

# Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

## Questionnaire for Candidates for November 2018

*Dear Candidate,*

*Congratulations on declaring your candidacy! The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club invites you to get to know us a little better as we plan our endorsements for the November 2018 election cycle. Your participation in our Club's questionnaire will allow our Membership to better understand who you are, what you stand for, and what you plan to accomplish if you get elected to office.*

*There are two parts to our questionnaire. **Part 1 is a series of short-answer questions, less than 150 words. Part 2 is a simple set of Yes/No questions** covering a broad set of issues. If necessary, please expand upon your responses in Part 2 separately.*

E-mail all questionnaires to Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair Tom Temprano at [pac@milkclub.org](mailto:pac@milkclub.org) and to our Correspondent at [correspondent@milkclub.org](mailto:correspondent@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, I'm not a member.

**Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)?**  
No, I do not identify as LGBTQ. I have three LGBTQ children.

**PART 1: Short-Answer Questionnaire**  
*(Please limit responses to 5 sentences or 150 words)*

**1) Please describe your qualifications for the position you seek. Include any key endorsements you'd like to share plus anything else that you would like our Members to know about you and your candidacy.**

I have fourteen years of experience as a volunteer in FUSD serving on district committees including Curriculum and Instruction, Health and Sex Education, and several safety committees. I have served in PTA leadership as Parkmont and Centerville President and as Fremont Council PTA Health and Safety Chair and Legislative Advocacy Chair. I have worked in the classroom as a substitute teacher for two years and seen the challenges our teachers and students face. As a trustee, I pledge to work with parents, educators, administrators, support staff, and students to address our challenges and build on our successes to empower students to pursue further education, enter the job market, and become engaged citizens.

Endorsements include:

Fremont Unified District Teachers Association  
Tri-Cities Democratic Forum  
East Bay Women's Political Alliance  
Delaine Eastin, former CA Superintendant of Public Instruction  
Ro Khanna, US Congressman  
Bob Wieckowski, CA Senator  
Bill Quirk, CA Assemblymember

**2) What are your plans to address housing affordability and economic inequality in the region you wish to represent? What have you done to address this crisis, if anything?**

Our educators and support staff cannot afford live in the community they serve. I will work with the City and developers to be sure workforce housing is a priority for all proposed developments and explore options to build workforce housing on district owned property.

FUSD is generally a high performing district, but we also have significant achievement gaps that impact our foster youth, homeless, and low income students. FUSD must pursue effective intervention strategies to reach these students and engage with families to provide needed support. I will work to assure that access to enrichment and after school programs is equitable.

I supported FUSD's effort to create a homeless and foster youth liaison to support struggling students and their guardians. These students often do not have guardians

who are able to advocate for them, but we must never forget their needs when making decisions.

**3) The anti-black racial biases of both the police and the criminal justice system is well documented. What are the most important actions that you can take in your office to stabilize and support the African American community against these threats?**

From the perspective of a school board trustee, we must be sure all of our students feel safe and supported at school. Our student resource officer (SRO) program should provide a yearly report to the board documenting the services they provide, the incidents they respond to, and demographic information about students that are suspended or expelled in response to their actions to be sure our students are treated equitably. While I believe FUSD has a model SRO program that was begun to build community rather than respond to discipline issues, programs must be transparent and accountable to ensure that FUSD is not contributing to the school to prison pipeline.

I support restorative justice practices with properly trained staff in order to engage with students when discipline is needed. Restorative justice practices can reduce rates of suspension and expulsion that often disproportionately impact our students of color.

**4) What would you describe as your most important actions or plans to support the LGBTQ community?**

I advocated for FUSD to come into compliance with the FAIR Education Act and led an effort to comply with the California Healthy Youth Act to promote LGBTQ inclusive curriculum. I advocated for Gender Spectrum training for FUSD staff. I have spoken at board meetings in favor of recognizing Harvey Milk Day, against gendered graduation robes, for all gender restrooms, and for updating all district forms with gender neutral language.

I have presented workshops for paraeducators, parents, and teachers about supporting LGBTQ+ youth at home and in the classroom. I served on Fremont Unified District Teacher's Association's Equity and Human Right's Committee to help educators support gender expansive youth. I have organized book drives and donated LGBTQ+ inclusive books to all 43 of our school libraries.

I will continue to promote policies that embrace and celebrate the diversity in our community and protect vulnerable students.

## **PART 2: Yes/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? _____		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 for employment development specifically for transgender individuals?	X	
6. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum in our public schools?	X	

**TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES****YES NO**

7. Do you support the expansion of rent control for buildings constructed after 1979?	X	
8. Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain at the end of the questionnaire.		X
9. Do you support requiring Short Term Rental platforms (e.g. AirBnB, VRBO) to publish registration numbers for properly-registered short-term rentals on their respective websites; handing over booking data to the Planning Department; and increasing funding for enforcement capacity?	X see note	
12. Do you support the statewide ballot initiative Prop 10 to repeal Costa-Hawkins?	X	

**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES****YES NO**

13. Do you support Sanctuary City?	X	
14. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	X	
15. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to School Board?	X	
16. Do you support expanding funding for immigrant defense services?	X	

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES****YES NO**

20. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection sites?	X	
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21. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 AM?	X see note	
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 below.		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 see note	
27. Do you support the death penalty?		X

#### EDUCATION AND YOUTH

YES NO

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

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

YES NO

31. Do you ride public transit on a regular basis? More than once a week?		X
32. Do you support community choice aggregation?	X see note	
33. Do you support expanding free access to public transit for seniors and disabled persons?	X	
34. Do you support requiring ridesharing companies (e.g. Uber, Lyft) to provide trip data to local government order to operate in your locality?	X see note	

#### Notes:

9, 21, 32 & 34: My understanding of the issues covered in these questions is limited, so I'm answering with a "reserved yes" to these items. As a school board trustee, I don't expect any of these issues to come before me.

26: I'm giving a "reluctant yes" to supporting the use of tasers because, in principle, I agree with using methods that are less potentially lethal than standard fire arms. While

tasers are less lethal, there is a potential for over use, and I believe that even safer alternatives are beginning to become more available.