**The Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club**

**Candidate Questionnaire for March 2020**

*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 March 2020 primary election. 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 plus additional questions for individual offices. 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.*

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

*There will be an opportunity for you or a proxy to speak in person at the club’s PAC meeting on Saturday, December 7th from 11am to 6pm at the Women’s Building at 3543 18th Street. Please contact us at* [*pac@milkclub.org*](mailto:pac@milkclub.org) *or* [*president@milkclub.org*](mailto:president@milkclub.org) *to schedule an appointment.* ***And please note that your time will be limited to 5 minutes (including questions). So the content of this questionnaire will be the main source for endorsement consideration.***

*Good Luck!*

**Required Information**

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***Are you a Member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Club? Yes, for about 8 years.***

***If so, since when? Since approximately 2012***

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

**Yes – I identify as Queer – Two Spirit My pronouns are They and He**

**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.

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

**Kimberly Ellis,**

**Ivy Lee**

**Roma Guy, Cecilia Chung, Ken Jones**

3. What do you see as the most important short-term and long-term solutions to SF’s homeless crisis? What can you do in your office to help end homelessness?

**Short Term: Access to supportive infrastructure, like 24 hours accessible storage, showers, bathrooms, laundry, device charging.**

**Long Term: Implementation of a 1-3 navigation centers for each district.**

**I can affect this in other political and nonprofit work I am currently engaged in.**

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

Supported Prop C – for Homeless Funding.

Supported Pro E for Cultural Districts.

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

**Co-Founder Anti-Racism 101 we organize anti-racism trainings, workshops and been involved in anti-bias work colleagues to change the way Next Door operates in terms of addressing racial bias laden comments. We have organized trainings for the LGBTQ community, SURJ, Indivisible SF, SF BiCon and others. I have been involved with Beds for Bayview, Mario Woods Coalition for years.**

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

**Yes – Co-organizer for Black HIV Awareness Day, SafeZone Conference – providing resources for Name Change and DACA clinics. BiCon. Through SF Impact Partners we continue to organize Care Package Drives to support Mission, Castro and Bayview LGBTQ communities.**

7. Do you support State Senator Scott Wiener’s SB 50, a rezoning proposal to promote housing density? Why or why not?

**It’s too restrictive on local authority and doesn’t do enough to combat gentrification. I’ve been displaced and gentrified from different neighborhood and pushed out of the city several times. We need to make sure our efforts to create more housing doesn’t accelerate gentrification instead preventing it.**

8. What are your thoughts on the role of law enforcement and corporations in the

annual Pride parade?

**No Cops At Pride - I am a former Pride Board Member and have spoken about my disapproval of the quantity and positioning of police during our Pride parade. It is difficult to feel comfortable and excited about celebrating my life and the legacy of our people when marching each year surrounded by heavily armed offices. I have had my freedom threated by our offices and had to fight to get the case thrown out of court – our guests aren’t interested in celebrating in fear.**

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

**Yes – youth have proven themselves to be intelligent and capable of making rational decisions about whom they want to choose to represent them and what policies they chose to represent the laws they will be bound to in the future. I am proud to have helped youth organize a board of education form that they led. I am proud of my record in engaging youth on issues concerning social justice. Over 2 million youth participated in March for our Lives – this tells us that they are ready.**

10. Who did you support in the recent District 5 Supervisorial race?

Had a great time at Deans victory party. I was happy to talk to Dean about was we can work together to address poverty and homelessness in San Francisco. Although the majority of my time this year was focused on building two not for profit organizations for the Castro Cultural District and setting up the 2016 platform San Francisco Impact Partners to demonstrate storage access for homeless.

11. Who did you support in the recent District Attorney's race?

I was happy to share with Chesa – my thoughts on how he could win in a challenging endorsement environment. Although the majority of my time this year was focused on building two not for profit organizations for the Castro Cultural District and setting up the 2016 platform San Francisco Impact Partners to demonstrate storage access for homeless.

12. Who did you support in the 2019 Mayor’s race?

**Of the three leading candidates – one ignored me entirely despite requests for meetings in 2016 and 2019. One used my Islamic identify against me at a time when being of Arabic heritage resulted in my detainment at SFO upon my return from Mexico – I found it difficult to support people who don’t see me how my experiences ( with poverty, homelessness, workplace discrimination, police harassment – political exclusionism) relate to the much needed change in public policy or people that don't understand islamophobia and how that threatens the life of myself and my entire family. The victor has endorsed me on two prior occasions knowing our political views differ on the issues and on who we support in other races.**

**Only SF DCCC Candidates**

*(Please answer each question in 150 words or less.)*

1. Are you presently a member of the San Francisco DCCC? If so, did you obtain your position from an appointment?

**No. I ran in 2016 but did not win – I believe appointments go against the will of San Francisco voters.**

2. Please explain three main goals you would like to achieve as a DCCC member.

I can explain 3 goals I have achieved.

1. Advocated for a consolidated calendar so that everyone would know what each club was up to.
2. Advocated for a public survey so that our DCCC would better understand what it could become to better serve our clubs and voters.
3. Worked with the department of elections to create education material that explains how our 17000 homes and housing inconsistent can still be registered to vote.

**Goals I would like to achieved**

**Extend a survey NOT just online to door-to door – this is part of my campaign. We need to understand how it is that we are leaving so many people behind.**

1. **A private group elected party members discussed working on increasing voter engagement in districts like D10 – that discussion got buried and I will work to resurrect the goal of increasing voter participation by 15% in underrepresented portions of D10, D6, D11, D9 and D5**

3. How will you make the local Democratic Party more accessible, relevant, and engaged to community members?

**I proposed a consolidated calendar so that we could all see what other organizations are up to without having to work too hard to gather details.**

**Although we are now in communities across San Francisco, we need to take it a step further and actually promote, in advance, to the communities we are holding meetings in. Often people tell me that they weren’t even aware.**

4. Do you support limits on DCCC fundraising? If so, explain how?

**Yes – some folk are self-limiting to $500; I am one of them. DCCC is often used as a slush fund for candidates also running for other offices. In this scenario candidates care more about the higher office than serving as DCCC members. We have ample evidence to cite with all of the departures and resignations in the last 4 years.**

5. If you served on the DCCC during the 2019 endorsement process, how did you vote for.

**I was not a DCCC member at this time.**

6. Do you support a candidate or candidates for President in 2020? Why?

**Warren, Bernie – everyone is a little concerning in one way or another, at this time.**

**PART 2:**

**Yes or 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? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Not Presently**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |

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

**LGBTQ ISSUES YES NO**

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| 5. Should the SFPD formally apologize for the decades of homophobic and transphobic abuses and violence it committed against the LGBTQ community that have spanned decades.  **Yes - we accomplished this this year at Glide. I was there However, as a result of the most recent incident with pride – SFPD is going to have to do much more than just apologize. As a member of the Chiefs LGBT Advisory forum – I continue to push fundamental change with hour of force engaging our LGBTQ community.** |  |  |

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| 6. Do you support public funding for employment development for transgender job-seekers?  **Yes, - along with code for Tenderloin, I applied for a Trans Specific city grant to access such funding to focusing getting jobs and training to the Trans Community. We shall re-apply in the 2020 cycle.** |  |  |

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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 - I was in SFDPH 2018 Prep campaign focusing on communities of color where HIV acquisition rates are still higher than in every other community. I was in the Testing Makes Us Stronger national campaign to increase HIV awareness and testing among African American Men. I was a rider in 2.5 Aid Lyfe Cycle’s and have raised over $10,000. In 2018 I co-organized Black HIV Awareness Day in the Bay View and**

**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 - I have been advocating for this for several years. I mentioned it to Matt Haney, who endorsed my DCCC campaign in 2016, and I am glad to see him pushing for what we need today!** |  |  |

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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? |  |  |

**I do NOT – I am working rapidly to pilot my supportive infrastructure program through my non-profit organization San Francisco Impact Partners. It is my goal to have the city replace sweeps by creating the capacity for us to work together to help people store their belonging so that they can be accessible 24/hours a day.**

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

**Yes – I have been advocating for this for years. Exorbitant commercial rent and vacancies are destroying our retail market spaces. Retailers can’t breath in an environment that is economically out of reach and as a city I know we need these jobs.**

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

**Yes – I have been advocating for this for years. Exorbitant commercial rent and vacancies are destroying our retail market spaces. There are over 30,000 vacant homes in San Francisco – enough to address our housing crisis for the roughly 17,000 reported homeless. Property owners are literally sitting on the solution – we need to inspire them to do the right thing.**

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| 16. Would you support a licensing system for landlords in San Francisco? |  |  |

**Yes – sounds like an interesting way to keep records up today so that we know who is playing by the rules and who is not.**

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| 17. Do you support a public municipal bank in San Francisco?  **Yes – I have also been supporting an LGBT financial resources.** |  |  |

**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES YES NO**

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| 18. Should U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished? |  |  |

**Yes – I am not an immigrant; however, I am descended from immigrants, slaves and indigenous peoples. My freedom to return home to SF from Mexico was threatened because of my Islamic middle name. I was detained and nearly became one of the many African descended individuals that this country has entrapped in the same corrupt system.**

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| 19. Do you support San Francisco’s Sanctuary City status? |  |  |

**Yes – I stood with our allies at the Latino Democratic Club press conference when Mayoral Candidate Angela Alioto threatened our immigrant communities.**

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| 20. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes? |  |  |

**Yes – due process should be applied to all regardless of their citizenship status.**

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| 21. Do you support localities allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including, but not limited to, the SF School Board? |  |  |

**Yes – I supported this initiative the last time it was on the ballot.**

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| 22. Do you support increased funds for immigrant defense services?  **Yes - I have participated in organizing DACA clinics on this subject.** |  |  |

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES YES NO**

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| 23. Do you support the death penalty? |  |  |

**NO – There is nothing one can learn from when dead, there is no way to right the wrongs.**

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| 24. Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement? |  |  |

**No – A weapon is still a weapon and all of them have the ability to take life. I have found that in hundreds of cases tazers are over-used and used improperly.**

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| 25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings? |  |  |

**Yes!**

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| 26. 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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| 27. 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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| 28. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection/consumption sites? |  |  |

**Yes!**

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| 29. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? |  |  |

**Yes!**

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| 30. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or ignored a union boycott? |  |  |

**NO!**

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| 31. Do you support the right for public sector employees to go on strike?  **Yes!** |  |  |

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| 32. Do you support AB 5, making it harder for companies to label workers as independent contractors instead of employees? |  |  |

**Yes!**

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| 33. Do you support the recent vote by the SF Board of Supervisors to close Juvenile Hall? |  |  |

**Yes!**

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| 34. Do you support the rebuilding of the county jail at 850 Bryant?  **I support no new jails.** However, if we are to have one – it should be braught up to code. What we have now is a death trap. |  |  |

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH YES NO**

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| 35. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum throughout San Francisco’s public schools? |  |  |

**Yes – I have been a speaker with the LGBT Speakers Beuaro and have had the honor to engage with our students across the entire school district on LGBT issues.**

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| 36. Do you support the full, continuous funding for Free City College? |  |  |

**Yes!**

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| 37. Do you think teachers' salaries should be increased to ensure a living wage in San Francisco?  **Yes!** |  |  |

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| 38. Do you support the March 2020 ballot initiative known as the San Francisco Affordable Housing/Jobs Balanced Development Act (“M2”)?  **YES!** |  |  |

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES YES NO**

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| 39. Do you support the recent bailout of Pacific, Gas, & Electric? |  |  |

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

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| 41. Do you support expanding the CleanPower SF program? |  |  |

**YES!**

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| 42. Should CEQA guidelines be reduced in order to increase development? |  |  |

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| 43. Do you ride San Francisco public transit on a daily basis? |  |  |

**YES!**

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| 44. Do you support free access to public transit for seniors,  disabled persons, the economically disadvantaged, and the underserved? |  |  |

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| 45. Do you support a plan to provide free transportation citywide? |  |  |

**YES!**

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| 46. Do you support the ongoing switchbacks on the K, N, and T Muni lines?  **NO** |  |  |

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| 47. Should the mayor continue to appoint all commissioners to the SFMTA? |  |  |

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| 48. Did you support Measure D on the November 2019 ballot? |  |  |

**POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY YES NO**

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| 50. Did you support the recent *Sunlight on Dark Money (****Prop F****)* ballot measure on the November 2019 ballot?  **YES!** |  |  |

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

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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? |  |  |

**YES! - it would be great if it could encapsulate us DCCC candidates, but at a much lower fundraising threshold.**

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| 54. Do you support Supervisor Gordon Mar's charter measure to prohibit a mayoral appointment within 90 days of an election?  **YES!** |  |  |