



Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

Questionnaire for Candidates for November 2014

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Are you a member of the Harvey Milk Club? Yes.

If so, when did you first join? 2014.

Are you lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)? Yes.

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.

As a CCSF student, my priority is saving the school. We can do this by providing end of pipeline job opportunities and training for entrepreneurship by connecting students to local business leaders in TEDx style conferences, networking events held at each CCSF campus/center, and internship programs. CEOs and business leaders will see that the majority of computer science and other tech students are women, sexual minorities, and people of color. Twitter, Google and Facebook can use an influx of diversity in their corporations. But this solution is not limited to the tech sector; solar, hospitality, food and beverage, medical and manufacturing fields will

continue to depend on CCSF graduates and former students to energize and innovate their industries in San Francisco. The missing ingredient is mentorship and opportunity.

My work in repealing Don't Ask Don't Tell is public knowledge, but most people do not know how many young suicidal students and homeless youth i have mentored and continue to help.

i have myself enrolled in vocal music and fully intend to raise funds for the school through performances. Saving the Ethnic, LGBT, Women's and Performing Arts programs at CCSF is a main priority for me, as much of the world outside of CCSF does not know the level at which these studies are provided here.

Finally, my greatest strength is my independent voice, unhindered by political ambitions beyond saving this school, our school. While my work has included direct action, and the possibility of its utility we all hope will not come to fruition, the most noble form of civil disobedience is education. Some sit on a bus, others sit in Zuccotti Park. But when your school is under attack, the most noble resistance is sitting in a classroom. For in its inception there is the attainment of knowledge; for in its success there is the perpetuation of wisdom.

- 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.

By asking the Board of Supervisors to enroll in non-credit classes this semester, and so far confirming 5 of the 11 enrolled, as well as teaching ESL and other endangered classes, my efforts have focused on forcing our leaders to lead by example. This action based leadership is what is missing in the current enrollment campaign. My plan to keep pressure on the ACCJC, State and Federal agencies and organizations will focus on my national field and media work to educate people and groups outside of San Francisco that the impending dis-accreditation will harm the over 1,500 veterans who need the school as a waypoint towards restarting their lives in peace and harmony with the citizens they fought to protect.

- 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?

The Ellis Act has hurt too many residents and needs to be repealed. While I'm open to reform proposals, it is likely that only a full repeal can solve the endemic problem. Too many CCSF students are moving away, never

to return. This will detrimentally affect the enrollment campaigns at CCSF for years to come, as gentrification continues to drive away the lifeblood of this sanctuary city.

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

No Position; Focused on CCSF issues specifically.

- 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?

Support Sup. Campos' legal efforts to protect seniors individually. Create my own efforts to advocate for their finding a home and accessing community events and classes at CCSF to combat their sense of emotional and psychological displacement which exacerbates their physical and geographical homelessness.

- 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?

Continue to mentor them, my phone number has always been publicly available for this purpose. 415-508-8793. As a leader my job will be to find resources for these youth. CCSF has always been a sanctuary for the displaced. On campus i will be there to hold their hand, to wipe their tears, to remind them that there are good people in the world and that life is worth living. i will continue to bolster the Queer Resource Center and help the faculty come out of the closet. Funding for the homeless resource center must also be contingent on their inclusiveness and sensitivity to these LGBTQ specific needs, and i will be the watchdog on the Board of Trustees to ensure this demand is never taken for granted.

- 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?

Make sure CCSF is a place that students can access these important resources.

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?	x	
2. Have you ever run for elected office before?		x
3. Do you have a campaign consultant? If so, who: Hai Huynh (primary) and other subcontractors.	x	
4. Have you ever sought the Milk Club endorsement in the past?		x

LGBTQ ISSUES

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

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

7. Do you support rent control?	x	
8. Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain:		x

RACIAL AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE, HEALTH, NIGHTLIFE AND LABOR ISSUES

13. Do you support capital punishment (death penalty)?		x
14. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work?	x	
15. Did you support Prop 35 in November 2012?		
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?	x	
17. Do you support the legalization, taxation, and regulation of adult recreational use of marijuana?	x	

18. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain:		x
19. Do you support the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights?	x	

EDUCATION AND YOUTH ISSUES

YES

NO

20. Did you support Assemblymember Ammiano's AB 1266 (rights for transgender students)?	x	
21. Do you support the Common Core education standards?	x	
22. Do you support lowering the threshold to pass a local parcel tax for education to 55%?		x

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

23. Do you support California's high speed rail plans?	N/A	
24. Do you support Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels plan?	N/A	

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

25. Do you support Prop A (Transportation and Road Improvement Bond)?	N/A	
26. Do you support Prop B (Population-Based Adjustment to General Fund Appropriation to Transportation Fund)?	N/A	
27. Do you support Prop C (Children and Youth Fund)?	x	
28. Do you support Prop D (Retiree Health Benefits for Former Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency Employees)?	x	
29. Do you support Prop E (Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages)?	x	
30. Do you support Prop F (Pier 70 Development Height Limit Increase)?	N/A	
31. Do you support Prop G (Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax)?	x	
32. Do you support Prop H (Maintaining Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park as Natural Grass)?	N/A	
33. Do you support Prop I (Park Code – Children's Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Athletic Fields)?	N/A	
34. Do you support Prop J (Administrative Code – Minimum Wage)?	x	
35. Do you support Prop K (Affordable Housing Goals)?	x	

36. Do you support Prop L (Transportation Priorities)?	N/A	
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STATE BALLOT MEASURES

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

