

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 and am*

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer

(LGBTQ)? *renewing.*
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

Please see attached document

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

Please see attached document

- 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?

Please see attached document

- 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?

Please see attached document

PART TWO: Yes or No Questionnaire

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

| GENERAL | YES | NO |
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| 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: 50+1 Strategies, Nicole Derse, nicole@50p1.com | x | |
| 4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past? | x | |

| LGBTQ ISSUES | YES | NO |
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| 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 |
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| 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 STR | | |

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

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

YES NO

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| 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

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| 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

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

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| 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 |
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| 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 | |

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Melanie Nutter Questionnaire Continued
August 10, 2018

1) Qualifications:

As a sustainability and transportation policy advisor, I have spent my career developing solutions to the most pressing urban challenges. I have deep ties to the San Francisco community having served as the Deputy Director for Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi from 2005-2010 and the Director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment from 2010-2014. Having worked in both local and federal government for over 10 years, I know what it takes to build the coalitions and partnerships needed to implement effective policies and programs. I am proud to be a working mom and hope to be a model for strong, female leadership.

2) Endorsements:

London Breed, Mayor of San Francisco
Scott Wiener, State Senator
David Chiu, Assemblymember
Nick Josefowitz, Current Bart Board Director, District 8
Mary Jung, Former Chair SFDCCC/Arts Commissioner
Hene Kelly, Regional Director for the CA Democratic Party
Francis Hsieh, SFDCCC Member
Petra DeJesus, SFDCCC Member
Andrea Shorter, Commission on the Status of Women, Commissioner

3) Homelessness:

The homeless crisis is felt particularly strongly on our BART system, for too many people, BART is the only place of refuge. We need to respond to this with compassion and with action. In the short term, I will advocate for the immediate hiring of full time trained social workers for our trains and stations to help guide the individuals experiencing homelessness to the available resources. I will also advocate for providing short term rental assistance and bill paying assistance to prevent people from losing their homes. Long-term solutions are increased rent control protections, transitional housing, and job training programs to enable people to regain stability in their lives.

4) Housing affordability/economic inequality:

The housing crisis in San Francisco has continued without end for over a decade. Not enough affordable and middle income housing is being created. The City of San Francisco needs to find a way to include the input of existing communities to provide increased housing options, while maintaining the character

of our neighborhoods. BART owns a significant amount of underutilized real estate that can be developed into affordable and middle income housing allowing residents easy access to transportation and bringing needed opportunities to the surrounding neighborhoods. I am currently a consultant to cities and nonprofit organizations on transportation, smart cities, and sustainable growth and will bring the necessary level of expertise to helping to solve this challenge.

5) Rec. marijuana?

I applaud the efforts of the Cannabis Equity Program to ensure that those most affected by the war on drugs are included in the new business opportunities presented by legalized cannabis. I would like to see communities voice in the number of dispensaries allowed in their neighborhoods. I think we need more protections against marketing to children and in the testing and safety of the suppliers.

6) Racial Equity/AF AM Help:

BART has unfortunately been in the middle of some of the most heartbreaking tragedies surrounding racial violence in the Bay Area. While we must do much more to provide safe and secure transit, we must also be sure that it does not come at the expense of the liberty of young people of color. The BART Police are only one part of the solution, engaging with the community and creating community partnerships around public safety must also play a part. As BART Board Director, I will work to make sure that BART is safe for everyone. Safety cannot come at the expense of privacy however, I will strongly oppose efforts to implement facial recognition software and will advocate for the creation of data privacy policy before any increase in surveillance is approved.

7) LGBT Support:

I served on the Democratic Party County Central Committee where I fought to advance the role of the LGBT community in local politics and for which I received the endorsement of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club. In 2008, I was proud to be part of the effort to defeat Prop 8. If elected, I will continue to advocate for equality and representation for the LGBT community.