

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? no

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.

This term on the school board, I have prioritized educator pay and worked very hard to ensure the passage of Prop G, a \$50M measure to improve educator salaries. I served as Board President in 2015 and helped develop the Vision 2025 strategic plan for college and career ready graduates for the 21st century. Also as President, I co-authored the African American Achievement Leadership Initiative, a strategic plan to advance African American students in the district. If re-elected, I want to ensure that we keep our promises on educator pay and meeting the needs of African American students.

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

Democratic Women in Action
SEIU 1021
Assemblymember Phil Ting
Former State Senator Mark Leno
Joan-Marie Shelley, Founder of the United Educators of San Francisco

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?

Over 2,100 students in the school district are homeless or marginally housed. In the short-term, the school district has partnered with Supervisor Hillary Ronen to provide temporary shelter to homeless families at the Buena Vista/Horace Mann school site. If the pilot is successful, I will advocate that other school sites be added. In the long-term, SFUSD should revisit using surplus property for affordable housing sites.

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've prioritized better pay for teachers and I worked very hard to support Prop G.

- I gathered 143 signatures to get it on the ballot,
- I secured endorsements from Democratic Women in Action, the Chinese American Democratic Club, and the Irish American Club, and I walked neighborhoods.

With Prop G, educators should see a 25% pay increase between 2014 and 2020.

On educator housing, the district has made a commitment to 135 new units of educator housing at Francis Scott Key Annex. I will be partnering with District 5 Supervisor Vallie Brown on creating more educator housing on SFUSD surplus property using her expertise, having worked in the City, specifically on affordable housing.

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?

No position.

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 must embrace a growth mindset when it comes to our African American students. I was appalled that 2 years ago, out of the 500 Seals of Biliteracy awarded by the district to students who studied a world language for all 4 years of high school, not a single student was African American. I am pushing for introductory world languages to be available in middle school and want to convene a World Languages Council to lay out a plan for ensuring that all groups of our students have access to language curriculum.

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

SFUSD is unique in that it has dedicated staffing to meet the needs of LGBTQ students. Data suggests that young people in SFUSD, especially foster and/or LGBTQ youth, are targeted by traffickers. In my day job, I have been an advocate to end human trafficking and, in partnership with Huckleberry Youth Services, we expanded services to youth from weekdays, business hours to 24/7 response. Finally, I was a champion of SFUSD participating in the PRIDE Parade for the first time, in 2017, and I have participated in the parade for many years and will continue to serve as a strong ally to the LGBTQ students, families, and community.

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?	XX	
2. Have you ever run for elected office before?	XX	
3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who: I have a consultant, but I am the main point of contact.	XX	
4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?	XX	

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?	XX	
6. Do you support public funding for employment development specifically for transgender individuals?	XX	
7. Do you support expansion of the LGBT curriculum in our City's public schools?	XX	
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?	XX	

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

	YES	NO
9. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979?	XX	
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.		XX
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? <i>I agree with the need for regulation, but am not sure Planning Department is the best place for booking data as there are privacy concerns.</i>		

13. Did you support Prop G (the “Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax”) in 2014? <i>No public position.</i>		
14. Did you support Prop F (stricter controls on AirBnB and other STR platforms) in 2015? <i>No public position.</i>		
15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015? <i>No public position.</i>		

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?	XX	
17. Do you support the protection of Due Process for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	XX	
18. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board? <i>*Yes, but only if we can guarantee that identifying data will not be used for deportation purposes.</i>	XX*	
19. Do you support San Francisco expanding funding for immigration defense services?	XX	

SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES

YES NO

20. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection sites?	XX	
21. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 am? <i>No position</i>		
22. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? <i>No position</i>		
23. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain:		XX
24. Do you support efforts to allow employees of Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services to unionize?	XX	
25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	XX	
26. Do you support the use of Tasers by law enforcement?	XX	
27. Do you support capital punishment (i.e., the death penalty)?		XX

EDUCATION AND YOUTH**YES NO**

28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections?	XX	
29. Do you support the Common Core education standards?	XX	
30. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance?	XX	
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?	XX	
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?	XX	

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**YES NO**

33. Do you ride Muni on a regular basis (more than once a week)?	XX	
34. Do you support CleanPower SF?	XX	
35. Do you support expanding free access to MUNI for seniors and disabled persons?	XX	
36. Do you support requiring ride hail companies (e.g. Uber, Lyft) to provide trip data to the City in order to operate here? <i>No position due to privacy concerns.</i>		