the perception that the organization has been taken over by special interests, and to re-engage disaffected voters and connect with those who are unregistered.

Kat Anderson

I am a candidate for re-election to the DCCC in AD 19. I am running because I am committed to keeping San Francisco great - a cutting edge, urban environment that is economically vibrant, technological advanced, and compassionate to those who need a hand up (not a hand out).

I want to continue working with my colleagues to endorse candidates and initiatives that support our values and vision and who bring common sense solutions to San Francisco's most pressing issues. I work hard to make government smarter, efficient, and effective and I want to continue to advocate for transparency in the legislative process and ensure my constituents' voices are heard at City Hall by holding city officials accountable to the people they serve.

I understand that many residents are facing financial hardships and fear that eviction will force them out of the city they call home, or make it impossible for them to keep their businesses going. On the DCCC, I will continue to fight for:

- Compassionate and practical solutions to the rising cost of living, including continuing to be innovative in how we help our homeless/most vulnerable communities.
- Measures to build more affordable housing to ensure our low and middle income residents, police, fire, teachers, service employees and hardworking families can stay in the city where they live and work.
- Job creation by supporting measures to help small businesses thrive, which will help retain neighborhood diversity.

Beyond the policy level, there are things we DCCC members need to do to build the party and inculcate unity. In this current term, we have raised more money and registered more voters than ever before and I pride myself on being one of the most active and engaged members on the DCCC. I also respect that there are "many shades of blue" Democrats on the DCCC, each doing her/his best to represent our communities. I believe we should foster this kind of diversity; not rub it out. Also, I regularly volunteer to register new voters, and participate in grassroots campaigning for endorsed candidates and ballot initiatives by phone banking, door knocking and fundraising.

I was appointed Recording Secretary shortly after being elected in 2012, and for almost four years have taken minutes at each meeting that are posted on the DCCC website for the public to better understand how decisions are made in their political party.

I ask for your endorsement because the DCCC needs members like myself who show up, roll up our sleeves and get the job done so that we can all keep our Party moving in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration.

Wade Woods

I am seeking an endorsement for the DCCC to lend a voice for working class families in the City; my priorities are legislation and bond measures to increase below market rate housing; to promote non-profits agencies as developers; to promote living wages in this city and equal pay for equal work; and to stop families from being displaced.

Cindy Wu

I want to build a DCCC that serves all people in San Francisco. I have been working on social justice, affordable housing and tenants' rights issues in San Francisco for the last 10 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 homes. If elected to the SF DCCC, I would be fair but unabashedly driven by values based in equity for underserved communities. I have the experience to serve successfully on the DCCC.

Gary McCoy

I'm running for the DCCC because the Democratic Party has, in no uncertain terms, saved my life. As an HIV+ member of the LGBT community, I have benefited from many measures, initiatives, and battles lead by the Democratic Party. If the Republican Party had it's way, I would not be alive right now. I would not be married. I would not be receiving access to life-saving medications.

At the local level, I am a grassroots activist at heart. I have spent many years advocating for folks in the recovery community, and giving back what was given to me - opportunities. It's important to make sure our local Democratic Party is in alignment with the democratic values that effect a very diverse San Francisco. I have served on the Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee, and advocated

for pedestrian and bicycle safety upgrades throughout District 5 and District 8, as part of the Market Octavia Plan, and separately served as Vice Chair on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee for several years. I am very dedicated to my city, and am now seeking an elected position to continue to advocate for it.

There are many newcomers to San Francisco, and it's important that everyone feels welcomed. That, and supporting out locally chartered Democratic Clubs are the most important way to engage voters in local politics.

We need to come up with aggressive voter registration strategies, and raise visibility of the party through fundraising, and endorsing and elected well-qualified Democrats.

It's all important that we stray from the infighting - the Us vs Them, the Moderate vs Progressive. The DCCC should not be an extension of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

I would be humbled and honored to have the endorsement of the District 5 Democratic Club because, having worked for Board President Breed, and served on several committees in the district, I have a connection with the residents and visitors in District 5.

Rafael Mandelman

I have been active in the San Francisco Democratic Party for nearly fifteen years, serving on the boards of the Noe Valley Democratic Club (three years as president), the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club (two years as president), the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and the District 8 Democratic Club. First elected to the San Francisco DCCC in 2006, I have served as a member and vice chair of that body and have served on the Resolutions Committee of the California Democratic Party. As a member of the SF DCCC, I have at various times helped lead the Party's voter registration efforts, chaired the local Party's Resolutions Committee, and worked to strengthen relationships between the Party and our partners in labor, the environmental movement, the tenants rights movement, and the peace movement.

If re-elected, my priorities will include:

1. Helping elect excellent progressive candidates at every level of government;
2. Engaging more young people, women and minorities in the work of San Francisco Democratic Party; and
3. Developing the grassroots of the Party by encouraging the formation of new Democratic Clubs and other organizations and structures to build the Party and make it relevant to more people.

Alix Rosenthal

In my 6 years on the DCCC, I have dedicated much time and energy to the party. As its Treasurer from 2010-12, I balanced the checkbook and made sure that our reporting to government agencies was completed properly. As Second Vice Chair from 2012 to today, I am responsible for running the party's endorsement process for every election and also for issue resolutions that come through the party. I have enthusiastically served as a San Francisco delegate to the state party convention. I have worked hard to recruit and train

Democratic women to run for office, including serving as a trainer for the Emerge Program, and running a slate of women candidates in 2012. I would love to continue this work as a member of the DCCC.

The biggest and most urgent challenge the party faces is the unprecedented number of current and former elected officials who are running for seats on the DCCC. I understand why elected officials want a say in party decisions - particularly endorsements – and I agree that they should be able to participate. To that end, I have proposed a bylaws change giving the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors ex officio seats on the DCCC, and adding 7 new seats. This will leave more seats open for the grass roots, and given the makeup of the current board of supervisors, it won't change the left-moderate balance on the committee. If my bylaws change is approved, it will open as many as 16 new seats on the committee for activists who have never been elected before.

The greatest challenge facing the city is its affordability crisis, and I would like to see the DCCC wield its influence to help solve this problem. I support the repeal of the Ellis Act, and would like to see the party throw its weight behind state legislative changes to prevent speculators from evicting long time tenants from their homes. (such as Senator Leno's SB 364). I am pleased to see Mayor Lee making a multi-pronged effort to alleviate the housing crisis and I also support Prop C by Supervisors Kim and Peskin to increase the City's inclusionary housing requirement in new development. I plan to author resolutions, and support measures and candidates that attack this crisis head on.

I would be honored to have your endorsement.

Rebecca Prozan

The Democratic Party needs help, and I bring the right credentials for the job.

As a lifelong Democrat, organizer, and fundraiser, I bring years of experience running campaigns and strategy to this position. I have advised numerous Democratic elected officials in their campaigns, including Willie Brown for Mayor, Kamala Harris' inaugural run for District Attorney, Bevan Dufty for District 8 Supervisor, Rachel Norton for School Board, Steve Ngo and Alex Randolph for City College Board. In these positions, we have been able to strengthen the City's democratic rolls and base.

In 2008, I was POTUS' Northern California liaison and delivered a message from then Senator Obama opposing Proposition 8; later I was an elected delegate from San Francisco to the 2008 and 2012 conventions.

I love serving on the SF DCCC as it gives me the opportunity to do even more to shape a progressive Democratic Party Agenda on immigration, environment, police reform, homelessness, and youth voting, ensure the Party has sufficient financial resources to GOTV, and continue San Francisco's tradition of being a beacon for Democrats across the country.

As a side note, I lived in District 5 for ten years [lower haight, Fillmore and Fell, I still miss Spaghetti Western] and look forward to future partnerships with D5 Dems!

Petra DeJesus

I have been on the DCCC since 2012 and have consistently voted to preserve housing stock in San Francisco, to stop evictions, supported the moratorium in the Mission, supported the successful effort to stop the wall on waterfront, supported the effort to stop real estate proposals to develop hotels and arenas literally on the Bay and supported the fight against prop 8, supported gun control, the preservation of sanctuary city, supported the coalition on homelessness (5 year plan), supported the original black lives matter resolution, and supported getting to zero strategic plan regarding HIV/AIDS.

I believe a more concerted effort should be made at the ballot box to address the evictions and housing affordability issues, as well as requiring our elected representatives to demand more affordable units in future developments; and that the planning commission utilize a more efficient standard and allow real community input when deciding future developments so that the new development meets the different community's needs. I also support a minimum wage of at least \$15.00 an hour.

Keith Baraka

Diversity, visibility and representation are very important to me.

As a life-long Democrat I feel very strongly about the SF Democratic Party representing the strong diversity of San Francisco, but it does not.

There are no African-American men currently elected to the Democratic County Central Committee, and there hasn't been for a very long time.

I feel I am uniquely suited to serve on the DCCC. I have been the proxy for State Senator Mark Leno for several years. Six years ago, I ran a very strong race for DCCC and came in 13th, in a very tough race with the top 12 winning seats.

I know the DCCC members. I know how important the outreach is to the communities and the Democratic Clubs. I know how critical is the work to register and educate voters, and how crucial and symbolic are the voter registration drives at the swearing-in ceremonies for new American citizens.

For nearly 15 years, I lived as a renter in SF until I experienced an owner move-in eviction. Now, I am a struggling, working class homeowner, so I am uniquely positioned to understand both positions on these issues that so often polarize the voters of San Francisco.

I am a strong union member serving in the San Francisco Fire Department, so I understand the value of a strong working class. As one of the few out gay men in the SFFD who has struggled to create a group to support, mentor and recruit the LGBT members of the SFFD: SF ResQ. During this process I've seen the importance of taking tough messages to our political leaders and asking more of them, challenging them to better lead.

As Senator Leno's DCCC proxy I have been actively involved in the volunteer mechanisms of the DCCC, a role not many proxies

embrace. As a strong, nearly successful DCCC candidate, I know what it takes to run a principled and effective campaign.

In addition to my time volunteering for the SF Democratic Party for the past 15 years and founding SF ResQ within the SFFD, I have served on the Board of the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic for the past 8 years. I have volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician for and raised funds as a rider for the SF to LA CA AIDS Ride. And I have actively volunteered in many political campaigns in SF: Willie Brown, Mark Leno, David Chiu, Scott Wiener, Bevan Dufty, Theresa Sparks for Supervisor, Kamala Harris as well as many others.

I pride myself on being able to see both sides of an issue and to bring people together. I am one of only two DCCC candidates jointly endorsed by both the Alice B. Toklas and the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Clubs. I understand the weight of this trust and plan to work with both clubs to move the agenda of the SF Democratic Party forward.

Michael Edward Grafton

I currently attend the monthly SF DCCC meetings, so have some understanding of its role in the local Democratic Party. The main charges of the SF DCCC is new voter registration, voter outreach, and creating the official Democratic Party endorsement slate. The committee also develops, modifies, and passes or rejects resolutions that, if passed, filter up to other government bodies for action. There is no fiduciary role, except local fundraising. Given this understanding of the SF DCCC, I would like to break out my responses into (1) improvements to the SF DCCC, and (2) how the SF DCCC could change course for the local Democratic Party.

1) My primary goal to improve the SF DCCC would be the following actions:

a) Committee Membership: Increase the voting membership by two individuals between the ages of 16 and 18, one each for Assembly District 17 and Assembly District 19, in order to leverage pre-registration options open to teenagers in the high schools. These voting members would be provided mentorship opportunities that are currently provided to young Democrats through the Sue Bierman Memorial Internship Program, but would be given full voting privileges on the SF DCCC.

b) Change the venue of the monthly meetings from the state office building on Golden Gate Avenue to the eleven supervisorial districts. All current supervisors are Democrats, so each one should host a monthly meeting. In this way, folks that have trouble going to the downtown meetings (finding daycare, parking) can visit at least once per year with the SF DCCC, see the who, how, and why of the SF DCCC, and hold this body accountable for its endorsements and resolutions.

c) I am considering the Alix Rosenthal resolution to have SF DCCC members who are also on the Board of Supervisors be treated as ex officio members, as long as this change increases the membership of community members. I have disagreements with the voting powers of ex officio members, so the reclassification of Board of Supervisors members might need to lead to changes in how the SF DCCC

accepts and works with ex officio members.

2) Regarding resolutions, I think that the SF DCCC is risk averse, and does not take on controversial issues to the extent that the San Francisco electorate would like. I would like the SF DCCC to address the areas below in some fashion:

a) Close the Gap and Scrap the Cap:

Close the Gap: This means having the Democratic Party ensure 50% party of women elected officials, at least as a statement of purpose, since women office holders may have different priorities than male office holders.

Sandra Lee Fewer

I previously served on the DCCC from 2010-2012, and am currently serving in my second term on the SF Board of Education. I am running for the SF DCCC because I am committed to the democratic process, a diversity of opinions, and ensuring that the Democratic Party represent the interests of everyday San Franciscans. I think the DCCC should be a space where open dialogue is welcomed and if elected again I would work to ensure that we uphold those values. On the School Board, I led a new era of consensus, results-oriented leadership. I have heard from thousands of San Franciscans throughout my years as a parent, community organizer and School Board member. These voices remind me what is at stake when I vote on policies. I understand the trust of the public is sacred!

Malia Cohen

I am running for re-election to the DCCC because I believe we need to have strong Democratic leadership and representation of the party in San Francisco. As a member of the DCCC, I have been an advocate to preserve our democratic values by tackling issues including gun control, protection of our environment, law enforcement reform, protecting Sanctuary City policies and women's reproductive healthcare access. I not only have experience, but also an unwavering commitment and pragmatism to guide the DCCC. I will continue to stand strong in the face of the hatred, bigotry and ignorance we see playing out in national politics.

The District 5 Democratic Club's mission is focused on empowering residents to participate in government and advance the ideals of the Democratic Party. I believe the DCCC should be focused on advancing the policies of the California Democratic Party Platform. I also believe it is our role and responsibility as members of the DCCC and the Democratic Party to work to get more strong democrats elected to local, state and national offices and engage all of our residents to become active Democrats. I believe the District 5 Democratic Club shares these same values and priorities and I would be honored to receive your endorsement.

Gladys Soto

For 20 years, I have been working in several nonprofits organizations serving low income community members. I am a product of public education, I attended San Francisco City College and graduated from SFSU, earning a Masters' in Counseling. For over a decade, I have been involved in politics. I have phone banked, precinct walked, merchant walked, attended numerous rallies, protests, registered new

voters, gathered signatures, run for the SF School Board in 2012, and won two assembly delegates races. Also I have been a board member of several non profits and Democratic Clubs. I am the SF Latino Democratic Club Representative to the California Democratic Party Chicano Latino Caucus. A position I earned for being the top caller for a Democratic Latino Mayoral candidate in San Diego. I was appointed to the Library Citizens Advisory Committee and the SFUSD Bilingual Committee. I was part of a community effort to help with the petition for Prop I that collected 15,000 signatures in 20 days, and worked on the Prop I campaign as a Volunteer Coordinator. Currently, I am serving as one of the Senate Delegates representing Senator Mark Leno's District. I helped organize over 200 people to testify for Senator Mark Leno SB 364 bill in Sacramento to change the Ellis Act to help tenants. Senator Mark Leno has endorsed my candidacy for DCCC AD 17, and that should be the biggest reasons why District 5 Democratic Club should consider endorsing me. Thanks!

Wade Woods

I am running because the DCCC needs to be diversified and inclusive. I should receive your endorsement because as a live long resident of District 5 I have watched first hand as this community has lost it's heart and soul. Dist. 5 use to be the cultural center of African American life, it was known as the Harlem of the west. I was director of the Western Addition Project Area Committee in the heady days of redevelopment which destroyed this community. during this period I headed up the building of the Victorian square complex on Fillmore and sutter street. I worked with people in the Haight to save many of the Victorians.

I went to Washington, DC and met with HUD officials to secure funding to build Ella Hill Hutch. During this period, along with a few friends founded Radio Station KPOO, the city first truly owned community radio station. I would be available to go further into my qualifications to not only represent Dist. 5 but also others of AD 17, at your membership meeting.

Zoe Dunning

As a proud Democrat, I am a steadfast advocate for social change. Our party's core values resonate deeply with me, and I want to continue playing a leadership role in embedding those values throughout our city, our state, and our nation.

One of our values is equality and standing up and speaking out against injustice. I have spoken out against injustice by working to break down barriers impacting underserved communities, such as the LGBTQ community. I challenged the military's policies prohibiting gays from serving, and publicly came out as a lesbian naval officer and took a leadership role in working to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell. In 2010, I was recognized for this and given the honor of standing next to President Obama when he signed the repeal of DADT. In 2011, I was awarded Woman of the Year in Senate District 8 for my commitment to the LGBT, women's, and veterans' communities.

I served for 22 years in the Navy and Navy Reserves and was also a leader of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which set the groundwork for opening up military service for LGBT service members. As Co-Chair of Alice, I worked closely with candidates and elected officials to help communicate the wishes and desires of the LGBT community.

I am devoted to continually addressing social, political, and economic inequalities in San Francisco. Social Justice is near and dear to my heart, as evidenced by my work on the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. No one is free until we are all free. If I am re-elected, I pledge to continue my work as an advocate for the people of our city and as a leader in building a more just society.

Lastly, I currently serve or have recently served in a number of party leadership positions:

1st Vice Chair of the SF DCCC, unanimously elected by my peers

Chair, SF DCCC Finance Committee, helping to raise the money necessary for a strong local party

Co-Vice Chair, CA Democratic Party's LGBT Caucus

Member, CA Democratic Party's Finance Committee

Immediate Past Co-Chair, Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club

Former 2nd Vice Chair, CA Democratic Party's Veterans Caucus

In addition to these roles in the Democratic Party, I also serve on the San Francisco Library Commission.

I would be honored to have the District 5 Democratic Club's endorsement and to continue my work as a leader of social justice.

Leah Pimental

As a lifelong Democrat and third-generation San Franciscan I am a committed advocate for women, children, and families of San Francisco and a champion for social justice in our community. In 2012, I was elected as the first working parent to serve on the DCCC.

If re-elected to the San Francisco DCCC, I vow to continue the fight for the advancement of all families and communities. In 2013, I joined the then-San Francisco Board of Supervisors President David Chiu and a dedicated coalition of families and community activists to enact the Family Workplace Ordinance. This compelling and groundbreaking policy allows families and parents a "right to request" a flexible work arrangement when caregiving responsibilities arise for a child, family member or parent. Moreover, I have worked with the Homeless Prenatal Program, to create project mom, in which I provided 40 homeless mothers with necessary items, and wisdom. I am proud to have been awarded Good Morning America's "Hero Award" and KPIX's "Jefferson Award for Public Service" in recognition of my advocacy on behalf of the families and children of San Francisco.

I have shown leadership around many issues that impact San Francisco families, including paid sick days, fair prescription pricing, and affordable housing. I strongly believe in collaboration and bringing people to the table, from my colleagues on the DCCC to community stakeholders. To that end, as the Vice Chair of the DCCC, I've created Endorsement Palooza, chartered the Democratic Club President's' Cabinet, and simplified the candidate questionnaire process.

Serving on the following organizations' boards I have built a consistent and unwavering legacy of promoting issues, policies, and candidates that will ensure San Francisco is a place for all families: Saint Ignatius College Preparatory Alumni Board, the San Francisco Women's Political Committee Board, the San Francisco Young Democrats' Board, the California Democratic Party and Voter Services Committee, the San Francisco Parks Alliance Board and Blue Greenway Chair, and on the San Francisco Unified School District Public

Education Enrichment Fund Committee.

San Francisco Democrats are wading into uncharted territory of redefining and prioritizing our values amidst incredible growth, and I am going to ensure the values and priorities of families don't get lost in the conversation.

I would be honored to include your endorsement of my campaign to be re-elected to the DCCC.

Gabriel Medina

I am a Policy manager for the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and San Francisco native. I was the DCCC representative of my Assemblymember Roger Dickinson as his aide in Sacramento from 2011 to 2013. I am the current PAC Chair and past President of the Latino Democratic Club (SFLDC). As President of the SFLDC, we led the rally for the youth at Mission Playground, won Latino Democratic Club of the Year at the 2014 CDP convention and backboned the volunteer effort for Proposition I, the Pause on Luxury Condos in 2015. The petition for Prop I collected 15,006 signatures in 20 days, registering over 1000 voters. I've managed or directed 7 campaigns, winning most of them. I hope to bring this experience to build a stronger Democratic Party. I've been a Democrat my entire life. I was President of the San Francisco Young Democrats at 19 years old. I was elected Secretary to Chicano/Latino Caucus - California Democratic Party in 2015, now serving my 2nd year on the Executive Board. I believe in community service. I am currently a Board Member of the Mission YMCA ('14-present) and a Member of the Community Advisory Group (CAG), UCSF ('14-present). I would appreciate your endorsement.

David Campos

I'm running to bring the party back to its progressive roots.

Joel Engardio

I am a passionate pragmatist, a liberal who gets things done. I believe that government works best when we carefully measure results and keep evidence ahead of ideology.

I recognize that economic growth is the funding engine that can make possible excellent public education, universal health care, and affordable housing.

As a member of the DCCC, I don't just attend meetings and talk. I work to build a modern, vital Democratic Party in San Francisco. I also use my column in the San Francisco Examiner to offer new ideas and analyze local issues.

I am currently the only openly LGBT member of the DCCC in AD19. It is important that we have LGBT representation in AD19. My husband and I live in a westside neighborhood where half the voters supported the Prop 8 ban on same-sex marriage in 2008. Times have rapidly changed since then, but 2008 was not that long ago.

Lots of LGBT residents have been moving West of Twin Peaks into historically conservative areas like District 7. As a board member of the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, I organized the first-ever Alice membership meeting on the westside -- in the community space above the West Portal Muni station. Mark Leno and Scott Wiener did a town hall and nearly 100 people showed up, many of them

LGBT westsiders. The DCCC can likewise reach out to more LGBT residents in AD19 to welcome them and keep them active in the Democratic Party.

Eric Mar

I led an independent REFORM slate and was elected to the DCCC 20 years ago in 1996 and have been fighting the right wing, and the corporate and conservative stranglehold on our local, state and national government through my DCCC and other political work since. I also seek to build more grassroots social justice and immigrant community involvement to make the party more democratic, inclusive, radical and progressive. I would be honored by your endorsement.

Leah LaCroix

I am running for a seat on the Democratic County Central Committee because I want to see bold, fresh faces on the committee that truly represent the makeup of San Francisco. In the past few years, I have witnessed a significant change in the city I call home, and I can no longer sit by idle. My family moved to San Francisco when I was all of 2 months old—it's the city where I was raised, and it's the city I call home. The values of San Francisco are ones I hold dear, and one I bring into my politics. I am running alongside member of the SF Reform Slate.

As a member of the DCCC, I will support resolutions and initiatives that bring forth solutions to housing affordability and economic inequality, especially those policies that provide support for our most vulnerable communities. At SF State, I studies Political Science and Urban Studies & Planning, and understand the theoretical framework, as well as the practical applications to actively address the aforementioned issues. Moreover, having been raised in a low-income household by a single mother of 3, I fully understand what policies are needed to make meaningful impacts in these areas. I have chosen a career in policy so I can work to better the lives of others, and supporting initiatives that provide relief for struggling communities

Democratic voter registration has declined considerably over the last four years. To change that trend, people first need to feel excited about the party to want to register, and believe the party is responsive to their needs and interest. As a member of the DCCC I will work to 1)improve voter registration, building support for democratic clubs in building membership, and supporting Vote16-an effort to lower the voting age in San Francisco municipal elections to 16 and 17 year olds. 2) support initiatives that promote housing availability, transit affordability, and economic opportunity for low and moderate income San Franciscan, and 3) support and advocate for environmental justice centered proposals,

I believed I am uniquely qualified to serve on the DCCC. I've advocated for the Free Muni for Youth, and other youth focused policies while serving on the San Francisco Youth. I am a founding board member for the Black Young Democrats of San Francisco, and secretary for the California Young Democrats Black Caucus. I also serve as the SF Regional Director for the CYD Renters Caucus. I was an elected delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention (CD14), and have served as a delegate to the California Democratic Party Convention since 2012.

I hope my experiences demonstrates my commitment to San Francisco, and the needs of District 5. I would be honored to earn your support and endorsement. Thank you for your consideration.

Aaron Peskin

The DCCC is the local seat of Democratic power in San Francisco, and critical organizing and education efforts have historically extended from this body. As goes San Francisco, so goes the State of California; and as goes California, so goes the nation. The values that we evangelize and the groundbreaking work that we do here has a critical ripple effect far beyond the geographic boundaries of our City and County. We are tasked with the obligation to mentor and cultivate new leadership, fundraise for the Democratic Party and its issues and candidates and expand the base locally through voter registration and engagement. But beyond those critical functions, we also have the opportunity to weigh in on visionary policies that strengthen the overall Democratic Party brand.

I am running for a seat on the DCCC to ensure that this important body continues to advocate for visionary policies on behalf of the interests of everyday San Franciscans. The Party representatives on the DCCC must distance themselves from corporate and special interests if we are going to restore faith and reverse the tide flowing out from our local Democratic Party. I hope to be a part of that process.

Emily M. Murase, Ph.D

I decided to run for DCCC for 3 reasons. First, as a school board member, I want to bring public education to the forefront of the Democratic Party as a key issue for our community. California cannot be among the lowest in per-pupil spending in the country if it wants to offer a high quality education to all students.

Second, in my work as Executive Director of the Department on the Status of Women, I have been focusing on the issue of human trafficking. The FBI has named our city one of the top 13 destinations for child sex trafficking in the country. We need to bring more attention to modern day slavery and work together to end it.

Finally, I want to register voters, especially busy parents, and do what I can to ensure that a Democrat is elected to the White House in November! I am active member of the Japantown community where I have spent a great deal of my childhood. I was a camper at the Japanese Community Youth Council and eventually became summer camp director, working with over 100 young people every summer.

At one time, my husband and I lived in D5 near Divisadero and O'Farrell. My two daughters are graduates of Rosa Parks Elementary School in D5, one of the most diverse public schools in the district. I am committed to bringing a diverse voice to the DCCC. I would be very honored to have the endorsement of the D5 Democratic Club. For more details about my campaign, please see my website, www.emilymurase.com.