

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?

I was an active member in previous years. I haven't been an active member this year.

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.

Service has been the driving force of my life. I was born and raised in the Bay Area and I knew from a young age that I wanted to spend my life giving back to San Francisco, the Bay Area, and California. I worked as an aide to Mayor Gavin Newsom on public education policy and fought to elect Governor Jerry Brown in 2010 as his Statewide Field Director. Throughout my adult life I have tirelessly worked in the community, raising over \$10 million dollars for community based organizations in San Francisco and giving over 10,000 volunteer hours including my service on the Board of San Francisco General Hospital, prioritizing funding for mental health and psychiatric services for the city's homeless population.

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

I have received endorsements from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU 1021), and the United Food Service Workers of America (UFCW Local 648), Supervisor Norman Yee, Board of Equalization Chairwoman Fionna Ma, and U.S. Senator John Tester.

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?

We have a humanitarian crisis on our streets and I believe this is one of the most pressing social justice issues of our times. It is essential that San Francisco:

1. Build more housing and significantly increase the amount of permanent supportive housing in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area.

2. Create a citywide mental health network with a stepped care program for severe mental illness and severe addiction.
3. Ensure there is sufficient community-based permanent supportive housing for people living with mental illness to be contributing members of our communities.

My extensive work on the Board of San Francisco General Hospital has shown me that too often, activists and community-based organizations are the ones doing the difficult work in the community, while working against staggering inertia at City Hall. It's time to put an end to this crisis that has stagnated and in some cases worsened over the past 30 years.

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?

San Francisco is becoming a tale of two cities: one side flourishing with incredible wealth and prosperity, and another side where working families are being pushed out, unable to afford to live in the city they work so hard to serve. I support legislation such as Assemblymember Bloom's AB 2364, tightening restriction on Ellis Act evictions. As the only candidate in the District 2 race who is a renter, I will fight to protect renters and support policies that would ensure their rights are respected. We must build significantly more housing at all income levels to meet the housing needs of all San Franciscans, with an emphasis on affordable housing in order to keep San Francisco a vibrant and diverse city.

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?

While the current taxation of marijuana provides the city with a significant amount of money, it is potentially not sustainable as many are currently turning to illegal alternatives for recreational marijuana due to I I restrictive tax rates. The new plan from the Board of Supervisors may result in a loss of income despite the increase in taxes, as it would drive even more people away from legal dispensaries.

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?

The displacement of our African American community has gone on for too long and must be reversed. The achievement gap at SFUSD is shameful for all San Franciscans and it's time we demand that all our students have the same opportunities and support.

At SF General, we recently implemented a program to grant scholarships and stipends to promote African American hospital technical workers to nursing positions within The General, to ensure that our nursing population better reflects our patient population. Programs like this can be expanded to our schools and teachers to help close the achievement gap. If we begin by ensuring there are jobs and affordable housing, we can reverse the trend of losing a population that contributes so much to the heritage and vibrancy of San Francisco.

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

I grew up as a child in the Bay Area during the early years of the HIV epidemic and it had a significant impact on me so I've been involved with the LGBTQ community for most of my life. I worked alongside my mom in the late 1980's and early 1990's volunteering with Project Open Hand, the Shanti Project, the S.F. AIDS Foundation, and the 1990 International AIDS Conference.

In recent years, I've been honored to be an integral part of rebuilding San Francisco General Hospital. In my role with the Hospital Foundation, I've raised money and funded equitable care for LGBTQ and transgender patients, the Golden Compass Clinic for geriatric HIV patients, and the 'Getting To Zero' initiative to reduce HIV transmission and HIV-related deaths by 90% by 2020. Addressing all issues the LGBTQ community has had to endure will always be a top priority, and I hope you will give me a chance to be an even stronger ally and advocate going forward on the Board of Supervisors.

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: Monica Schmalenberger	X	

4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?		X
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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?	X	
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?	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?		X
14. Did you support Prop F (stricter controls on AirBnB and other Stricter Platforms) in 2015?		X

15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015?		X
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Immigration Justice

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

33. Do you ride Muni on a regular basis (more than once a week)? <i>Note: I walk just about everywhere in D2.</i>		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	
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