

Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

Questionnaire for Candidates for November 2018

Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on declaring your candidacy! The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club would like to get to know you better as we decide our endorsements for this upcoming election.

Our questions were developed with our members and reflect their priorities. Your participation in our Club's 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.

- **Part One is a series of short-answer questions (<100 words).**
- **Part Two is are Yes or No questions** that covers a broader set of issues than Part One.
- If you feel the need, you may expand upon your responses in Part Two on a separate sheet of paper, but you are not required to.

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.

Good Luck,

The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

Required Information

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Are you a member of the Harvey Milk Club? Since when? No

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.**

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

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- 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-term solutions to the homeless crisis in San Francisco? What can you do in the office you are running for to help end homelessness?

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- 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?**

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- 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?**

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- 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?

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- 7) How have you support the LGBTQ community and how will you continue to do so if elected?**

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Harvey Milk Democratic Club – Dr. Victor Olivieri, Community College Board

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 an immigrant and first-generation college graduate who went on to earn a Ph.D. After immigrating from Spain at 12 years old without speaking English, I struggled to put myself through college. I became a decorated U.S. Army Officer, an educator, and senior administrator of one of the most diverse universities in the country. I understand the challenges facing our most vulnerable students, and I will be a tireless advocate for every student at City College. I have lectured at several universities, founded a university fellowship program, served as Fellow at the University of Edinburgh and Chief of Staff for the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at UC Riverside, and I am a City Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

I am very proud to have collected the 1,000 signatures necessary to defray the cost of getting on the ballot (the only candidate to do so) and raised over \$38,000 to-date (the most of any candidate, all in small donations). I plan to continue to work across the city and for people of all backgrounds and political beliefs.

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

*Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor of California**
Nancy Pelosi, United States Congresswoman, CA 12th District and House Democratic Leader**
*Jerry McNerney, United States Congressman, CA 9th District**
*Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction**
*Fiona Ma, CPA, Vice Chair, State Board of Equalization**
*Scott Wiener, Senator, 11th District, California State Senate**
*David Chiu, Assemblymember, 17th District, California State Assembly**
*London Breed, Mayor of San Francisco**
*Mark Farrell, Former Mayor of San Francisco**
*Carmen Chu, San Francisco Assessor-Recorder**
*Jeff Adachi, San Francisco Public Defender**
David Campos, Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party and Former District 9 Supervisor**
*Catherine Stefani, District 2 Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors**
*Vallie Brown, District 5 Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors**
*Shamann Walton, Member and Former President, San Francisco Board of Education**
*Rachel Norton, Member, San Francisco Board of Education**
*Keith Baraka, Firefighter, Second Vice-Chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party**
*Alex Randolph, San Francisco City College Trustee**
*Shanell Williams, San Francisco City College Trustee**
*Tom Temprano, San Francisco City College Trustee**
Leslie Katz, Former San Francisco Supervisor and Former City College Trustee**
Andrea Shorter, Former City College Trustee and Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women**
Lawrence Wong, Former City College Trustee and Former Commissioner, Human Rights Commission**
*Dr. Amy Bacharach, Former City College Trustee**
*Steve Ngo, Former City College Trustee**
*Tim Wolfred, Former City College Trustee**
*Several Commissioners and Community Leaders (*titles for identification purposes only)*

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-term solutions to the homeless crisis in San Francisco? What can you do in the office you are running for to help end homelessness?

Short-term: temporary shelters and navigation centers, like the one recently opened on a former Caltrain parking lot, to be established in partnerships with SFMTA, BART, Recreation and Parks Commission and Port Commission, on their land/property; public/private partnership with Presidio Trust to open temporary shelters and navigation centers for homeless veterans; declaring a state of emergency by California Governor to provide immediate assistance funds to provide short-term housing; establish wraparound services for those in temporary housing.

Long-term: repeal of Costa-Hawkins; pass better rent control legislation at the local level; conduct comprehensive and equitable rezoning; carry out the proactive purchase of underutilized sites by City to retrofit/rebuild; strategically build housing for City, SFUSD, and College District employees; pass legislation to prevent real estate speculation.

As Trustee, I can collaborate with other elected officials to draft legislation, identify resources, and prioritize budgets to help ameliorate the homeless situation, but a comprehensive approach is required. When it comes to City College land and adjoining projects, the current City College Trustees have made progress to develop housing at the Gough Street site and are currently engaging with the developers of the Balboa Reservoir project. I would like to continue to work with the Board and key stakeholders in the community to continue their work and find more suitable sites where we can be innovative to build more affordable housing for our faculty, staff, and students.

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?

City College has several properties that could be developed for affordable housing. The College would benefit greatly by being able to attract new junior faculty members with affordable housing and we would help our most underserved community college students with affordable and supportive housing options. City College also has several properties that could be developed for mixed-use, with classrooms and retail on the lower floors, and affordable housing on the top floors. My ideal goal would be to have City College become a truly urban college in which every new or refurbished building serving 3-4 aspects that are needed in the community. I would really like to explore more public/private partnership, particularly following a build-own-operate-transfer (BOOT) model that can be quickly implemented on City College land. I am an advocate for more affordable housing in San Francisco, and I plan to continue to advocate for housing solutions once elected. When it comes to economic inequality, I have built pipelines from education to employment for veterans into the tech industry, and I will continue to do so even more once elected across all underserved and underrepresented segments of our community.

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?

57.1% of Californians and 74.3% of San Francisco voters approved legalizing recreational marijuana (2016 Prop 64). Elected representatives must strike a balance between honoring the clear wishes of the electorate while also being mindful that neighborhoods need to have a voice and influence over local quality of life issues. I believe we need to continue partnering with experts to ensure equitable opportunity for this new commodity, but also make sure the City adopts thoughtful taxation frameworks, so we have the option to dedicate revenue strategically and to address serious problems in our city. I agree with the Board of Supervisors' initial approach to require conditional use review of all new dispensaries, allowing the City to be sensitive to cultural concerns and neighborhood implications. I also believe the initial cap and buffer zones are beneficial, as the public becomes more and more used to having recreational marijuana in the mainstream, but we should adapt these in response to demand and cultural changes overtime across the City.

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 American 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?

Systematically create pipelines of education and employment between SFUSD, City College, University of California, the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and private and nonprofit entities in a concerted effort to educate, train, recruit, and mentor members of the community in a lifelong education model (pre-k to continuing adult education).

7) How have you supported the LGBTQ community and how will you continue to do so if elected?

I have marched for Pride, financially supported Harvey Milk and Alice B. Toklas functions, held a first-generation student forum at City College, helped fundraise for student resource centers at City College and the annual Basic Skills Luncheon, volunteered with the Castro Rotary Club during the Trans Breakfast, recruited members of the LGBTQ community to serve as City Commissioners, campaigned and fundraised for LGBTQ candidates, directly helped LGBTQ mentees develop their professional careers. I will continue to do all of that, and more...

PART TWO: Yes or No Questionnaire

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

GENERAL	YES	NO
1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat?	✓	
2. Have you ever run for elected office before?		✓
3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who: Derek Jansen	✓	
4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?		✓

LGBTQ ISSUES	YES	NO
5. Do you support public funding, including set asides, for the establishment and development of LGBTQ Cultural Districts in San Francisco?	✓	
6. Do you support public funding for employment development specifically for transgender individuals?	✓	
7. Do you support expansion of the LGBT curriculum in our City's public schools?	✓	
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?	✓	

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES	YES	NO
9. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979?	✓	
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.		✓
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?	✓	
13. Did you support Prop G (the "Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax") in 2014? <small>Voters already decided on this measure and I look forward to finding new solutions to our housing affordability crisis</small>		
14. Did you support Prop F (stricter controls on AirBnB and other STR		

platforms) in 2015?	Voters already decided on this measure and I look forward to finding new solutions to our housing affordability crisis		
15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015?	Voters already decided on this measure and I look forward to finding new solutions to our housing affordability crisis		

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

YES NO

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?	✓	
17. Do you support the protection of Due Process for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	✓	
18. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board?	✓	
19. Do you support San Francisco expanding funding for immigration defense services?	✓	

SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES

YES NO

20. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection sites?	✓	
21. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 am?	✓	
22. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work?	✓	
23. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain:		✓
24. Do you support efforts to allow employees of Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services to unionize?	✓	
25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	✓	
26. Do you support the use of Tasers by law enforcement?	✓	
27. Do you support capital punishment (i.e., the death penalty)?		✓

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

YES NO

28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections?	✓	
29. Do you support the Common Core education standards?		✓

30. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance?	✓	
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?	✓	
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?	✓	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES	YES	NO
33. Do you ride Muni on a regular basis (more than once a week)?	✓	
34. Do you support CleanPower SF?	✓	
35. Do you support expanding free access to MUNI for seniors and disabled persons?	✓	
36. Do you support requiring ride hail companies (e.g. Uber, Lyft) to provide trip data to the City in order to operate here?	✓	