

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, December 2017

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.

Not only am I a San Francisco native and San Francisco Unified School District alumni, but I am also the first Pacific Islander candidate for School Board. I represent a severely neglected community impacted by high poverty rates, increased incarceration, and low college readiness. My campaign focuses on key issues that not only impact Pacific Islanders but all our students -- the opportunity gap. I have spent 14 years in education utilizing my skills in mental health and tackling issues around truancy, push-out rates, trauma, youth development, social emotional learning, affordability and community schools. I returned to San Jose to pursue a Masters in Social Work while working full time at Burton High School and Carver Elementary. The outcome of this work led to the largest decrease in drop rates at Burton High School, and the founding of the SFUSD CARE Center, a school supporting students who were chronically truant to re-engage back into mainstream education. I also led a student athlete campaign with young men in SFUSD to promote consent in an effort to decrease rape. This effort led to nearly 3,000 student athletes receiving education and pledging to the consent campaign in two years. Today, I work closely with the SFUSD leadership team to create systemic changes to support Pacific Islander students. I am currently working with commissioners Cook, Mendoza, and Walton to introduce a resolution in March that will begin addressing the opportunity gap among Pacific Islanders. Finally, I was recruited by the Department of Public Health to build Wellness Centers in San Francisco Public Housing to address the violence, addiction, and mental health issues preventing our families from being able to live in safe and supportive communities. I currently work one day a week at Downtown Continuation High School providing trauma informed services for HOPESF students impacted by violence in their neighborhoods.

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

UESF; SEIU 1021; UNHW; Former State Senator Mark Leno, Supervisor Sandra Fewer, Rafael Mandelman, Aaron Peskin, Hilary Ronen, Asha Safai; BART Director Lateffah Simon, Bevan Dufty; Public Defender Jeff Adachi; SFUSD School Board Commissioner President Stevon Cook, Matt Haney, Mark Sanchez, Shamman Walton, Former Commissioner Hydra Mendoza; CCSF Trustee Thea Selby, Bridget Davila, John Rizzo; Democratic Party Chair David Campos; Police Commissioner Petra DeJesus

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?

The most important short-term solution to the homeless crisis in San Francisco are to extend rent control to new constructions built after 1979 and utilize a means testing for rent control protection. This will allow families that are in need of housing to be placed in units that are affordable today. It will also assure that families that are currently housed are able to live in a sustainable living situation long term. In

addition, support services for current homeless individuals/families and assessment of shelter and housing availability need to be assessed to provide housing. Long term solutions involve a continued effort to assure that new constructions are affordable city-wide. As a school board commissioner, I will work with my colleagues to assure that educators and SFUSD families have access to housing. Furthermore, I will work to locate funding and opportunities to build new homes. Lastly, there is an increase need to provide Wellness support for families within and outside of schools to address mental health. Early implementation of Wellness services can help provide early intervention to traumatic impacts.

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?

For the last year I have supported residents in the HOPESF public housing developments from being displaced. This included various methods to educate the communities on tenant rights via workshops, counseling, or linkage to resources with housing rights advocates. I plan to address affordability for educators through advocating for affordable housing, but also to work on access to free transportation, child care, PGE, water, and school loan forgiveness. This will help reduce the cost of spending for educators. The turnover of teachers in the district due to housing cost is an issue which we are facing today. Another method is to provide rental stipend which will alleviate the pressure of cost for educators as new homes are being built.

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?

The legislation that allowed for cannabis prohibition. Championed by Harry J. Anslinger- a documented bigot, was created specifically with the intention to enforce heavily in black and brown communities, it is imperative to create legislation with, restoring justice to brown and black communities at the forefront. The impacts of the War on Drugs in our community is has limited and restricted access to: education, jobs and financial support and stable home environments and had created trauma by ripping families apart. Supervisor Cohen included SFUSD into the qualifications to apply as an Equity Applicant to acknowledge the school to prison pipeline. I support the current framework adopted by the BOS, many cities are looking to San Francisco to set a standard. I would also add that we need more consumption spaces, because public consumption is illegal and we don't need more options for criminalization we need more economic and cultural experiences. Lastly, I would advocate to put resources toward education and business support for equity applicants get them resources to create sustainable business.

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?

There are three areas I believe will support our African American students in addressing the achievement gap and disparities of opportunities. The first area is mental health support which addresses the ongoing trauma which has impacted a large number of our African American families in SFUSD. African Americans along with Pacific Islanders, and Latinx consist of the highest push-out and truancy rate in SFUSD. Students who have been pushed out of schools represent a high amount of homicide victims in San Francisco. The rapid economic development has poured on an additional burden for our African American families who historically have been underserved in education. These conditions have created a high amount of mental health issues within our African American families, which require an education system that understands how to accommodate these needs. The second area of support is creating a community school approach which engages families, community members and entities to play a role in the academic success of students. This approach holds the community accountable for the academic success of our students. Providing a community approach which gives students more support in and outside of school creates a support system that nurtures the development of our students. In addition, community schools provide schools with additional resources to support the needs of its student body. The final area is early education and assuring that our African American students are provided with educational opportunities as early as possible. This is all contingent upon continuous financial support based on a long term commitment of SFUSD to assure our African American students are adequately supported to succeed.

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

I have worked with LGBTQ youth for 5 years in SFUSD through clinical services. Through this period, I have provided clinical therapy and case management for LGBTQ youth in high school to help them navigate the educational process and personal life concerns. In addition, I developed the Oceania Student Initiative for Pacific Islander (PI) students in SFUSD, which main focus of support are for LGBTQ youth, women, and/or individuals who are a part of the juvenile justice system.

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? Yes
2. Have you ever run for elected office before? No
3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? yes
If so, who: Glenn Davis
4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past? No

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

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES YES NO

9. Do you support the expansion of rent control beyond buildings constructed prior to 1979? Yes
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. No
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? Yes
13. Did you support Prop G (the "Harvey Milk Anti-Speculation Tax") in 2014? Yes
14. Did you support Prop F (stricter controls on AirBnB and other STR platforms) in 2015? Yes
15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015? Yes

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? Yes
17. Do you support the protection of Due Process for immigrant youth accused of crimes? Yes
18. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board? Yes
19. Do you support San Francisco expanding funding for immigration defense services? Yes

SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES YES NO

- 20. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection sites? Yes
- 21. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 am? Yes
- 22. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? Yes
- 23. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? No

If so, explain:

- 24. Do you support efforts to allow employees of Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services to unionize?
Yes
- 25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings? Yes
- 26. Do you support the use of Tasers by law enforcement? No
- 27. Do you support capital punishment (i.e., the death penalty)? No

EDUCATION AND YOUTH YES NO

- 28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections? Yes
- 29. Do you support the Common Core education standards? Yes
- 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)? No
- 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