

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 and to our Correspondent at 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)? I am a strong ally.

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.

For two decades, I've been an advocate for working people, leading the passage of policies in Oakland to create the building blocks for regional, state, and national change by:

- Raising Oakland's minimum wage with paid sick leave by passing Measure FF which won with 81% voter support.
- Bringing City government and developers to the table with community groups and unions to secure a ground-breaking good jobs policy for the Oakland Army Base redevelopment, which is putting Oaklanders to work and exceeding its 50% local hire goal.
- Partnering with neighborhood and environmental groups on a Port of Oakland Clean Trucks Program to reduce diesel emissions and create healthier neighborhoods.

I have the sole endorsement of the Alameda Labor Council and recently received endorsements from Assemblymember Rob Bonta and Richmond Councilmember Jovanka Beckles.

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?

Everyone who seeks housing in Oakland should be able to find affordable options. I would work to bring more affordable housing to District 2 and Oakland, expand and enforce renter protections, and serve our homeless neighbors while creating pathways to permanent housing. I volunteered on the campaign to pass Measure JJ, and I helped collect signatures to place Prop 10 on the ballot.

We need a thriving economy that provides for all of Oakland. I would ensure that Oakland jobs are quality jobs and provide quality education, youth services, and access to opportunities by enforcing City ordinances to protect workers and by creating partnerships with organizations providing pathways for our youth. I played a leadership role in winning the ban the box provision for the Oakland Army Base redevelopment. Ban the box now exists at the state level for jobs and I support expanding it to apply to housing.

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?

This problem is particularly acute in Oakland, which received an "F" in a recent Equity Indicators report, in part due to racial disparities in incarceration and police use of force. Oakland has a new civilian oversight Police Commission, and I support this commission getting the resources it needs and for it to be accountable to the people of Oakland. We must take a different approach to crime and policing, one that incorporates restorative justice, conflict de-escalation training for police officers, and disrupts the school-to-prison pipeline through programs that keep youth in school and on paths to employment and higher education. We must also increase resources to support education, employment, public health services, and housing stability to address the root causes of crime.

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

Oakland has one of the largest LGBTQ populations because it has been a sanctuary for many who move here to escape intolerance. We must continue making Oakland a haven for the LGBTQ community especially considering that the LGBTQ community still faces discrimination in the workplace, in education, in housing, in healthcare, and other aspects of their lives. Marriage equality was a great first step, but I am committed to ensuring we end discrimination based on sexual orientation too.

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?	Y	
2. Have you ever run for elected office before?		N
3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who? <u>Charles Sanchez</u>	Y	

4. Have you ever sought the Harvey Milk Club endorsement in the past?		N
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LGBTQ ISSUES	YES	NO
5. Do you support public funding for employment development specifically for transgender individuals?	Y	
6. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum in our public schools?	Y	

TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES	YES	NO
7. Do you support the expansion of rent control for buildings constructed after 1979?	Y	

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

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

YES NO

13. Do you support Sanctuary City?	Y	
14. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of	Y	

crimes?		
15. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to School Board?	Y	
16. Do you support expanding funding for immigrant defense services?	Y	

SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES

YES NO

	YES	NO
20. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection sites?	Y	
21. Did you support allowing localities to allow some bars to serve liquor until 4 AM?	Y	

22. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work?	Y	
23. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott? If so, explain below.		N
24. Do you support efforts to allow employees of Uber, Lyft and other ridesharing services to unionize?	Y	
25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	Y	
26. Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?		N

27. Do you support the death penalty?		N
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EDUCATION AND YOUTH

YES

NO

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

YES

NO

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