

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? **Yes. 2009??**

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.

Grassroots organizer, experienced on environmental issues, affordable housing, tenants rights, police violence, and Sanctuary protections. Written legislation and ballot measures, led multiple neighborhood organizations, and served on task forces for the Mayor, the Port, and the Board of Supervisors.

Recent work:

- Demanding pollution cleanup along the waterfront, including radiological contamination at Lennar's Shipyard, with environmental allies.
- Co-leading Beds for Bayview: safe spaces for our homeless populations.
- Co-writing Proposition S (dedicating revenue to support artists and end family homelessness); received 63% of the vote in 11/2016.
- Fighting police violence with the Justice for Mario Woods coalition since its inception in 2014.

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

Democratic Socialists of America – San Francisco

San Francisco Berniecrats

California Nurses Association

National Union of Healthcare Workers

Sierra Club

San Francisco Tenants Union

Jane Kim

Jovanka Beckles

David Campos

Cat Brooks, Candidate for Mayor of Oakland

Brigitte Davila, President, City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees

John Rizzo, Board Member, City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees

Ivy Lee, Board Member, City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees

Sophia Andary, Chair, Women's March San Francisco

Marie Harrison, Bayview environmental activist

Karen Pierce, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates

Shirley Moore, Vice President, Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association

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?

My father died homeless in 1984; in 1986 I was briefly homeless myself. I'll never forget how crippling that can be, and how important it is to have a public safety net.

Different homeless populations need different solutions. I support:

- Passing Our City, Our Home in November.
- Limiting the tools of displacement and speculation: A tax on vacant units, and limits to corporate housing and short-term rentals.
- Providing more support for free and low-cost mental health services and mental illness treatment.
- Funding Beds for Bayview: safe spaces and transitional villages for our homeless populations, with security, showers and hygiene services.

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 Franciscans who live here should be able to work here; San Franciscans who work here should be able to live here. But many residents of District 10 don't even earn enough to qualify for our affordable housing programs.

The largest expenses in new housing are the costs of the land and the financing. I've been a leading community advocate for public banking for most of the last decade. We should use public land and a small portion of our public money reserves to finance:

- 100% affordable housing on public land.
- New rent-controlled market-rate apartments.
- Infrastructure and pollution cleanup.

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 largely in agreement with the framework at the Board, and I don't see a particular need for micro-management of cannabis locations. The City's Conditional Use process exists for a wide variety of businesses – like pharmacies, bars, or liquor stores, just to name three examples – that need to demonstrate neighborhood support and meet conditions to operate. To me, that process is sufficient to handle most of the issues concerning cannabis locations.

Cannabis businesses should improve their labor standards and local hiring goals for residents of zip codes 94124 and 94134, and fulfill the promise of the Cannabis Equity Program.

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?

We need a serious effort to repair the ongoing damage of decades of racist policies and practices that affect Black and Brown lives in San Francisco today. I'll commit resources to:

- Eviction defense in public housing and citywide.
- Equity planning for re-zoning Third Street and Visitacion Valley, using the development process to redistribute public and private resources to vulnerable and underrepresented peoples.
- Testing all sites and residents at Lennar's Treasure Island and Shipyard sites, with independent monitoring and review.
- Accountable pollution cleanup in District 10, living wages, stable housing, access to health services and treatment, and educational and employment support.

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

The best way I can support anyone in the District is to hold Community Office Hours in a District 10 neighborhood every day of the year – to give direct access to City Hall for many underserved District 10 residents.

D10 has 1/3 of the City's homeless population (including LGBTQ youth and adults), a growing LGBTQ community, an aging population, and the highest average viral load level of HIV. My consistent advocacy for affordable housing, homelessness support, better transit and parks, public safety, and front-line healthcare services for our most vulnerable populations encompasses and benefits the LGBT youth and elder communities.

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: Matthias Mormino, Claire Lau	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?	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 STR	x	

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

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?	×	
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?	×	