

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? Yes. Since when? 2002

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 have served as the SF Public Defender for the past 16 years, and worked as a Deputy Public Defender, Head Attorney and Chief Attorney for 15 years before that. I have tried 150 criminal trials, including homicide and death penalty cases. Under my leadership, the office has been recognized as one of the top public defender offices in the country. winning top awards from the American Bar Association, the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, the California Public Defender's Association and the Mayor's Fiscal Advisory Committee.

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

Mayor London Breed, Assessor Recorder Carmen Chu, Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Sandra Fewer, Norman Yee & Rafael Mandelman.

- 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 represent many homeless individuals, most of whom are charged with low level crimes. Of the 20,000 people we represent each year, approximately 12% are homeless. Through our trained social workers, we provide linkages to a wide array of services, from drug and alcohol treatment, to housing and employment referrals and mental health treatment.

Our Mental Health unit provides representation to thousands of people each year, many who also experience homelessness. This includes individuals who are conserved because they can no longer care for themselves due to mental illness or incapacitation. We have developed a new program to help refer more clients to the

Assisted Outpatient Treatment, which is administered through the Department of Public Health. We were granted a new paralegal position to increase the referrals of individuals who refuse mental health treatment yet need 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?

I have always supported bonds to increase affordable housing and support measures and actions to require those who build market rate housing in SF to pay for and include affordable housing in order to build. We have to build more housing, period. If things continue as they are, we will have a city of only the rich. A one-bedroom apartment can easily cost \$4000 or more in San Francisco. When I first moved here in 1981, my rent was \$300 a month. I also support rent control and would oppose any and all efforts to reduce the number of rental controlled buildings in SF.

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 think we are still developing of marijuana policies in SF and much more needs to be done, particularly to ensure that those who were most harmed by the War on Drugs are not excluded from the marijuana economy. I understand that there is reticence on behalf of some neighborhoods to support marijuana dispensaries in their communities. However, we need to make marijuana available to all. After all, it is legal now!

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?

Approximately 55% of the clients we represent are African American, and the African-American population in SF is less than 5%. Recognizing this extreme disparity, we have worked to expose racism in the system. When Michael Brown's killer was not indicted, we helped organized a Bay-Area wide protest by public defenders in four counties. We

then formed an organization “Public Defenders for Racial Justice” to attack systematic unequal treatment of blacks and other people of color. We have since worked to reform the money bail system, which taxes poor people and people of color, by aggressively bringing cases in state and federal court challenging the system. We have started the country’s first bail unit, to begin bringing bail motions to court in every case.

16 years ago, I established the Clean Slate program, which seeks to ameliorate the impact of the criminal conviction, which can stop a person from getting a job, an education and other basic services. Over 2,000 people are able to clear their record each year. We have satellite offices in Bayview and the Western Addition.

We also facilitate and run the MAGIC programs, which helps thousands of children each year through their literacy and community/education focused programs. Mo MAGIC and BMAGIC, respectively located in the Western Addition and Bayview, now work together with over 100 non-profit agencies that serve youth and families.

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

I have hired many LGBTQ staff in the office in all positions, including management. The head of my misdemeanor identifies as LGBTQ and as does 10% of my staff. I have championed and supported issues of the LGBTQ community throughout my career, including marriage equality, LGBTQ non-discrimination laws and any form of unequal treatment of LGBTQ people.

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: Myself	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?	
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15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015?	YES
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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?	YES
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29. Do you support the Common Core education standards?	YES
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30. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance?	YES	
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?	YES	
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?	YES	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

YES NO

33. Do you ride Muni on a regular basis (more than once a week)?	YES	
34. Do you support CleanPower SF?	YES	
35. Do you support expanding free access to MUNI for seniors and disabled persons?	YES	
36. Do you support requiring ride hail companies (e.g. Uber, Lyft) to provide trip data to the City in order to operate here?	YES	