

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 and to our Correspondent Lee Hepner at 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 or 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?: No

If so, since when?:

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.

I am indigenous, Mexicana, queer, an educator, a community organizer, service-industry worker, and have experienced housing insecurity. I understand the most urgent issues affecting our city. My opponent has consistently contradicted the people he represents—and lost. He sided with the Republican Party to weaken the police commission, opposed a tax on the biggest corporations to solve homelessness, and has sided with developers and realtors over affordable housing advocates.

As a working class woman of color, I'm used to the word "No." I was told I didn't belong at a prestigious school like Stanford. As a lead organizer for the SF Public Bank Coalition, I was told our plan was too bold. Yet, I earned both a B.A. in Public Policy and an M.A. in Sociology in four years. I fought Wall Street lobbyists, got policy through the state legislature, and as a result, our city will soon establish the first municipal bank in the country.

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

D5 Supervisor-elect and tenants attorney Dean Preston; former SF Supervisor, gay rights, and labor activist Harry Britt; affordable housing and tenants rights advocate Shanti Singh; and Chinese Progressive Association co-founder Pam Tau Lee. I'm proud to have the support of a diverse coalition who have affected meaningful change in San Francisco.

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?

Homelessness ends with a house. We can remain in gridlock about zoning policy, but as Our City Our Home showed us, most of us can agree on the need for serious investments in no-to-low income housing. We need to take housing off the speculative markets and build social and public housing for no-to-low-to-moderate incomes across California. The way we get there is by making the wealthiest corporations and billionaires in our state pay their fair share of taxes.

In the meantime, the state legislature needs to decriminalize homelessness and divert funding from law enforcement and incarceration to local governments so they can provide housing and mental health services. The funding should also provide for public bathrooms and showers, culturally responsive mental health and substance abuse services, free narcan and trainings on narcan, inclement weather survival kits, storage units, and shelters with the infrastructure to provide people with dignity and privacy.

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?

We need to repeal Cost Hawkins, the Ellis Act, and Article 34; establish a \$20/hour

minimum wage; pass single-payer healthcare (including free PrEP and Plan B); provide free, quality childcare and education from pre-K through college; turn PG&E into a public utility; and invest in now-to-low-to-moderate income housing. California is the sixth largest economy in the world and has a multibillion dollar surplus. We have the resources to do better. Now we just need the courage to do better.

As the lead organizer of the SF Public Bank Coalition, I organized us to take back control of our city's \$12 billion of investments from Wall Street. A public bank will cut the cost of building affordable housing by slashing interest, fronting capital to take buildings off the speculative market, keeping legacy businesses open, cutting the cost of public infrastructure projects, and investing in education.

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

I follow the money from racial injustice to those who benefit from it. GEO Group and CoreCivic profit from the over-policing of low income people of color, LGBTQ people, and undocumented people. Energy Transfer and Transcanada profit from the militarization of police against Indigenous activists. Both of those injustices have infuriated me. Wall Street banks were the common denominator between them, and traced all the way back to our own city coffers, so I organized for a publicly operated alternative.

I have spoken at the SF Police Commission and BART Citizens Review Board. I have taught youth at Kemp Camp and served on the board of Young Women's Freedom Center. In 2018, I managed the No on H Campaign so we could stop the racist SFPOA's attempt to establish dangerous use of force policies. Finally, I have the honor of teaching *Race, Women, and Class* at SFSU, thanks to Alicia Garza's confidence in me to take over her class.

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

I am queer, housing insecure, and seasonally employed, but I have privileges like two degrees, an able body, employment, and a safety net of friends and family in case of emergencies. Unhoused queer, trans, and GNC people are among the most vulnerable groups in San Francisco. Economically-underresourced LGBTQ San Franciscans also deserve dignity and cultural competence when accessing social services. As State Senator I will fund no and low income housing, single payer healthcare, and social services and promote cultural competence in each area. I will also decriminalize sex work statewide and reallocate funding wasted on law enforcement and incarceration.

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

No. I agree that certain areas in California need to be re-zoned to allow for increased density and more affordable housing, but as written, SB50 is bad policy with serious negative consequences. Without billions of dollars to ensure it will be built for no-to-low income people, SB 50 leaves low income communities of color susceptible to unprecedented displacement. My opponent has twice failed to pass his own signature zoning legislation because he's chosen to work with lobbyists instead of housing experts, impacted communities, and affordability advocates. It's no secret that the California Association of Realtors and the California Apartment Association are big fans of SB 50, and

it's no mystery why. Housing is a human right. Therefore, the government needs to step in on behalf of the public instead of entrusting the Invisible Hand of the market to save us.

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

Stonewall was a riot provoked by ongoing harassment and brutality by police upon gay, bisexual, and especially trans and GNC people. Marsha P. Johnson would not approve of law enforcement--who dodged questions surrounding her cold case murder--or corporations in pride, which is why I've never attended. The same banks and tech companies supporting pride are simultaneously financing the displacement, incarceration, and deportation of our LGBTQ siblings.

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

Yes. Young people are among the most vulnerable to issues like displacement, violence, and climate change. Local youth primarily live in working class neighborhoods in districts 10, 11, and 9 and a majority of SFUSD students are low income. As one of the most underserved demographics in San Francisco, young people deserve a voice on the local issues that affect their daily lives. Studies show that 16-17 year olds have the same cognitive capacity as 18-24 year olds, and nations with a voting age of 16 have seen that young people make informed, independent decisions.

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

Dean Preston

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

Chesa Boudin

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

No one

Only State Assembly & State Senate Candidates

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

1. What are your top three goals as a member of the State Legislature?

- (1) **Climate Change: Make the Just Transition to a zero-carbon economy by 2030.** I will work with advocacy groups that are already working on a California Green New Deal and a No-PG&E bailout, while also bringing in labor unions, affordable housing groups, renewable energy businesses, regenerative farmers, and people Indigenous to California to ensure workers' rights, Indigenous self-determination, soil restoration, and deeply affordable and public housing are part and parcel of the plans. (2) **Affordable Housing Crisis:** Repeal Costa-Hawkins & the Ellis Act, reform Prop 13, decommodify housing and build social and public housing at no-to-low-to-moderate incomes, repeal Article 34 to allow for mass social housing construction, give people of marginalized communities seats at the table in shaping state-level land use and tenants' rights legislation. (3) **Economic justice:** \$20/hour minimum wage, free quality childcare and public education from pre-kindergarten through college, single-payer healthcare, and expanded labor protections.

2. Will you increase truly affordable housing while respecting the autonomy of local zoning and housing policies? If so, how?

I will respect the autonomy of local zoning and housing policies with exceptions in high-income areas, such as Marin and Palo Alto, where communities have failed to take responsibility for generating affordable housing for low and no income residents.

3. How will you continue to advance state environmental policies that adequately address the climate crisis?

We have twelve years to mitigate climate change, according to the IPCC. We are past the point of no return. As the sixth largest economy in the world, it is incumbent upon us to lead the Just Transition to a zero-carbon economy. First of all, we need to promote indigenous land stewardship and empower the communities with millennia of knowledge on healthy symbiosis between humans and the wider environment. Secondly, fossil fuel infrastructure needs to be dismantled and replaced with renewable energy infrastructure. Fossil fuel workers need Green union jobs with adequate training, and similar or better pay and benefits. Lastly, we need to reduce our dependence on automobiles by investing billions in transportation.

4. Will you support a permanent ban on fracking in California?

Absolutely.

5. What are your plans for improving and expanding public transportation?

Our state urgently needs to invest in green, clean public transportation and expanded transit infrastructure. Existing data demonstrate that these investments will quickly prove cost effective by providing mobility and economic opportunity to isolated areas. All we need is a leader who is independent of fossil fuel lobbyists.

Public transit infrastructure can take years to develop. In the meantime, we also need to provide a “cash for clunkers”-style program so working class Californians can ditch their gas cars and purchase electric vehicles, and we need to create the charging infrastructure to support this shift. Tools such as municipal banks, and making the wealthiest corporations and people pay their fair share of taxes will support all of these investments.

6. How will you ensure that public education is fully funded and that all schools are provided with adequate resources, regardless of locale? How exactly will you increase teachers’ pay?

Reform prop 13 to provide property taxes for education again; hold hugely profitable corporations and billionaires accountable for paying their fair share; promote municipal banking across California in order to create a statewide public bank to invest broadly and equitably in infrastructure; cut waste in our bloated law enforcement and incarceration budgets and divert funds to education, social services, and housing; reverse the current State Senator’s policy of making it easier for charter schools to use public lands and public school sites.

7. How will you address and help remedy the record number of prison inmates? What programs will you undertake to assist prisoners before release and reduce recidivism?

We can reduce the prison population by defunding the carceral system and diverting funds into jobs, housing, education, and mental health and substance abuse treatment; expand San Francisco’s work closing juvenile hall statewide and creating community-based treatment alternatives; legislate that incarcerated workers receive 100% of their wages; work with DA-elect Chesa Boudin to expand progressive criminal justice policies including restorative justice across the state; change our metric of success from high conviction rates to low recidivism rates and hold counties accountable to this metric; and eliminate barriers to housing, education, and jobs for formerly incarcerated people

8. Is your campaign accepting any corporate or PAC money? If so, please list those sources.

Not from corporations, but we would accept PAC money from organizations dedicated to replacing Corporate democrats, electing more women/Latinx/Indigenous/millennials/educators to office.

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

There are several impressive candidates, but my main candidate is Senator Bernie Sanders because he has been on the right side of history for many issues I care about, from healthcare to LGBTQ issues to the economy to foreign policy. He was also one of the first major politicians at the national level to support #NoDAPL and utilize his prominence to stand up for both the sovereignty of indigenous people and the health of our environment and water systems. I also want to credit Elizabeth Warren for appointing the right person to develop the Tribal Nations platform.

PART 2:

Yes or No Questions

(Please check Yes or No for each question.)

GENERAL

YES NO

1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Have you ever sought elected office before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who? Roisin Isner and Julian LaRosa (contact@jackieforsenate.com)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Have you ever sought a Milk Club endorsement in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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LGBTQ ISSUES

YES NO

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Do you support public funding for employment development for transgender job-seekers?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7. Do you support efforts to expand access to PrEP and the <i>Getting to Zero</i> initiative to end the HIV epidemic in San Francisco?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

YES NO

8 Do you support the creation of an independent commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Services?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9. Do you support the split-role repeal of Proposition 13?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10. Do you support the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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11. Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12. Do you support increasing funding for enforcement capacity for Short Term Rental platforms, e.g. AirBnB and VRBO?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13. Do you support the sweeps of homeless encampments by the Department of Public Works?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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14. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty commercial properties?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty residential properties?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16. Would you support a licensing system for landlords in San Francisco?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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17. Do you support a public municipal bank in San Francisco?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

YES NO

18. Should U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Do you support San Francisco's Sanctuary City status?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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20. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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22. Do you support increased funds for immigrant defense services?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES

YES NO

23. Do you support the death penalty?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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24. Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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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?		No
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EDUCATION AND YOUTH

YES NO

35. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum throughout San Francisco's public schools?	Yes	
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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	
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

YES NO

39. Do you support the recent bailout of Pacific, Gas, & Electric?		No
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40. Do you support the dissolution of Pacific, Gas, & Electric?	Yes	
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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?	I would be in favor of streamlining CEQA reviews for 100% affordable housing projects	
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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?	Yes	
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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?		No
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48. Did you support Measure D on the November 2019 ballot?	Yes	
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POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY

YES NO

50. Did you support the recent <i>Sunlight on Dark Money (Prop F)</i> ballot measure on the November 2019 ballot?	Yes	
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51. Does your campaign accept corporate contributions?		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?	Yes	
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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	
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