

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)? Gay

## 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.

Since taking office, I've worked hard to represent our district and our community. I've pursued an aggressive policy agenda, focusing on housing, transportation, public health, public safety, and other issues of importance to our city. I've taken firm steps to address our housing affordability crisis, passing legislation to create more affordable housing, to create new in-law units, and to reduce evictions and displacement. I've been a leading voice at city hall for improved transit investment, as well as other progressive transportation policies. I've been engaged in our public schools, securing funds for them and working closely with parents, teachers, and administrators. I've fought to improve public safety by funding police academy classes and finding community-based approaches to safety. I've championed our park system as well as infrastructure investment generally.

I've worked hard to meet the needs of the LGBT community. Each year, I help lead the effort to backfill federal HIV cuts locally. I played a key role in pushing the Department of Public Health to end its exclusion of full transgender health benefits from Healthy San Francisco. Working with Supervisor Campos, I obtained funding for a surgeon at San Francisco General Hospital to provide top surgery. I co-authored legislation to create the LGBT aging task force and am now working to move forward legislation recommended by the task force. I obtained funding for additional housing for at-risk youth in the Castro and have been a staunch supporter of the 55 La-

guna LGBT senior project, the LGBT Center, Castro Country Club, and other community institutions.

I've also delivered for our neighborhoods. I secured the funding for the Castro Street sidewalk widening project and have championed the project to move it forward. I helped lead the community design process for the ongoing Dolores Park renovation. I authored legislation to purchase the site of the Noe Valley Farmers Market and convert it into a permanent town square, as opposed to losing the site to development. I helped move forward the renovation of the recreation facilities in Glen Canyon. And, I've championed pedestrian improvements in various parts of the district, including the significant upgrade at Dolores and Market.

I love this work and love working with the community to get things done. I look forward to continuing to do so.

- 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.
- 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've worked to address our housing crisis by moving forward measures to stabilize our existing housing while adding to our housing stock in order to accommodate our growing population. For example, I authored legislation to allow people to add new in-law units in the Castro, to incentivize developers to build on-site affordable units and to exceed the minimum affordable unit requirement, to allow smaller studios, and to ban universities from converting rent-controlled apartment buildings into student dorms. I helped craft the affordable housing trust fund and campaigned for it. I've continued my long support of renters by advocating for Ellis Act reform and supporting legislation to increase Ellis Act relocation benefits.

- 4) In your opinion, what kind of reform of Prop 13 is needed, if any? Would you support a split-roll property tax system? I support a split roll for larger commercial buildings.
- 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? I co-authored the legislation creating the LGBT Aging Task Force, and I'm currently working on legislation with my co-sponsor, Supervisor Campos, to move forward the Task Force's recommendations. This fall we will introduce legislation to create standards for how senior facilities address the needs of LGBT people and requiring better data collection so that we can assess the needs of our LGBT seniors. I've also been a leader in protecting HIV funding, protecting and expanding meal services, and expanding affordable housing for LGBT seniors.

- 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? I've worked closely throughout my term with the LGBT Center, Larkin Street, and LYRIC to meet the needs of our youth. I've obtained funding for all three organizations to expand their ability to help our youth, including the Center's meal program, increased rooms for at-risk youth at the Perramont Hotel (Larkin Street), and LYRIC's school-based initiative. I've visited various youth programs and facilities so that I can understand first-hand what their needs are. I'll continue to supports here and other critical programs for our youth.
- 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? I'll continue to listen to those advocating for safe injection sites.

## PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire

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

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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: Erwin & Muir	X	
4. Have you ever sought the Milk Club endorsement in the past?	X	

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	

### **LGBTQ ISSUES**

#### **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?	I've repeatedly supported allowing non-citizen parents of school children to vote in school board elections.	
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?		
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?	X	
24. Do you support Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels plan?		

**LOCAL 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 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)?	X	
31. Do you support Prop G (Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax)?	I support Harvey Milk's proposal, but Prop G is not the same as Harvey Milk's proposal. It goes much further and is problematic.	
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)? <b>Note: this may not end up being on the ballot this year.</b>	X	
38. Do you support Prop 44 (Rainy Day Fund)?	X	
39. Do you support Prop 45 (Health Insurers Justify Rate Increases)?	X	
40. Do you support Prop 46 (Drug Testing Doctors; Raising Medical Malpractice Awards Cap)?		X
41. Do you support Prop 47 (Reducing Some Crimes From Felonies to Misdemeanors)?	X	
42. Do you support Prop 48 (Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum)?		
43. Do you support Prop 49 (Constitutional Amendment Opposing Citizens United)?	X	