

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 14**. 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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If so, when did you first join? No
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.

It is my honor to serve this City and work to make District 6 safer, stronger, and healthier. Over the past four years, we have made great strides toward achieving this goal, and we have much more work to do. Our current priorities remain promoting equitable land uses and affordable housing, reforming our homeless shelter system through a public health lens, pedestrian & bike safety/Vision Zero, supporting public education, fair access to quality jobs, and neighborhood capacity building.

I have served as the Chair on the Rules Committee and was also a member of the Budget & Finance Committee for two years, where I worked with city-wide stakeholders to pass a values-based budget. Currently, I am on the Land Use Committee, which makes recommendations on land usage and economic development projects. I also Chair the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, the body that oversees the design, construction, and operation of the new Transbay Transit Center.

I continue to remain passionate about public education as the former President of the Board of Education. I now serve as Chair of the City and School District Committee and authored the re-authorization of the Public Education Enrichment Fund.

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.

N/A

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 the repeal or reform of the Ellis Act.

The high cost of housing is a huge barrier for working and middle class residents of San Francisco. We need to build more affordable housing for San Franciscans making a range of incomes, especially those making between \$0 and \$81,000 per year.

60% of our residents qualify for what we define as affordable housing, and we have not kept pace in meeting our housing production needs for low and middle income residents. This is a tremendous challenge - San Francisco is unaffordable for our teachers, service industry workers, building trades, and other working and middle class residents.

Affordable housing has been one of my key policy priorities. I believe a minimum of 30% of new housing construction should be affordable to the majority of our residents, and I worked with affordable housing advocates and community members on drafting the Housing Balance legislation. I will continue to build a broad coalition to ensure that the City and developers both contribute additional revenues for the production and rehabilitation of affordable housing. I also support the anti-speculation tax and steps to rehabilitate existing rental housing stock, as well as examining how a variety of regulations and controls can preserve housing for our residents.

As a School Board member, I authored a resolution to develop principles for utilizing surplus property to both generate dollars *and/or* value that helps us close the opportunity gap. If we all know that the lack of affordable housing or the lack of a full-service grocery store are part of the opportunity gap, we should utilize SFUSD surplus property to address that. Since 2009, I have worked to build affordable family housing on 1950 Mission, a vacant SFUSD lot in the heart of the Mission. As Supervisor, I was able to secure Mayor's Office of Housing commitment to put 1950 Mission in our affordable housing pipeline. I strongly supported Prop. C/ Housing Trust Fund in 2012 recognizing that the most important need for our communities is a reliable source of funding for affordable housing.

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

Yes, I believe that ultimately, Californians need to repeal Prop 13. I support the split roll property system.

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?

Gentrification, especially the increasing cost of housing, is an immense challenge for San Francisco. This increase in cost of housing is displacing many longtime San Francisco residents, especially seniors, including LGBTQ people, and others living with HIV. Please see my answer to #3 re: repealing/reforming the Ellis Act and building more affordable housing above, herein incorporated by reference. I also support the anti-speculation tax and steps to rehabilitate existing rental housing stock, as well as examining how a variety of regulations and controls can preserve housing for our residents.

Many of our SRO residents are LGBTQ seniors and individuals living with HIV. I have made myself personally available to meet with residents. Twice a month, I hold office hours (once in the City Hall office and once out in the district) to engage with constituents and help connect them with resources. We encourage our senior and LGBTQ residents to attend our office hours to become more engaged in the legislative process and to learn about the issues. In addition, I have held at least one tenant meeting at almost all of the SROs in our district, where residents can find out how to get into permanent housing and get access to health care and social services.

More than any single issue, I believe organizing and advocacy amongst seniors and minority communities, including people of color, LGBTQ residents, and people living with HIV, is an important strategy for community empowerment and stabilization of tenants. The Tenderloin and SOMA have some of the strongest, high capacity, long-term community based organizations that are able to support new organizing entities, including Senior and Disability Action, La Voz Latina, and the Tenderloin Filipino Community Association, among many others. I also see many of our LGBTQ residents, including seniors, and individuals living with HIV, organized through the Central City SRO Collaborative and Community Housing Partnership Community Congress fighting for better living conditions and a stronger, healthier, and safer District 6.

My office has prioritized the capacity building of community based organizations that can work together, either on joint programming or joint fundraising and also to support the leadership and organizational development of nascent organizations doing organizing. This work is incredibly important in all neighborhoods, and I plan to continue to support and nurture capacity building in D6 through my second term in office.

My office is currently examining how a variety of regulations and controls can preserve housing for our residents. It remains a challenge, but I was particularly happy to play a role in the 1049 Market Street case whereby the Department of Building Inspections, the Mayor's Office, and my office worked

together to save 100 residents, many of whom were seniors, LGBTQ, and people living with long-term health issues, including HIV, from eviction in what could have been the largest eviction since the I-Hotel. Our office was successful in halting the evictions at 1049 Market Street in large part because of the organizing and advocacy of the tenants and community allies.

Living in an SRO hotel can be difficult for anyone, especially seniors, including LGBTQ seniors, and those living with long-term health issues, such as HIV, many of whom rely on elevators to get them to and from their homes. I have worked to improve the conditions of our SROs where many of our seniors and debilitated residents live. Working elevators is a big issue for SRO residents in our district, especially seniors and those with medical issues and physical disabilities. Earlier this year, an article in the *Chronicle* reported that the elevators in the Clementina Towers, one of the largest senior housing complexes in our district, were constantly out of order, leaving many of the immobile residents and seniors living on higher floors stranded for days at a time. Many missed their medical appointments because they were unable to get to the ground floor to exit the building, and many were afraid to leave their units for fear that they might not be able to get back up. I created an elevator stakeholder workgroup to study the issue of broken elevators and devise solutions to modernize them and keep them in working order. In this year's budget, I funded the first year of an elevator repair revolving loan fund that will supply matching funds to repair and modernize the elevators in our SROs. This fund will incentivize SRO owners to fix their elevators so our seniors will no longer be trapped between choosing whether to get the medical services they need or being able to sleep in their own homes at night. Additionally, I co-sponsored legislation for mandatory installation of bathroom grab bars to help prevent residents from slipping and injuring themselves in SRO bathrooms. I also introduced legislation, which the Board of Supervisors passed, that directs the City to provide clear information on how to properly abate bedbug infestations to tenants, landlords, and exterminators; requires exterminators to report to the Department of Public Health regularly; and mandates that landlords disclose a two-year bedbug history upon request by prospective tenants. Ultimately, the legislation provides tools for collecting data to map out the bed bug problem in San Francisco, and strengthen enforcement guidelines for bed bug abatement and treatment.

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 you power to help these youth? For School Board candidates, what would you do on the SFUSD board to help LGBTQ students who are bullied?

I was the lead advocate on the Board of Supervisors to fund new transitional age youth housing on Howard and 5th in my District. I also voted to approve the Booker T. Washington and Edwards II TAY Housing.

I am currently supporting an increase in property tax set aside for the Children’s Fund which will now include transitional aged youth, a number of whom are LGBT.

7. Supervised injection facilities or drug consumption facilities have 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?

I met with safe injection site advocates my first year on the Board of Supervisors. There is clear evidence that the facility in Vancouver is reducing infections, overdose deaths, and even violence against vulnerable users such as women. The primary obstacle is the constitutional barrier to publicly funding such a site. Drug needle exchange programs in San Francisco since 1988 (publicly funded starting in 1993) have proven to drastically reduce HIV and hepatitis infections, and I strongly support these programs.

PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire

Please check YES or NO for each question.

	YES	NO
GENERAL		
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: Left Coast Communications	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 a 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?		X
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		
20. Did you support Assemblymember Ammiano's AB 1266 (rights for transgender students)?	X	
21. Do you support the Common Core education standards? <i>In conjunction with supports needed to meet the new standards</i>	X	
22. Do you support the 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?	X	
24. Do you support Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels plan?		X
LOCAL AND BALLOT MEASURES		
25. Do you support Prop A (Transportation and Road Improvement Bond)?	X	
26. Do you support Prop B (Population-Based Adjustment to General Fund Appropriation to Transportation Fund)?	X	
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 Employers)?	x	
		no position
29. Do you support Prop E (Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages)?		
30. Do you support Prop F (Pier 70 Development Height Limit Increase)?	X	
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)?		X
33. Do you support Prop I (Park Code - Children's Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Athletic Fields)?	x	
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)?		X
STATE BALLOT MEASURES		
37. Do you support Prop 43 (Water Bond)? Note: this may not end up being on the ballot this year.		no position
		no position
38. Do you support Prop 44 (Rainy Day Fund)?		

39. Do you support Prop 45 (Health Insurers Justify Rate Increases)?		no posit ion
40. Do you support Prop 46 (Drug Testing Doctors; Raising Medical Malpractice Awards Cap)?		no posit ion
41. Do you support Prop 47 (Reducing Some Crimes From Felonies to Misdemeanors)?	X	
42. Do you support Prop 48 (Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum)?		no posit ion
43. Do you support Prop 49 (Constitutional Amendment Opposing Citizens United)?	X	