

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.**

I'm running for Supervisor to continue the work that I've been doing in our neighborhoods for over a decade, and I believe that my background, perspective, and experience make me uniquely qualified for this office. I have served the residents of District 2 since 2007, first as a legislative aide to my two predecessors, former Supervisors Michela Alioto-Pier and Mark Farrell, and then as San Francisco's County Clerk. In addition to my record of public service, I'm a mom and former Vice President of the Cow Hollow Association. I know the issues, and I'm working hard every day to be my neighbors' voice at City Hall.

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

I have been endorsed by dozens of neighborhood leaders, elected officials, and organizations, including Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Former California Democratic Party Chair John Burton, Mayor London Breed, Former Mayors Mark Farrell and Frank Jordan, Board of Supervisors President Malia Cohen, Supervisors Sandra Fewer, Aaron Peskin, Katy Tang, Vallie Brown, Norman Yee, Rafael Mandelman, Hillary Ronen, and Ahsha Safai, San Francisco Firefighters Local 798, the San Francisco Police Officers Association, Everytown for Gun Safety, Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, the California Nurses Association, UA Local 38, Plumbers & Pipefitters, IFPTE Local 21, SEIU Local 87, the City Democratic Club of San Francisco, and many more. A full list is available at supervisorstefani.com/endorsements.

- 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?

San Francisco dedicates a lot of money to homeless-related housing and services – and while every other West Coast city has seen an increase in homeless populations, we've seen ours stabilize. This means the population we have left on the street are the truly difficult to reach individuals that have been chronically homeless, suffering from addiction or mental illness, and sometimes both. We need stronger conservatorship laws, which will require long-term cooperation between officials at City Hall and in Sacramento. In the meantime, we must continue to build supportive housing with wrap-around mental health services to address this problem head on.

- 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?**

We are extraordinarily behind when it comes to creating enough housing for families and people with low, moderate, and middle incomes in San Francisco. As aide to former Supervisor Farrell, I worked to create the down payment assistance program for first

responders, and this continues to be a priority of mine as Supervisor. We should be streamlining the process for 100 percent affordable housing projects, as well as identifying underutilized sites around transit corridors throughout the City, such as the Lucky Penny site in my District, along Geary. I supported HOME-SF, which effectively upzoned much of the west side of the City, and will continue to work with community stakeholders to develop appropriate plans to build affordable housing at the two large sites in my District that will soon come before the Board of Supervisors.

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?

I am supportive of the framework the Board of Supervisors has adopted. As a member of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, I was part of the conversations that produced the tax measure that will appear on the November ballot, for example, which I believe is a reasonable foundation for regulation of this developing industry. If passed, the tax would go into effect in 2021 and allow the Board to revisit and adjust the tax if necessary. This type of measured, flexible regulation will allow the industry to prosper while contributing to San Francisco.

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?

There are many areas where we can improve in this regard. First, we need to be investing in our public school system so we can work toward closing the achievement gap that prevents young people from reaching their full potential. Part of this means making sure that our teachers, support staff, and other middle-income earners can afford to stay in San Francisco, which means building housing not just at the lowest and highest income levels, but also for the missing middle. In addition, we need to take a look at our criminal justice system, and I agree with the Obama Justice Department's 272 recommendations to reform the SFPD.

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

After watching my sister come out in the 1990s, I've been dedicated to ensuring that no one else has to go through what she went through. As a legislative aide to my two predecessors, I secured funding for housing for transitional age youth, keeping in mind that many homeless TAY identify as LGBTQ. Additionally, I have been a gun violence prevention activist for the past two decades, and after the 2016 Pulse shooting I joined the community in protest in the Castro and was part of creating the Disarm Hate movement. As County Clerk, I created an annual celebration for Pride in addition to the Valentine's Day celebration we already recognized. I'm a proud ally and will continue to support the community in all my actions.

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?	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: Daniel Herzstein, Campaign Manager, Daniel@SupervisorStefani.com	X	
4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?		X

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? See attached.		
6. Do you support public funding for employment development specifically for transgender individuals?	X	
7. Do you support expansion of the LGBT curriculum in our City's public schools?	X	
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?	X	

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES	YES	NO
9. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979? See attached.		X
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.		X
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?	X	
13. Did you support Prop G (the "Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax") in 2014? See attached.		
14. Did you support Prop F (stricter controls on AirBnB and other STR		

platforms) in 2015? See attached.		
15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015? See attached.		

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES

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

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

	YES	NO
28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections?		X
29. Do you support the Common Core education standards?	X	

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

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

YES NO

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

5. Do you support public funding, including set asides, for the establishment and development of LGBTQ Cultural Districts in San Francisco?

Although I support funding for the establishment and development of LGBTQ Cultural Districts in San Francisco, in general, I do not support the use of set asides.

9. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979?

I am a strong supporter of rent control, and although I do not support a repeal of Costa-Hawkins, I am open to discussing reforms to further protect tenants. The combination of our current rent control system and inclusionary housing policy is a foundation for maintaining a robust affordable housing stock for people of all income levels in San Francisco. In order to ensure that housing remains affordable, we need to add below market rate units and housing at all income levels.

13. Did you support Prop G (the “Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax”) in 2014?

I did not take positions on candidates or measures before my appointment as Supervisor.

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