

# 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@milklub.org](mailto:pac@milklub.org) and to our Correspondent at [correspondent@milklub.org](mailto:correspondent@milklub.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.

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?

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?

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

**PART 2: Yes/No Questionnaire**

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

| <b>GENERAL</b>   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
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| 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? <u>Derek Humphrey</u> | X          |           |
| 4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?                                  |            | X         |

| <b>LGBTQ ISSUES</b>   | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
|---|------------|-----------|
| 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          |           |

| <b>TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES</b>  | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
|---|------------|-----------|
| 7. Do you support the expansion of rent control for buildings constructed after 1979? | X          |           |

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

**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES**

**YES NO**

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| 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**

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

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH****YES NO**

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| 28. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 29. Do you support Common Core education standards?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES****YES NO**

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

Responses To Short Answer Questionnaire from Mary Kay Lacey, Berkeley City Council, District 8.

1. I graduated from UC Berkeley with an undergraduate double major in Political Science and Social Welfare, and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. As a practicing attorney for almost 30 years, I have worked on a wide range of cases, including land use, and a redevelopment matter representing the City of Oakland to keep senior housing in Oakland's Chinatown. For the last 10 years, my practice has focused on Native American law, including pro bono efforts to achieve federal recognition for non-recognized tribes. I am a Commissioner on the Planning Commission and the Personnel Board, and I serve as an Alternate Commissioner on the Zoning Adjustment Board and the Police Review Commission. I am also a key member of the Mayors Task Force to Save Alta Bates, where my leadership on policy and community organization has earned me the endorsement of the California Nurses Association (CNA).

2. I do not believe unfettered market rate development that promises "trickle-down" affordability is a true solution to the affordability crisis we face. I support Berkeley's \$135 million bond measure on the November ballot so that we can partner with non-profit developers to maximize participation in programs allowing the City to directly dedicate resources to immediately build true affordable housing for those who are paying 60 - 80 percent of their income in rent. This also includes finding creative opportunities to build housing for our public servants, so that those who serve the City are able to live in Berkeley. As a Planning Commissioner, I reject broad brush state legislation that declares war on local planning and zoning, and I am committed to ensuring that transit-based housing projects in Berkeley (such as the Adeline Project) allow meaningful community participation in the development, and are designed to prevent tenant displacement.

3. The overall state of the relationship between the police and the criminal justice (on the one hand) and communities of color (on the other hand) must improve. As the author of the book "Evicted," Matthew Desmond, has written, "Poor black men are locked up. Poor black women are locked out." Just as we need to repeal Costa-Hawkins to strengthen tenant protections and provide secure housing, we must implement changes in our police force to ensure that we achieve "best practices" in policing. To that end, and from my experience sitting as an Alternate Commissioner on the Police Review Commission, I fully support the work currently being done by the Center for Police Equity, which is studying the BPD, and which has documented instances of racial inequity and is analyzing changes that must be implemented to address biases in policing. This work is essential to make meaningful and necessary reforms.

4. As a lawyer who has worked on civil rights cases, I know that the right to marry is the civil rights issue of my generation. With that perspective, and as the mother of a LGBTQ child, I believe that every battle we fight to end discrimination and honor every person's individual dignity, will advance the rights of the LGBTQ community. As a Councilmember, these bedrock progressive values are at my core, and will guide my decisions. Not only will I ensure that our anti-discrimination laws are vigorously enforced, but I will stand with tenants to ensure that legal

representation is provided to the full extent possible to prevent eviction. I will also stand with labor to ensure living wages and benefits for employees in the City of Berkeley, and I will support a “housing first” approach to address homelessness.