

Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

Questionnaire for Candidates for November 2014

Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on declaring your candidacy. The Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club invites you to get to know us better as we seek to learn more about you. As we plan our endorsements for the 2014 election cycle, your participation in our club questionnaire allows our membership to better understand you as a candidate: who you are, what you stand for, and what you plan to accomplish in office.

*There are two parts to our questionnaire. Part 1 is a series of short-answer questions. We invite you to be descriptive in this section, however, please keep your responses to under 5 sentences. Part 2 is a simple Yes/No questionnaire that covers a broader set of issues than Part 1. You may expand upon Part 2 answers on a separate sheet of paper. Please return the completed questionnaire by **11:59 PM Thursday, August 14th**. E-mail all questionnaires to PAC Chair Alex Walker at pac@milkclub.org. Please bring at least 5 copies (printed front and back) of your questionnaire to our PAC interviews on **Saturday, August 16**. If you are unable to do so, please let Alex know ASAP. Please do not print this cover sheet.*

*We will be having our candidate interviews on **Saturday, August 16** from **9:30 AM to 4:30 PM** at the **LGBT Center's Ceremonial Room** (1800 Market at Octavia). Alex should be in touch to schedule a 10-minute slot (5 minute speech and the rest for questions and wrap-up). If you have any questions or to reschedule, email him at pac@milkclub.org or call him at 415-876-8254.*

Good Luck,

The Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

Required Information

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Are you a member of the Harvey Milk Club? No

If so, when did you first join?

Are you lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)? No

PART 1: Short-Answer Questionnaire

1)

Please describe your qualifications for the position you seek (include your key issues/priorities if elected and any key endorsements you'd like to share), plus anything else that you'd like our members to know about you and your candidacy.

I am running because, despite sitting at the center of global technology and innovation, San Franciscans continue to struggle with challenges around education, transportation, technology, and affordability. We desperately need energetic, inventive leaders who have the vision and energy to improve our communities through more responsive and open city government.

As a 10-year resident of District 2 who has raised my family here, as well as an avid bicycle and train commuter, I understand the unique challenges facing San Francisco firsthand. I have spent my adult life as an innovator, crafting creative solutions for firms in a wide variety of sectors, from communications to clean energy. I have a Ph.D. in Engineering, numerous patents, an M.B.A., and a wide range of accomplishments in both business and science. My commitment is to bring my professional success as an inventor, scientist and business leader to create new programs that can change San Franciscans' lives for the better.

2)

If you are running for College Board, tell us about what you have done to support CCSF during its accreditation crisis and what you plan to do to keep it open and funded. Even if you aren't running for College Board, if you have been a part of the fight to save CCSF, feel free to tell us about what you have done to help.

I am not running for College Board.

3)

Do you support repeal or reform of the Ellis Act? Locally, what specifically would you do to fight for housing affordability in San Francisco?

I support the ongoing and emerging initiatives ensuring that real estate speculation does not drastically reduce middle income housing via evictions. This includes several reforms of the Ellis Act.

I also support current initiatives to increase the San Francisco housing stock (in this case by 30,000 units in the next decade), but with a larger percentage (30% or more) for low and middle-income housing.

Finally, I believe additional measures should be studied (which I would strongly encourage as Supervisor) to drive public-private partnerships that would add low- and middle-income housing beyond the above goal. Potential innovative uses of adoption and naming rights for special types of housing could also be studied.

4)

In your opinion, what kind of reform of Prop 13 is needed, if any? Would you support a split-roll property tax system?

Prop 13 changes have been rejected by voters in the past. But, if there is evidence is that a split-roll system can address some of the fundamental problems existing today, such as growing inequality and housing affordability, I could consider sponsoring a proposal. Also, proposals such as Tom Ammiano's, which close loopholes in Prop 13, are worth supporting.

5)

LGBTQ elders and older people living with HIV face a number of challenges, including finding affordable housing, accessing health care and a general lack of services. Many are being evicted. If you were elected, what would you do in your power to help address these challenges?

The aforementioned housing measures should help address this, at least in part. In addition, I will ensure that LGBT rights continue their firm ascent through vigorous support for existing and emerging legislation (at the municipal and state level) and initiatives including the following:

- Equal housing initiatives: creating affordable housing for LGBT individuals, especially seniors (e.g. the San Francisco Openhouse program, the LGBT Aging Policy Task Force proposal for LGBT senior housing co-op and low-income units in the Castro, the re-opening of Marty's Place, etc).
- Healthcare initiatives: ensuring equal protection for transgender individuals (in particular standardizing procedure criteria for determining "medical necessity" and coverage for surgery, therapy, counseling, leave, etc.), finding safe injection sites for drug users, providing equal opportunity to donate blood, modernizing birth and death certificates, promoting LGBT cultural competency in healthcare, etc.

6)

Similarly, LGBTQ youth face challenges including bullying and a high rate of homelessness if ostracized by their families. If you are elected, what would you do in your power to help these youth? For School Board candidates, what would you do on the SFUSD board to help LGBTQ students who are bullied?

In addition to the above, I will fight to prevent bullying in schools (by enforcing the “Protect Students” law, “Seth’s Law”, and others) and work to stop discrimination in youth groups.

7)
Supervised injection facilities or drug consumption facilities have been shown to reduce new HIV and hepatitis infections, overdose deaths, and public drug use, and to increase linkage to medical care and substance use treatment and save money, yet they remain controversial and illegal. If you are elected, what would you do to advocate for supervised injection sites?

With strong evidence in hand that these facilities help address infection rates, I would begin a discussion around legalization and, if appropriate, sponsor measures and/or legislation to help make it a reality.

PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire

Please check **Yes** or **No** for each question.

GENERAL YES NO

1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat? – Yes.		
2. Have you ever run for elected office before? – No. (I have run for elected offices in numerous science and technology committees, and was elected to the board of directors of the two main Spanish Associations in Silicon Valley.)		
3. Do you have a campaign consultant? If so, who: -- No, but I have a team of strong advisors.		
4. Have you ever sought the Milk Club endorsement in the past? – No.		

LGBTQ ISSUES

5. Do you support including full transgender health benefits in Covered California health plans? – Yes.		
6. Do you support public funding for employment development for transgender individuals? – Yes.		

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

7. Do you support rent control? – Yes.		
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Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain: - No.		
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RACIAL AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

9. Do you support driver's licenses for undocumented persons? – Yes.		
10. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board? - – Yes, under appropriate circumstances.		
11. Do you support the protection of due process for immigrant youth accused of crime? – Yes.		
12. Do you support the DREAM Act? – Yes.		

SOCIAL JUSTICE, HEALTH, NIGHTLIFE AND LABOR ISSUES

13. Do you support capital punishment (death penalty)? – No.		
14. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? – I am open to discussion on the topic.		
15. Did you support Prop 35 in November 2012? – Yes.		
16. Did you support Sen. Leno's 2013 bill (or at least the concept) to allow localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 AM? – Yes. I was born and raised in Spain, where this was legal.		
17. Do you support the legalization, taxation, and regulation of adult recreational use of marijuana? – Yes, under the right form.		
18. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain: - No.		
19. Do you support the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights? – Yes.		

EDUCATION AND YOUTH ISSUES

	YES	NO
20. Did you support Assemblymember Ammiano's AB 1266 (rights for transgender students)? – Yes.		
21. Do you support the Common Core education standards? – Yes.		
22. Do you support lowering the threshold to pass a local parcel tax for		

education to 55%? – Yes.		
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

23. Do you support California's high speed rail plans? – Yes.		
24. Do you support Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels plan? – Yes.		

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

25. Do you support Prop A (Transportation and Road Improvement Bond)? - Yes.		
26. Do you support Prop B (Population-Based Adjustment to General Fund Appropriation to Transportation Fund)? – Yes.		
27. Do you support Prop C (Children and Youth Fund)? – Yes		
28. Do you support Prop D (Retiree Health Benefits for Former Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency Employees)? – Yes.		
29. Do you support Prop E (Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages)? – At this moment, I am inclined not to, because it could hurt the lower income population that consumes most of these beverages. I am however open to discussion.		
30. Do you support Prop F (Pier 70 Development Height Limit Increase)? – Yes.		
31. Do you support Prop G (Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax)? – Yes.		
32. Do you support Prop H (Maintaining Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park as Natural Grass)? – Yes.		
33. Do you support Prop I (Park Code – Children's Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Athletic Fields)? – Yes.		
34. Do you support Prop J (Administrative Code – Minimum Wage)? – Yes.		
35. Do you support Prop K (Affordable Housing Goals)? – Yes.		
36. Do you support Prop L (Transportation Priorities)? – No.		

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

37. Do you support Prop 43 (Water Bond)? Note: this may not end up being on the ballot this year. – Yes.		
38. Do you support Prop 44 (Rainy Day Fund)? - Yes.		
39. Do you support Prop 45 (Health Insurers Justify Rate Increases)? – Yes.		
40. Do you support Prop 46 (Drug Testing Doctors; Raising Medical Malpractice Awards Cap)? – Maybe. Inclined to support at this time.		
41. Do you support Prop 47 (Reducing Some Crimes From Felonies to Misdemeanors)? – Yes.		
42. Do you support Prop 48 (Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum)? – Yes.		
43. Do you support Prop 49 (Constitutional Amendment Opposing Citizens United)? – Probably not.		