

# Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

## Questionnaire for Candidates for November 2018

Please return the completed questionnaire by 11:59 PM Friday, August 10th, 2018. E-mail all questionnaires to Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair Tom Temprano at [pac@milkclub.org](mailto:pac@milkclub.org).

Good Luck, The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

### Required Information

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Are you a member of the Harvey Milk Club? **Yes, since 2008**

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)? No

### PART ONE: Short-Answer Questionnaire

(Please limit responses to 5 sentences or 100 words)

1) Please describe your qualifications for the position you seek. Feel free to add anything else that you'd like our members to know about you and your candidacy.

*I am currently the President of the Board of Trustees and I am very proud of the work the Board has accomplished this past four years. We have weathered the rough seas of accreditation, labor strife and down-trending enrollment, and come out with Free City for all residents, increased enrollment, a stabilized administration and contracts that display our appreciation for the hard working faculty and staff at City College. I have accomplished this with a team of dedicated board members, including fellow incumbents, Thea Selby and John Rizzo. Our experience and leadership will help us achieve our goal to make CCSF the best community college in the country by 2018. I personally want to address faculty/staff/student housing issues and close the achievement gap. This is entirely possible now and I can't wait to get started.*

2) Do you have any key endorsements you'd like to share?

*I was early endorsed this year by the S.F. Latino Democratic Club. I have been endorsed by a number of elected officials already including Assemblymembers Phil Ting and David Chiu, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Sandra Lee Fewer, Aaron Peskin, Malia Cohen, Hillary Ronen, Norman Yee, Rafael Mandelman and Jane Kim. In 2014, I was proud to have the endorsement of Harvey Milk Democratic Club, AFT 2121 the faculty union at City College and the League of Pissed Off Voters as well as Democratic Clubs all over the City. I hope to have these endorsements and more in 2018*

3) More than 7,000 individuals are experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. Due to the physical and mental trauma inherent to living without stable housing, these individuals suffer from increased health problems and are three to four times more likely to die prematurely than their housed counterparts. What do you see as the most important short-term and long.

*First, as a resident of San Francisco, I am supporting the "Our City Our Home" initiative. I believe this will provide some preliminary steps to begin addressing our housing crisis. Second, as a member of the CCSF Board of Trustees, I have been very active in the pursuit of housing for faculty, staff and students. We are actively negotiating the addition of nearly 200 units of faculty staff housing and 500 beds for students with the developer of the Balboa Reservoir Project. In addition we are examining other creative ways to house our workforce. This is a vital interest for CCSF because we will not be able to recruit and retain the workforce we need to run the college without providing housing. Third, I am committed to working for as much affordable housing as possible throughout the City. Simply building market rate housing is not a solution.*

4) 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?

5) Describe your philosophy and priorities for developing a legislative framework for recreational marijuana. Do you agree with the current framework adopted by the Board of Supervisors? What would you change, if anything?

*My priority is to develop a comprehensive program at City College to train workers for this emerging industry. We need to work closely with the City to make sure our highly trained graduates will be given priority in terms of hiring.*

6) The African American population in San Francisco is steadily declining. The racial bias of our police force and criminal justice system is well documented. SFUSD’s achievement gap for African Americans students is the highest in the country as of 2017. What do you think are the most important actions that you can take in your office to stabilize and support the African American community in San Francisco?

*You can add Latinos to African Americans, as both groups are being erased from San Francisco after contributing so much to the vibrant culture and economy of our City. Both groups have also experienced racial bias on the part of the police with very little consequence for SFPD. We are well poised to address the chronic achievement gap at City College and will be implementing a number of solutions this year. We now have Free City for all residents of San Francisco – this considerably reduces barriers to obtaining an education. For the first time, we will be applying for major Hispanic Serving Institution grants that benefit all students. We have identified key areas of support to assist students with completing their degrees and transferring to a four-year university or completing licensing or certification. Both paths will considerably raise the earning power of these groups. More needs to be done on the part of the City to retain our diversity and address housing and income inequality.*

7) How have you supported the LGBTQ community and how will you continue to do so if elected?  
*I have supported legislation and initiatives at the local, state, and national level that recognizes LGBTQ as human beings with all the rights granted under the Constitution. Further, and individually, though my position as an educator at SFSU, I have mentored many LGBTQ students.*

**PART TWO: Yes or No Questionnaire**

**GENERAL**

1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat?	<b>YES</b>	
2. Have you ever run for elected office before?	<b>YES</b>	
3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who: <b>Josh Steinberger, 415-517-1881, steinbergermail@gmail.com</b>	<b>YES</b>	
4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?	<b>YES</b>	

**LGBTQ ISSUES**

5. Do you support public funding, including set asides, for the establishment and development of LGBTQ Cultural Districts in San Francisco?	<b>YES</b>	
6. Do you support public funding for employment development specifically for transgender individuals?	<b>YES</b>	
7. Do you support expansion of the LGBT curriculum in our City’s public schools?	<b>YES</b>	
8. 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?	<b>YES</b>	

**TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

9. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979?	<b>YES</b>	
11. Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.		<b>NO</b>
12. Do you support requiring Short Term Rental platforms (e.g. AirBnB, VRBO) to publish registration numbers for properly-registered STRs on their respective websites, handing over booking data to the Planning Department, and increased funding for the department for enforcement capacity?	<b>YES</b>	

13. Did you support Prop G (the “Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax”) in 2014?	<b>YES</b>	
14. Did you support Prop F (stricter controls on AirBnB and other STR platforms) in 2015?		<b>NO</b>
15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015?	<b>YES</b>	

**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES**

16. Do you support San Francisco’s Due Process for All Ordinance, which prevents law enforcement from detaining suspected criminals in response to ICE requests, except in the case of violent crimes?	<b>YES</b>	
17. Do you support the protection of Due Process for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	<b>YES</b>	
18. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board?	<b>YES</b>	
19. Do you support San Francisco expanding funding for immigration defense services?	<b>YES</b>	

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES**

20. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection sites?	<b>YES</b>	
21. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 am?	<b>YES</b>	
22. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work?	<b>YES</b>	
23. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain:		<b>NO</b>
24. Do you support efforts to allow employees of Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services to unionize?	<b>YES</b>	
25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	<b>YES</b>	
26. Do you support the use of Tasers by law enforcement?		<b>NO</b>
27. Do you support capital punishment (i.e., the death penalty)?		<b>NO</b>

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH YES NO**

28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections?	<b>YES</b>	
29. Do you support the Common Core education standards?	<b>YES</b>	
30. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance?	<b>YES</b>	
31. Do you support the full-funding of the Free City College program including funding for the Summer semester and an expansion of grants for low-income students already receiving state or federal financial aid?	<b>YES</b>	
32. Do you support the development of the Balboa Reservoir adjacent to City College’s Ocean Campus so long as it includes a mix of market rate, affordable and faculty/student housing?	<b>YES*</b>	

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES YES NO**

33. Do you ride Muni on a regular basis (more than once a week)?	<b>YES</b>	
34. Do you support CleanPower SF?	<b>YES</b>	
35. Do you support expanding free access to MUNI for seniors and disabled persons?	<b>YES</b>	
36. Do you support requiring ride hail companies (e.g. Uber, Lyft) to provide trip data to the City in order to operate here?	<b>YES</b>	