

Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

Required information:

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Are you a member? Not yet

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

1. **Jessica Ho** currently serves as Legislative Aide to Supervisor Katy Tang, representing the Sunset District (District 4), and her work focuses on improving public safety, enhancing neighborhood merchant vitality, and advocating for better transportation and pedestrian safety. Before joining Supervisor Tang's office, she worked as the Senior Health Advisor to Los Angeles County Board Supervisor Janice Hahn, where she helped launch the first mobile stroke unit on the West Coast, advocated for programs to improve air quality issues and prevent Hepatitis A outbreaks, and worked to identify new policies to tackle the city's homelessness crisis.

After earning her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, Jessica moved to the Sunset District, the neighborhood her grandmother immigrated to in 1980. While there, Jessica attended the University of California, San Francisco and completed a year-long program to become a Registered Dietitian. Through her experiences working with patients, she discovered that she wanted to pursue a career in public service, and so she went on to earn her Master of Science in Public Health in Health Policy from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health while interning with former District 4 Supervisor Carmen Chu. Shortly thereafter she was accepted into the Capital Fellows Program in Sacramento and worked for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), an agency that provides funds for adoptions, foster care, aid to the disabled, family crisis counseling, child welfare, and many others. Through this work she provided recommendations to the Governor's Office on State legislation related to residential care facilities for the elderly, child day care centers, and other CDSS-regulated facilities.

Throughout her career, Jessica has been passionate about caring for patients and constituents. Jessica's three main priorities include creating housing that is affordable, as too many families and working people are being pushed out of San Francisco; creating safe and clean streets that residents and merchants feel proud to be part of; and reducing homelessness and addressing mental illness, while providing housing and a path to stability to our homeless neighbors. Her work has and will continue to focus on caring for those in need and improving the quality of life for residents of the Sunset District.

2. Mayor London Breed, District 4 Supervisor Katy Tang, Assessor Carmen Chu, District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Former Supervisor Angela Aliotto, Small Property Owners of San Francisco
3. I do not think it is compassionate to allow people to sleep on the streets of San Francisco. Short-term solutions include providing more mental health, health-related, and substance abuse treatment services for individuals. Long-term solutions include pursuing tools such as the one championed by Senator Scott Wiener to expand the definition of conservatorship so that our City can take chronically homeless individuals who are too sick to take care of themselves off the street and into the services they need. As Supervisor, I want to advocate for funding for more services and for the tools that will help the neediest people.
4. San Francisco has a housing crisis, and I believe one way to tackle this issue is to work with homeowners who have taken units off the market and encourage them to rent again. I would create an Ombudsman in the City that would provide legal services for both renters and homeowners so that both parties understand their rights before they rent. Addressing economic inequality starts with our children, and I believe the Supervisor's office can help by advocating for quality afterschool programs such as the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center.
5. Above all, I believe that our neighborhoods should be safe and healthy. And while I understand that cannabis can be used for medical reasons, and I understand that it is legal in the State of California, I also need to balance this perspective with the fact that many constituents in District 4 inherently oppose marijuana shops opening around where the live, work, and play. Therefore, it is my responsibility to respect where my residents think is the "right" place to have these shops because I want to make sure that my residents feel safe and healthy.
6. As Supervisor, I would like to advocate for more funding for programs such as. Sunset Youth Services, which is in our district. They serve children up to the age of 25 that are at-risk of ending up in jail by giving them an opportunity to turn their lives by creating record labels, creating community with others, and learning how to become self-sustainable. I vow to protect and expand services such as these because these are the services that help us turn the tide on this trend - one child at a time.
7. During 2013, I organized volunteers for the fight against Prop 8, and I have been part of LGBTQ clubs in Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. As Supervisor, I will continue advocating for LGBTQ rights in San Francisco as a beacon of light for the rest of the nation given the current federal administration's efforts to undo the equality we have fought so hard to achieve.⁴

Yes/No questions

General:

- 1.) Yes
- 2.) No

- 3.) Yes, Maggie Muir is my consultant, campaign contact is Christian Kropff: 415 347-1327
- 4.) No

LGBTQ Issues

Yes to all

Tenant, housing, and development issues:

- 9.) No
- 11.) No
- 12.) Yes
- 13-15.) N/a

Immigration Justice Issues

Yes to all

Social Justice, public health and labor issues:

Yes to all except 23, I have not crossed a picket line.

Education and Youth:

Yes to all

Environmental and transportation:

Yes to all