

# 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

**Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)?**

No

## **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 am running for Richmond City Council to support community members, especially advocates of color and youth, to steer policies in our city. Engagement is one of my core values because it is an effective strategy to create a creative and resilient local government. My progressive values focus on supporting working families, because I grew up watching my parents work hard to give my brother and I the best life possible, but struggled to find good paying jobs and affordable housing. I am committed to serving the City of Richmond, to be an advocate and facilitator for the people in the fight for: more jobs & affordable housing, better opportunities for youth, investing in commercial corridors & community art, and keeping parks clean. I am seeking the Harvey Milk Democratic Club's endorsement because the Harvey Milk Democratic Club is critical in advocating and promoting the rights of LGBTQ persons. It would be an honor to fight for the rights of all LGBTQ, their political representation, and healthcare for all and housing with the fierce advocates of Harvey Milk Democratic Club leading the way.

**I have been endorsed by:**

Richmond Progressive Alliance  
ACCE Action  
John Gioia  
Melvin Willis, Richmond Council member  
Eduardo Martinez, Richmond Council member  
National Union of Healthcare Workers  
Our Revolution  
SEIU Local 1021

**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?**

I supported the initiative to strengthen Rent Control and Just Cause Eviction Rights for the 2016 November ballot. I am a renter, so I continue to spread the word amongst community members and as a council member I have also advocated for its full implementation. I also support the repeal of Costa-Hawkins to allow cities like Richmond to expand rent control and just cause for eviction protection to single family homes. By stabilizing housing costs, we allow families to build wealth and invest in other needs. I support reducing income inequality in Richmond by building affordable housing, bringing well-paying jobs for Richmonders, and providing economic development opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

**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?**

I provide constant monitoring of the actions of the Richmond Police Department to disincentivize police from abusing their authority. Most recently, Vice Mayor Willis and Council member Martinez and I have been part of a national working group to increase our community policing strategies. I have also established a working relationship with the Richmond Police Department management team, our police department is working to increase its cultural competency to create a respectful relationships within the Richmond African-American community.

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

One of my plans if re-elected would be to include support, leadership and employment services for LGBTQ youth when Measures E & K are implemented. I would also like to review our HR policies for city staff and update our nondiscrimination policies to be inclusive and protect LGBTQ staff and those receiving city services from discrimination. My most important action is to listen to LGBTQ leadership and elevate the needs of the LGBTQ community, whether it be engagement or policy development.

## **PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire**

Please check **Yes** or **No** for each question.

### **GENERAL**

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? **Sue Wilson sue@suewilsonconsulting.com**
4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past? **NO**

### **LGBTQ ISSUES**

5. Do you support public funding for employment development specifically for transgender individuals? **YES**

6. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum in our public schools? **YES**

### **TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

7. Do you support the expansion of rent control for buildings constructed after 1979? **YES**

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.  
**NO**

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?  
**YES**

12. Do you support the statewide ballot initiative Prop 10 to repeal Costa-Hawkins? **YES**

### **IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES**

13. Do you support Sanctuary City? **YES**

14. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes? **YES**

15. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to School Board? **YES**

16. Do you support expanding funding for immigrant defense services? **YES**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES**

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? If so, explain below. **NO**

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 the death penalty? **NO**

## **EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections? **YES**

29. Do you support Common Core education standards? **YES**

30. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance? **YES**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

31. Do you ride public transit on a regular basis? More than once a week? **YES**

32. Do you support community choice aggregation? **YES**

33. Do you support expanding free access to public transit for seniors and disabled persons? **YES**

34. Do you support requiring ridesharing companies (e.g. Uber, Lyft) to provide trip data to local government order to operate in your locality?  
**YES**