**The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club**

**Candidate Questionnaire for November 2019**

*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 2019 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 are elected to office.*

*There are two parts to our questionnaire. Part 1 is a series of short-answer questions, with a 150-word limit on answers. Part 2 is a series of Yes/No questions covering a broad set of issues.*

*Email your answers to Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair Gabriela Alemán at* [*pac@milkclub.org*](mailto:pac@milkclub.org) *and to our Correspondent Lee Hepner at* [*correspondent@milkclub.org*](mailto:correspondent@milkclub.org)*.*

*Good Luck,*

*The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club*

**Required Information**

Today is August 6, 2019

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***Are you a Member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Club?: NO***

***If so, since when?:***

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

***No. But I have many co-workers and friend are LGBTQX.***

**Part 1: Questions for All Candidates**

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

**1. Please describe your qualifications for the position you seek. Feel free to add anything that you would like our Members to know about you and your candidacy.**

Master of Social Work:

2 terms, San Francisco Civil Grand Jury 2014/2015 and 2016/2017, investigated government functions and corruption.

- Since July 2018, serve as Director of Public Relations for California Civil Grand Juror Association, San Francisco Chapter.

- June 2018, San Francisco Mayoral Candidate, Special Election

50 years old, married with two college children, , traditional family values

33 years, San Francisco Resident

25 years, Volunteer /Activist, empower people to stand up for their constitutional rights

23 years, Sunday School Teacher for San Francisco Evangelical Free Church

22 years, Family Social Worker for San Francisco

13 years, Behavioral Health Clinician with San Francisco Government, Public Health Department

13 years, working with the police to fight crimes, graduated from the Community Police Academy 2006

12 years, SEIU1021 Union Steward for San Francisco government employees

5 years, Neighborhood Emergency Response Team member (NERT), SF Fire Department

Appointed by former Board of Supervisor David Campos, served as a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee 2016/2017

**2. Do you have any key endorsements that you would like to share? Why are these endorsements meaningful to you?**

Ellen: Yes, from people who care about San Francisco. All endorsements are meaningful to me. We want to rebuild a city with law and order to protect our wealth and health. Right now, we are lawless!

**3. 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?**

**Ellen:**

1. Do an assessment to see how many homeless and who are they, etc.
2. 15% to 30% working people.
3. 10% professional homeless.
4. 60% on drugs / substance abuse.

Short term: put up temporary FEMA crisis centers to remove all homeless people from concentrate areas, streets, clean all the drug dealers and the streets. Separate the workable from homeless with disabilities or homeless who are not able to care for themselves. See my videos, I explained in details to reduce homeless and end homeless from abusive career politicians. I’ve worked with many of the homeless and workers, we know how to end the homeless, but the elected officials did not want to end the homeless. The politicians need homeless people to drain our public money for their political gain. I am a Social Worker and this is my passion to end homeless and return their lives back to normal. No one should die on the streets. Every life matters!

Long Term: With my city experiences, I will be able to end homeless within one year. I am a bargaining team member for government employees. We have 32,000 government employees. My union SEIU1021 have more than 50% of the government employees. I will work with public workers to identity effective ways to treat homeless with dignity and love. I will end homeless in SF within one year. I’ve worked with homeless connect team before. We the city workers know how to end the homeless. We will work with faith base agencies and drug rehab centers outside San Francisco. I will enforce the federal laws to keep drug dealers off the streets too.

**4. What are your plans to address housing affordability and economic inequality in San Francisco? What work have you done on this issue in the past?**

Ellen: I’ve done my research. I will create programs ASAP, to release 50,000 plus empty apartments we have now. Teachers and workers in SF will be having affordable housing within short time. London C. Breed refused to create programs to help SF families. We have the units just sitting empty! Shame!

**5. Describe your work addressing racial injustice and inequity in San Francisco.**

Ellen**:** I am a government social worker. I work with all people from all walks of life. I am a female Chinese American. I have been going through a lot of difficulties. I am a Republican mayoral candidate that I was not allowed to many of the debates and forums that took places in public areas. I used to be a democrat for 20 plus years. Now I walked away. I joined the Republican party because we are in America, we should be able to choose any political party without threat or harm. But I have been discriminated by democrats. As a government employee, I work hard to address inequity. Do you know that SF has been controlled by democrats for 45 years? I only found this out this year 2019! No wonder we have so many problems because we don’t have any other political party to balance our publica policies. The last republican mayor was 55 years ago. If you want to see changes in SF, vote for me, a Republican party to address inequity political power in SF.

**6. How have you supported economically-underresourced LGBTQ San Franciscans, and how will you continue to do so if elected?**

Ellen: As you wished and as you suggested, we can always meet and talk for improvement. Everyone should be served equally. www.EllenforMayor2019.com

**7. What are your thoughts on the role of law enforcement and corporations in the annual Pride parade?**

Ellen: Use common sense to do common people’s business.

**8. Do you support lowering the voting age to 16 for local elections? Why or why not?**

Ellen: NO, must be 18, so they can be themselves, not to be manipulated by adults and abusive evil or bad intend.

**9. Who are you supporting in the District 5 Supervisorial race?**

Ellen: Ryan Lam, 18 years old with fresh idea, not support by any big money or PACs, Ryan can’t be paid and bought.

**10. Who are you supporting in the District Attorney's race?**

Ellen: Nancy Tung, with a very good background and experience. I think she will put back law and order to protect you and me in SF. I like people who use common sense to run programs.

**Only School Board and Community College Board Candidates**

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

**1. What is your plan to address the bullying of LGBTQ students, as well as students of traditionally marginalized communities?**

**2. How will you address the needs of homeless students?**

**3. What are your plans to protect undocumented students and their families while on SFUSD and/or CCSF properties?**

**4. How will you address the needs of students whom have recently arrived from Central America?**

**5. What are the most important actions that you can take in your office to stabilize and support African American students?**

**Only School Board Candidates**

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

**1. Do you support charter schools in SFUSD? Why or why not?**

**2. Do you support Common Core education standards?**

**3. Do you support teacher training to implement alternatives to suspension in instances of disruption or “willful defiance”?**

**4. Do you support the removal of the “Life of Washington” mural at George Washington High School? Why or why not? If yes, what forms of removal do you support?**

**Only Community College Trustee Candidates**

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

**1. Have you ever visited the Queer Resource Center on the main campus? What would you do to ensure that it continues to deliver its critical services?**

**Only Sheriff Candidates**

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

**1. What programs do you support to assist inmates in acquiring life skills and education?**

**2. Do you support cash bail? Why or why not?**

**3. What would you do to ensure the safety of transgender inmates?**

**4. What programs do you support or are willing to create to provide resources for LGBTQ inmates?**

**Only Treasurer Candidates**

Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

**1. Describe what you would do to ensure the fiscal well-being of ordinary San Franciscans with regards to the City’s investments?**

**Part 2: Yes/No Questions**

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

**GENERAL YES NO**

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| 1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat? |  | No |

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| 2. Have you ever sought elected office before? | yes |  |

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| 3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | yes |  |

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| 4. Have you ever sought a Milk Club endorsement in the past? |  | no |

**LGBTQ ISSUES**

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| 5. Should the SFPD formally apologize for the abuses it committed against the LGBTQ community during the Compton's Cafeteria and White Night riots? | yes |  |

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| 6. Do you support public funding for employment development for transgender job-seekers? | yes |  |

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| 7. Do you support efforts to expand access to PrEP and the *Getting to Zero* initiative to end the HIV epidemic in San Francisco? | yes |  |

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

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| 8 Do you support the creation of an independent commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Services? | yes |  |

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| 9. Do you support the split-role repeal of Proposition 13? | yes |  |

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| 10. Do you support the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act? |  | no |

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| 11. Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act? |  | no |

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| 12. Do you support increasing funding for enforcement capacity for Short Term Rental platforms, e.g. AirBnB and VRBO? | yes |  |

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| 13. Do you support the sweeps of homeless encampments by the Department of Public Works? | yes |  |

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| 14. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty commercial properties? |  | no |

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| 15. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty residential properties? |  | no |

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| 16. Do you support State Senator Scott Wiener’s SB 50, a rezoning proposal to promote housing density? |  | no |

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| 17. Would you support a licensing system for landlords in San Francisco? |  | no |

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| 18. Do you support a public municipal bank in San Francisco? |  | no |

**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES YES NO**

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| 19. Should U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished? |  | no |

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| 20. Do you support San Francisco’s Sanctuary City status? |  | no |

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| 21. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes? | yes |  |

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| 22. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including, but not limited to, the SF School Board? |  | no |

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| 23. Do you support increased funds for immigrant defense services? | yes |  |

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

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| 24. Do you support the death penalty? | yes |  |

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| 25. Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement? | yes |  |

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| 26. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings? | yes |  |

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| 27. Should the Department of Police Accountability have the power to investigate allegations of misconduct by members of the Sheriff’s Department? | yes |  |

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| 28. Should a civilian oversight commission for the Sheriff’s Department be created, with the power to suspend or terminate members of the department? | yes |  |

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| 29. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection/consumption sites? |  | no |

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| 30. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? |  | no |

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| 31. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or ignored a union boycott? | yes |  |

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| 32. Do you support the right for public sector employees to go on strike? | yes |  |

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| 33. Do you support AB 5, making it harder for companies to label workers as independent contractors instead of employees? | yes |  |

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| 34. Do you support the recent vote by the SF Board of Supervisors to close Juvenile Hall? |  | no |

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| 35. Do you support the rebuilding of the county jail at 850 Bryant? | yes |  |

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH YES NO**

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| 36. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum throughout San Francisco’s public schools? |  | no |

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| 37. Do you support the full, continuous funding of the Free City College program? | yes |  |

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| 38. Do you think teachers' salaries should be increased to ensure a living wage in San Francisco? | yes |  |

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| 39. Do you support the upcoming *Affordable Homes for Educators and Families Now* ballot measure? | yes |  |

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

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| 40. Do you support the recent bailout of Pacific, Gas, & Electric? |  | no |

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| 41. Do you support the dissolution of Pacific, Gas, & Electric? | yes |  |

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| 42. Do you support expanding the CleanPower SF program? | yes |  |

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| 43. Should CEQA guidelines be reduced in order to increase development? | yes |  |

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| 44. Do you ride San Francisco public transit on a regular basis? |  | no |

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| 45. Do you support increased, free access to public transit for seniors,  disabled persons, the economically disadvantaged, and the underserved? | yes |  |

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| 46. Do you support a plan that would provide free transportation for all San Franciscans? | yes |  |

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| 47. Do you support the ongoing switchbacks on the K, N, and T Muni lines? | yes |  |

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| 48. Should the mayor continue to appoint all commissioners to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency? |  | no |

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| 49. Do you support the local Transportation Network Company Tax on the November 2019 ballot? | yes |  |

**POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY YES NO**

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| 50. Do you support the *Sunlight on Dark Money* ballot measure on the November 2019 ballot? | yes |  |

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| 51. Does your campaign accept corporate contributions from LLCs? |  | no |

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| 52. Does your campaign accept contributions from individuals with a financial interest in land use matters valued at $5 million or more? |  | no |

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| 53. Do you support expanding SF’s public financing program? |  | no |