**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* *and to our Correspondent Lee Hepner at* *correspondent@milkclub.org**.*

*Good Luck,*

*The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club*

**Required Information**

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***Office Sought:* Treasurer**

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***Are you a Member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Club?: Yes***

***If so, since when?:* 2005**

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

**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.**

As the elected Treasurer for the City and County of San Francisco I serve as the City’s banker and Chief Investment Officer, managing all tax and revenue collection for San Francisco. Appointed in 2004, and first elected in 2005, I have used my experience in the tech and banking industries to enhance and modernize taxpayer systems and successfully manage the City’s portfolio through a major recession.

Safe money management and fair revenue collection means more for Muni, healthcare, and vital services. I expanded social responsibility screens for banking and investments, while increasing deposits in local banks and credit unions to match our values.

I believe that my role of safeguarding the City’s money extends to all San Francisco residents, and I continue to expand my role as a financial educator and advocate for low-income San Franciscans through award-winning programs like Kindergarten to College, Bank On San Francisco and the Financial Justice Project.

I received my Bachelor of Science from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT. My outstanding record of safe money management, revenue collections and financial justice has helped San Francisco.

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

Endorsements (partial)

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Senator Kamala Harris

Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Governor Gavin Newsom

Senator Scott Weiner

Treasurer Fiona Ma

Mayor London Breed

**Treasurer Candidate question:**

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

See above.

**Note:** Since the position of Treasurer is not a policy-making role it is not appropriate to take positions on policy matters.

**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? | Y |  |

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

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

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| 4. Have you ever sought a Milk Club endorsement in the past? | Y |  |

**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? |  |  |

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

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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? |  |  |

**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? |  |  |

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

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| 10. Do you support the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act? |  |  |

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| 11. Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act?  |  |  |

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

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

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| 14. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty commercial properties? |  |  |

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| 15. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty residential properties? |  |  |

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| 16. Do you support State Senator Scott Wiener’s SB 50, a rezoning proposal to promote housing density? |  |  |

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| 17. Would you support a licensing system for landlords in San Francisco? |  |  |

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| 18. Do you support a public municipal bank in San Francisco? |  |  |

**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES YES NO**

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| 19. Should U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished?  |  |  |

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| 20. Do you support San Francisco’s Sanctuary City status? |  |  |

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

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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? |  |  |

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

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

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

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

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

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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? |  |  |

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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? |  |  |

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| 29. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection/consumption sites? |  |  |

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| 30. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? |  |  |

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

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

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

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| 34. Do you support the recent vote by the SF Board of Supervisors to close Juvenile Hall? |  |  |

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

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH YES NO**

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| 36. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum throughout San Francisco’s public schools? |  |  |

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

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

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

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| 40. Do you support the recent bailout of Pacific, Gas, & Electric? |  |  |

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

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

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

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| 44. Do you ride San Francisco public transit on a regular basis?  |  |  |

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

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

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

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| 48. Should the mayor continue to appoint all commissioners to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency? |  |  |

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

**POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY YES NO**

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

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| 51. Does your campaign accept corporate contributions from LLCs? |  |  |

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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?  |  |  |

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| 53. Do you support expanding SF’s public financing program? |  |  |