

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.

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? I am not

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)? I do not. I am an ally.

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 father, public school teacher, and a past member of the SFDCCC. I hope that my experience as someone who grew up in San Francisco, as well as my work as a community advocate can provide special insight into how to serve my community. I have three children, and I have struggled to find ways to stay in the City considering the high cost of living. As a former organizer for AFSCME, I have walked picket lines; I have been a member of multiple teachers unions, and I believe that I can be a champion for working families.

My campaign does not accept corporate contributions nor does it accept contributions from paid lobbyists. The majority of donations to my campaign are under \$100.

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

State Senator Scott Wiener

Sheriff Vicki Hennessy

State Board of Equalization Chairwoman Fiona Ma

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?

I believe one of the first priorities should be providing services and housing homeless families with children. I support and will encourage as supervisor programs such as Buena Vista Horace Mann Middle School's proposed homeless shelter program. The current homelessness problem is a humanitarian crisis and we must treat it as one, and provide our homeless residents with the compassion and care they need.

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?

It is currently impossible for someone earning minimum wage working full time to afford to stay in San Francisco. This is not a sustainable system; we must expand our construction of affordable housing now. We must expand career pathways for those in our community who are homeless, and become serious about providing each person in supportive housing a pathway to a fulfilling career and life.

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 agree with the current framework adopted by the Board of Supervisors. I believe that cannabis delivery services that fully employ their delivery people are a good solution to balancing equitable cannabis distribution and the challenges of cannabis retail. I would hope that future legislative frameworks from

City Hall would open up and encourage this method of distribution, as long as those businesses are unionized, employ locally, and fully employ their delivery drivers.

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 reform the current lottery system, which has left our schools more segregated than ever, and support more equitable solutions to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed. We should be listening to voices of students, and understand that we must do more for African American students in SFUSD. Students should not have to have a walkout like they did at Lowell in 2016 to bring equity issues to the School Board's attention. We must reinvest in African American owned businesses and neighborhoods, and empower community leadership.

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

I support the construction of a youth center directed towards homeless youth; the vast majority of our youth on the streets are members of the LGBTQ community and I believe our City must do more for them. I support expanded access and subsidies to PrEP throughout the City; we must continue to prioritize public health in our neighborhoods.

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? **Yes**
3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? **No**

If so, who:

4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past? **Yes**

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? **no**

If so, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

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? **no**

15. Did you support Prop I (the Mission Moratorium) in 2015? **no**

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? **I support an investigation led by the Office of Police Accountability.**

26. Do you support the use of Tasers by law enforcement? **Yes, with significant training and oversight.**

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?

Common Core standards are not perfect, but they're what we have. I am totally opposed to high stakes testing. I came of professional age during No Child Left Behind and common core is a better step towards teacher independence and not punishing struggling schools.

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**