

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? Yes

If so, when did you first join? 2000

Are you lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)? Openly gay since the age of 14 in San Francisco.

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'm running for District 6 Board of Supervisors to build a stronger San Francisco that balances future growth with preservation of our urban character, lifestyle, and local values that we all hold dear.

While we may come from different places and cultures and have different stories to tell, we all hold common values: our strong sense of community, our love for the natural beauty of San Francisco, and our high quality of life. We also share the hope for a better future for our children and grandchildren.

I will use my experience as a facilitator, citizen planner, and civic leader to create a stronger and more vibrant San Francisco and to:

- **Address displacement of residents, families, and nonprofits in the Tenderloin and SOMA; preservation of affordable housing, cultural institutions, service providers and small businesses that cater to the low-income families, workers and vulnerable residents;**
- **Create jobs for a strong diverse economy;**
- **Address infrastructure needs that have not kept pace with growth;**
- **Stick to plans that manage growth;**
- **Increase Police multicultural and other specialized trainings to better serve minority communities and pursue enhanced public safety programs;**
- **Preserve the natural beauty of San Francisco;**
- **Build upon our public transportation system and expand our bicycle's connecting the city initiative, support Better Market Street Plan, and fund Vision Zero;**

- Promote locally grown food and alternative energy;
- Improve parks and recreational activities; and
- Protect and promote nightlife, street fairs, and the tourist industry.

If elected. I pledge to listen to you, ask questions for you, and continue working for a better San Francisco.

In 1972 started exploring my sexuality in San Francisco, I started being active in the gay community by getting involved with queer youth support groups at the Pride Center at 330 Grove. My involvement working with queer youth inspired me to move forward and establish many programs and services for gay youth for the next 15 years of my life.

I am a pioneer and in 1993 archived my community work with the LGBT Historical Society. The archived documents include much of my work with LGBT youth organizations and advocacy work on behalf of minority youth.

As a community activist, I played a leadership role in numerous organizations: Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area (GYCC); the Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition (SMYSC); the Gay Area Youth Switchboard; Gays Under 21 Rap Group; Gay Youth Community News (GYCN); the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade Committee; National Gay Youth Network (NGYN) and co-founder of the Larkin Street Youth Center. Affiliate Membership in, Gay & Lesbian Press Association; Member of, Pink Triangle Working Press 1981; Affiliate Membership in, Coalition of Lesbian & Gay Hotlines; Member of, California Alliance of Information & Referral Services, Inc.

Contributor to: Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Program, Gayellow pages, GAIA's Guide, Plexus, Gay Events Tape, On Parade!, San Francisco Women's Yellow Pages, The Gay Book, and Gay Areas Telephone Directory. Since 1996 I have been involved in various social justice causes and neighborhood improvement groups including establishing 5 Community Benefit Districts; and Founding member of the San Francisco Community Land Trust.

Memberships In: Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club
 California Democratic Council
 California MoveOn Member
 Central City Democrats

Cabinet
 Congressional Campaign Committee
 National Committee
 LGBT Democratic Club
 America
 Beach Democratic Club

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Attended most of the election day after campaign parties with a professional photographer promoting the Democrats running for office by posting their events on the internet. Also attended Democratic candidate events and debates either taking pictures or videotaping the events and placing them on YouTube to promote voter education.

As President of a Central City Democrats I have organized within our club and supported other Democratic candidates and causes. I have created an inclusive club policy of getting every Democrat attending our club's functions the opportunity to participate either in the endorsement process, asking of questions, volunteering, and staying connected. Also reaching out to underserved populations and working hard to accommodate their special needs. Secured and maintain our club's phone number (415) 339-VOTE.

Have sponsored or co-sponsored various events that promoted both Democratic candidates or causes. And publicized endorsements of Democratic candidates on the internet and printed media.

I am a dynamic, innovative community para-professional, I have extensive experience in media production, economic development, community planning, resident leadership development, public safety, and civic engagement. In the communities and organizations I have served, I bring critical skills in public relations, mediation, project management and program coordination. I've developed, implemented and managed a wide range of programs designed to enhance a community's sense of place for workers, area residents, tourists, and businesses alike.

Most organizations have not yet endorsed, but to date I've received a number of endorsements, including:

Arjan Amiri

Harold Bailey

Jerel Banks AKA Aja Monet Potential District 6 Candidate 2014****

Curtis Bradford

Renee M. Brown

Wilbur Brown

Susan R. Bryan

Marvin Baykins Jr

Stephanie Caldwell

Jim Charles, Dodge Place

Dean Clark, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2010*

Luke Cottrilt III

Wanda Crane

Gilbert F. Criswell, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2000 & DCCC Candidate*

Lisa Cutler

George Davis, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2010*

George Dias, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2006*

Michael H. Dodge

Denise N. Dorey

Rachel Duncan
Rafa Abdullah Elsaidi
Denis Emmett
Paul Erickson
Edward G. Evans
Illya Fee
Kevin Fortman
Mike Franklin
Albert Frost
Cathy Garza, former SF City Attorney*
Amos Lee Gregory, SF Vets Mural Project*
Cathy Hanson
Lance Hanson
Marie Herring
Jamie Hunter
Sen Huynh, Owner of Little Saigon Hair & Nail*
Marilyn J. Isabell
Dennis Isner, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2000 & DCCC Candidate*
Garrett Jenkins, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2000 & 2002*
Manual Jimenez, Jr. District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2006*
Robert L. Jordan, Jr. District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2006*
Girma Kassamghapi
Joe Kaplan
Jonny Lamb
Myles A. Lee
Kenneth Lima
Julie Liu, Owner of Lisa for Hair*
Jack Mogannam
Bill Multani, Owner of Daldas Market*
Nate Payne, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2010*
Evan Luxon
Goyatin Mahan
Jake Malkenzhz
Paul Margous
Patrick McCellan
Reginald Meadows
Jim Meko, District 6 Supervisor Candidate 2010****
John Nulty, District 8 Supervisor Candidate 2014*
Christiana Olague, Former District 5 Supervisor**
Chanh Pham, Nutritionist at Max Muscle on Polk
Marvis J. Phillips, Former President of Northeast Citizen Advisory Board for
Mental Health Services, Inc.*
Susan L. Phillips
Charles Pitts
Jessica Reid
Taha Saceh

Syndi Saizan
Barry Sameis
David Saludo
Leophia Smith
Antoinetta Stadlman III, South of Market Redevelopment PAC Former Chair****
Hazel M. Simon
Luke Thomas, Publisher & Editor Fog CityJournal.com****
John Trantman
Michele A. Tucker
Juan Viana
Jean Welch
Leann Wiley

Organizational Endorsements

District 6 Gays*

Women's Virtual Community*

***1 position rank choice**

****2nd position rank choice**

*****3rd position rank choice**

******not position rank choice**

I believe the Harvey Milk Club should consider endorsing my campaign because of my vast dedication and community service to the citizens of San Francisco Bay Area for the last 37 years and my leadership.

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.

Use social media postings to keep CCSF accreditation, talked with community leaders, and discussed in community meetings.

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?

Yes, I support any reform measures for renters that will keep them living in decent and safe housing conditions in San Francisco. My housing advocacy includes Co-Founder of Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco and Program Director since 1998; Co-Founder of Manor Advocates in 1997; Advocate of National Community Land Trust since 2001;

Member of San Francisco Community Land Trust since 2002; Member of Affordable Housing Accountability Working Group since 2004; and Member of Housing Justice since 2005.

With median rents approaching \$3,500 and real estate speculators contributing to a steep rise in evictions, the stories of seniors, disabled and longtime residents uprooted from our neighborhoods have been heartbreaking.

I've worked to pass laws that prioritize Ellis Act victims for our scarce affordable housing, legalize tens of thousands of in-law units, make it easier for tenants suffering financial hardship to be exempted from rent increases, and provide more pro bono attorneys for residents facing eviction. But we need to do more than build a safety net; we need to build more housing.

Yet dueling proposals aimed at the November ballot (and at each other) miss the mark. Last month, Supervisor Jane Kim introduced a ballot proposal to limit production of market-rate housing based on the total percentage of affordable housing in the city. Critics say such strict limits will not increase affordable housing, but will drive up prices for existing housing stock.

In response, Mayor Ed Lee proposed a rival ballot measure that reaffirms the city's commitment to building 30,000 housing units by 2020, with "poison pill" provisions that would invalidate key portions of Supervisor Kim's measure. Kim's supporters point out that the mayor's measure is a policy statement that does not create funding sources.

Our energy is better spent focusing on a housing bond initiative for the 2015 ballot. In recent years, San Francisco has lost \$70 million to \$80 million a year in state housing funding, mostly a result of the governor eliminating redevelopment agencies. The time is ripe for a local housing bond.

In 2012, I joined tenant and affordable housing advocates, and market-rate developers to establish a trust fund approved by voters that sets aside an average of \$50 million a year toward affordable housing and housing programs. While this is a down payment, it won't come close to meeting our city's 33 percent affordability goal for 30,000 units by 2020. A housing bond would achieve our goal, particularly because housing finance experts have identified an opportunity to take advantage of the growth in property values.

Also, to prevent buildings from being sold to speculators, several cities have established the right for tenants to make a first offer to purchase a building; if tenants were to receive financial assistance for such purchases from a city fund and philanthropic contributions, we could leverage several revenue streams to protect our most vulnerable renters. Others have suggested changes to our city's inclusionary housing rules, such as partnering affordable projects with market rate developments. These and other ideas are worthy of consideration.

Let's find a way to put housing first.

4)

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

property tax system?

Since 1978, Proposition 13 has been sacrosanct in California politics. Those who have tried to tinker with it have been thwarted by court rulings, legislative timidity, and the weight of arguably the most potent citizen's movement in the state's history.

No longer do we hear about senior citizens being forced to sell their homes because they can't pay outrageously high property tax bills. But Proposition 13 had the unexpected result of putting a lid on taxes from commercial properties — and shifting the overall burden toward homeowners. The share of state revenue from residential property taxes has steadily increased, while the proportion from commercial properties has steadily declined. Why? Proposition 13 requires reassessment of a property only when it changes ownership. Commercial property simply doesn't change hands as often as residential property. That means there are fewer opportunities to reassess them at market rate.

Another key factor is the legislation passed in the wake of Proposition 13 specifying that commercial property can only be reassessed when ownership changes by 50 percent or more. But commercial property owners have benefited from rules that allow them to avoid triggering the 50 percent "change in ownership" provision.

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?

First, would insure adequate mental health services for LGBT older people, to prevent feelings of loneliness and isolation, to depression and thoughts of suicide.

In June 2012, San Francisco's Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance establishing a task force on issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) elders. The task force will address housing, legal equity, research and demographics, social services and inclusion of elders within the community. The Board selects the 15 task-force members in September, and they will have 18 months to investigate the issues and report back with their recommendations.

I will review these recommendations and support them and advocate amongst my fellow SF Board of Supervisors to implement these recommendations.

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?

Since I am a co-founder of Larkin Street Youth Center, and a former Public Health Department employee. I have much personal experience being involved for 15 years providing and implementing programs for LGBTQ youth in San Francisco, I would make this a priority of mine. I would review current contracts for services for LGBTQ programs that the city currently provides funds for and assist and advocate for more programs and secure additional funding for existing programs.

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?

There are between 11,000 to 15,000 intravenous drug users in San Francisco, most of them homeless men. The city already operates a clean-needle exchange program to reduce HIV and Hepatitis C infections.

At least sixty-five supervised facilities exist in 27 cities in eight countries, but no other U.S. cities have considered creating one. Let's San Francisco change that and create this service for a underserved population in need.

I would work with advocates that have been seeking to pioneer this. Another very important health concern that can be address through prevention practices.

PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire

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

GENERAL YES NO

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| 1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat? YES | | |
| 2. Have you ever run for elected office before? NO | | |
| 3. Do you have a campaign consultant? If so, who: N/A | | |

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| 4. Have you ever sought the Milk Club endorsement in the past? NO | | X |
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LGBTQ ISSUES

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| 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

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| 7. Do you support rent control? Yes | | |
| 8. Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain: No | | |

RACIAL AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

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| 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, if proper verification of residency is created to avoid voter abuse. And the cost of implementing such program is not costly. | | |
| 11. Do you support the protection of due process for immigrant youth accused of crime? Yes, everyone deserves due process. | | |
| 12. Do you support the DREAM Act? Yes, I support the California Dream Act Application process | | |

SOCIAL JUSTICE, HEALTH, NIGHTLIFE AND LABOR ISSUES

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| 13. Do you support capital punishment (death penalty)? Abolishing the death penalty. I have been a long-time opponent of the death penalty and will continue to advocate for its elimination. | | |
| 14. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? Yes, The decriminalization of sex work is among one of the most important steps needed in order to curtail the spread of HIV. | | |

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| 15. Did you support Prop 35 in November 2012? No | | |
| 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 would differ to each locality to decide, Leno bill provides that option. | | |
| 17. Do you support the legalization, taxation, and regulation of adult recreational use of marijuana? Yes | | |
| 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

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| 20. Did you support Assemblymember Ammiano's AB 1266 (rights for transgender students)? Yes | | |
| 21. Do you support the Common Core education standards? Yes, we to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to enter credit-bearing courses at two- or four-year college programs or enter the workforce | | |
| 22. Do you support lowering the threshold to pass a local parcel tax for education to 55%? Yes | | |

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

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| 23. Do you support California's high speed rail plans? Yes | | |
| 24. Do you support Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels plan? Yes, but have not reviewed the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement documents. | | |

LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

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| 25. Do you support Prop A (Transportation and Road Improvement Bond)? Yes | | |
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| 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, was involved in the first campaign Prop. J. | | |
| 28. Do you support Prop D (Retiree Health Benefits for Former Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency Employees)? No Opinion | | |
| 29. Do you support Prop E (Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages)? Yes | | |
| 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)? No Opinion, Very little open space in District 6 | | |
| 34. Do you support Prop J (Administrative Code – Minimum Wage)? Yes, supporter of the living wage coalition. | | |
| 35. Do you support Prop K (Affordable Housing Goals)? Yes, a long time housing advocate. | | |
| 36. Do you support Prop L (Transportation Priorities)? Yes | | |

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

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| 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)? No | | |
| 40. Do you support Prop 46 (Drug Testing Doctors; Raising Medical Malpractice Awards Cap)? No | | |
| 41. Do you support Prop 47 (Reducing Some Crimes From Felonies to Misdemeanors)? Yes | | |
| 42. Do you support Prop 48 (Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum)? No | | |
| 43. Do you support Prop 49 (Constitutional Amendment Opposing Citizens United)? No | | |

