

# Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

## Questionnaire for Candidates 2016

### Required Information

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

***If so, when did you first join? 2008***

**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.
  - I am endorsed by Tom Ammiano, Supervisor John Avalos, Supervisor David Campos, Supervisor Jane Kim and Supervisor Eric Mar. I am also endorsed by City College Board of Trustees President, Rafael Mandelman, VP, Thea Selby, Brigitte Davila
  - Police Commissioner, Petra de Jesus
  - President of the School Board, Matt Haney, Shaman Walton

I was raised in San Francisco by my mom, who supported me on domestic worker wages. I am running to ensure that the voices of underrepresented communities are heard at City Hall and have a seat at the table. I will advocate for people of color, queers, elders, differently abled and the working people who live in District 11, who pay their fair share of taxes to San Francisco and do not get the resources they deserve.

I have over twenty years of experience advocating for the economic and social equality of families in need. I've spent the last ten years advocating for policy change in community based organizations that have been dedicated to base building for change. Additionally, I've spent the last seven years working in the California Legislature and organized labor to advocate for policies that change the lives of everyday working people. I will bring these skills to the Board of Supervisors.

2. What are your priorities and plans to address housing affordability and economic inequality in San Francisco? What have you done on this in the past, if anything?

As Supervisor I will prioritize policies that ensure that San Francisco is affordable to all San Franciscans. This City is going through one of the biggest economic booms it has ever seen. Yet,

the Mayor’s administration tells us we are in a \$100 million dollar deficit. I believe San Francisco has the resources needed to ensure that all of its residents can afford to live here. I will advocate for the equitable distribution of resources to under served communities and demand that corporations pay their fare share, so that working people do not have to balance the city’s budget on their backs.

3. How do you plan to halt the accelerating displacement of African Americans from San Francisco? What do you think are the most important actions to take on this?

I would work on legislation that gives the first right to purchase homes to those communities that have lived in San Francisco the longest.

I would also work to expand rent control protections.

4. 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 support supervised injection sites in San Francisco?

- As Supervisor, I would support a pilot injection facilities program through the San Francisco Department of Health.

5. What would you describe as your most important actions or plans to support the LGBTQ community?

The most important actions that I have taken to support the LGBTQ community are the following:

- My volunteer work to support the Metropolitan Community Church’s Queer Homeless Youth program during a time when residents in the Castro were trying to criminalize queer youth who were coming to SF and the Castro to find love, acceptance and respect.
- During my time as District Director for Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, I worked to pass Seth’s Law, landmark legislation protecting children in California Schools from being bullied.
- During my time as District Director for Assemblymember Tom Ammiano I worked to pass the School Success and Opportunity Act – amending the state's education code in an effort to reduce discrimination against transgender students in grades K-12.
- As Supervisor, I will continue to use my position to ensure that the LGBTQ community has a seat at the table.

## PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire

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

GENERAL	YES	NO
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 or other main point of contact? If so, who: In Process: Levin Sy & Gustavo Arroyo	x	
4. Have you ever sought the Milk Club endorsement in the past?		x

**LGBTQ ISSUES****YES NO**

5. Would you oppose a ballot initiative that would prohibit transgender people from using bathroom facilities in government buildings and require the government to monitor bathroom use?	x	
6. Do you support public funding for employment development for transgender individuals?	x	
7. Do you support expansion of the LGBT curriculum in our City's public schools?	x	

**TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES****YES NO**

8. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979?	x	
9. Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain:		x
10. Do you support increasing the City's inclusionary housing mandate from 12% to 25%?	x	
11. Do you support strengthening city controls and enforceability of local regulations on short-term rentals (e.g. AirBnB, VRBO)?	x	

**RACIAL AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES****YES NO**

12. Do you support San Francisco's Due Process for All Ordinance as currently implemented?		x
13. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board?	x	
14. Do you support the protection of due process for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	x	
15. Do you support better data collection on racial profiling and police stops?	x	

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, HEALTH, NIGHTLIFE AND LABOR ISSUES****YES NO**

16. Do you support capital punishment (death penalty)?		x
17. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work?	x	
18. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 AM? It depends on the locality.		
19. Do you support the legalization, taxation, and regulation of adult recreational use of marijuana?	x	
20. Do you support efforts to expand access to PrEP and other initiatives of the "Getting to Zero" initiative to end the HIV epidemic in San Francisco?	x	
21. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain:		x
22. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	x	

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH****YES NO**

23. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections?	x	
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24.	Do you support the Common Core education standards?	x	
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**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**YES NO**

25.	Do you ride Muni on a regular basis (more than once a week)?		x
26.	Do you support CleanPower SF?	x	
27.	Do you support expanding free access to MUNI for seniors and disabled persons?	x	
28.	Do you support efforts to allow employees of Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services to unionize?	x	