

## 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@milclub.org](mailto:pac@milclub.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.**

**I am a mother and community organizer. I have lived and worked in SF for 15 years helping low-income families obtain access to higher paying jobs, college, and the arts. I am committed to creating supportive spaces for children to play after school, improving early literacy rates and health . Our schools impact generations and my goal is to support black and brown youth to attend college, not prison. I am the only candidate who has worked on local and statewide policy initiatives, and building multicultural coalitions to focus on education, getting everyone working together to support our public schools.**

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

**Former Superintendent CA Public Schools Delaine Eastin, SF Democratic Party Chair David Campos, Former Mayor Art Agnos, SEIU 1021, SF Board of Education Commissioner Mark Sanchez, SF Public Defender Jeff Adachi, Former D11 Supervisor John Avalos, SF Latino Democratic Club, Former Harvey Milk Club President Kim Alvarenga**

**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?**

**Short term: creating an emergency fund so families can stay in housing when they experience a short term crisis like hospital bills, job loss, or death of family member(s). Opening up more schools like Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8 School so homeless families have safe places to sleep.**

**Long term: Create pathways from navigation centers to safe and supportive permanent housing. Increase inclusionary housing policies to 40% for new developments. (65)**

**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 am in full support of increasing inclusionary housing policies to 40% for new developments. I am working with the City to address pay equity between SFUSD and City positions, so more communities of color can have higher pay. I support more access to high paying jobs by increasing local hiring ordinances in newer industries like technology, marijuana sales, etc. I have worked on receiving funds for outreach to the Latino community to attain BMR units, provide emergency fund for families facing short term crisis, and helped low-income families secure meaningful employment.**

**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 support the current framework adopted by the Board of Supervisors.**

**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?**

**First, ensure African American families have stable and long term housing and are not victims of eviction. Second, provide more funding to support African American students in SFUSD. Third, create an independent task force that looks at sentencing of African Americans in SF to determine if sentenced more harshly than Caucasian counterparts. Fourth, devote ample funds to outreach to African American families pushed out in 60s/70s to provide certificates of preference for available housing.**

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

**Elected?**

**I have worked with various organizations to create policy that address the health and wellness of the LGBTQ community. Initiatives include those that provide access to resources, job opportunities, mental health services and housing for LGBTQ Transitional Aged Youth. I am a big proponent of making sure the LGBTQ community feels safe, supported, and protected from bullying in our schools. Currently, I am working with various coalitions to address intersectionality of issues and how our black/brown communities can unite for LGBTQ issues and vice versa. We are all one 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? 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: Tramutola, Lolis Ramirez

4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past? NO, not as an individual

### **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? NO
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? NO, I support expanded criminalization of John Does.

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? HELL 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)? 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, if taxis and other transportation companies share their data as well