

## **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***

***If so, since when?: Lifetime member, joined 1980***

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



## **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 have been a longtime elected leader in San Francisco, former member of BOS, State Assembly, and State Senate. Moreover, I was the Chair of the DCC in the 80's, and a member until 2008.

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

I have not sought endorsements yet, as I drew my papers late. I did ask Mayor Breed to support me, and she has agreed.

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?

I believe that the enormous stock of unused buildings by private companies, and perhaps the city, ought to be used to get people off the streets, which would provide electricity, toilets, and a secure place to live temporarily. Long term, I think we should adopt a model similar to that of Oakland, whereby modular units are being built, and we ought to examine different forms of supportive housing.

I have chaired the mayor's transitional committee on homelessness/clean streets, In doing so, I examined homeless plans of other cities, worked with advocates, and have a host of ideas about temporary and long term solutions.

I plan to continue to address these issues as the most important issues facing our city.

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?

It is imperative to develop housing for middle and low income residents. San Francisco has long been a renter's community, and housing stock is diminishing. Moreover, we will have to encourage community support for low income housing throughout the city.

I was the author of an Ellis Act bill when I was in the Assembly. And, moreover, I succeeded in securing \$500 million for farm worker housing. I successfully authored AB2330 which protected Tenants by preventing landlords from keeping security deposits for normal use of rental units.

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

As a for Appropriations, I was successful in securing many grants that funded after-school programs in the Bay View, such as midnight basketball, youth training programs, and a variety of services to help young people living in the neighborhoods.

Moreover, each year in the legislature, I secured thousands of dollars for tech companies for their used computers, which we distributed to after-school tutoring programs.

With respect to women, I enacted a bill that legalized the use of the Morning After Pill, for those who sought to end unwanted pregnancies.

I also sponsored a bill that successfully allotted more funding for child care in San Francisco.

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

I was among the original founders of the LGBTQ community center. Over the years, we worked closely with Huckleberry House and other youth services to find shelter and stability for the young people who fled their homes.

I successfully authored a host of legislation geared towards foster youth. One particularly allowed them to stay in their homes until they were 21.

30% of homeless people are gay men living with HIV. I would continue to focus on getting the professional care and housing they need.

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

I support the concept, but I have not read the language of the bill. San Francisco is a renter's city, and with the escalation of expensive housing, I believe it's important to create good housing opportunities near public transportation for working class and lower-middle class people.

This action is imperative to keep rental properties affordable for our residents, and to allow people who reside here or grew up here to reside in the city.

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

Frankly, I get misty for the old days, when the parade was just a community celebration. I don't, perse support police presence, yet we must be mindful of the fact that when hundreds of thousands of people gather, we must ensure safety for participants and spectators.

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

I do not. I believe 16 year olds are still on a learning curve, and I absolutely support encouraging them to take interest in political and civic affairs. But, most importantly, that they concentrate on their school work.

10. Who did you support in the recent District 5 Supervisorial race?  
I did not vote or endorse in that race.

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

I made no endorsement, yet I voted for Chesa Boudin. As a long time leftie, who was politically involved in a minor way when his parents were Weather Underground members, I thought Chesa would have a firm grasp on criminal justice issues.

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

Mayor London Breed.

## **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?

I am not a member, but was elected to the committee many times over the last three decades.

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

To engage youth in the democratic process, to increase voter registration, most particularly in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, and to increase the influence and credibility of the DCCC as it is perceived in our city.

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

I will encourage, as I have through recent appearances, more gatherings and discussions and physical contact with budding politically interested people. I think the downside of the prevalent use of social media is that people become isolated from one another.

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

I support limits and would be pleased to review different proposals that would create a more equitable playing field.

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

Mayor:

District Attorney:

District 5 Supervisor:

Prop C (Vaping):

Prop D (Uber/Lyft Tax):

Prop E (Teacher & Family Housing):

Prop F (Sunlight on Dark Money):

I did not serve, but supported propositions C through F, and have already responded to questions about the office holders who were elected in 2019.

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

I am currently leaning towards Elizabeth Warren, yet she has not generated support from individuals who lack a high school diploma, who fear for their jobs, for whom jobs are the key issue.

Overridingly, as the race progresses, I will support the Democratic candidate whom we determine to be the best candidate to defeat Donald Trump.

### **Only Judicial Candidates**

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

1. Are you presently serving on the bench? If so, how did you obtain your seat?
2. Please provide three main reasons why you should serve as judge.
3. What are your thoughts on the cash bail system, and how should it be changed?
4. Please share your perspective on racial bias and its effects on the criminal justice system. How would you reduce this sort of bias? (For example, San Francisco has approximately 5% African American residents but over 50% of its inmates are African American.)
5. If you are serving on civil court, what measures would you take to try to make civil court more affordable and accessible to people of low income and modest means?
6. If you are serving on criminal court, what mitigating factors would you consider in sentencing defendants which you feel are not given enough consideration now?
7. Have you ever been held in contempt, been the subject of an adverse finding by the Commission of Judicial Performance, or been reprimanded by the California State Bar? If the answer is yes to any of these, please explain the circumstances.

### **Only Congressional Candidates**

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

1. Please explain why you are running for Congress.
2. Briefly describe three achievements you have made in your Congressional district.
3. How will you make the local Democratic Party more accessible, relevant, and engaging for community members?
4. Do you support Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's *Green New Deal*? Why or why not?
5. Do you support Medicare For All? If so, how would you implement it?
6. Do you support reducing military spending, and diverting it towards domestic programs? If so, how would you help implement this?
7. Do you support reducing America's military presence in other countries?
8. What would you do to improve America's current immigration policy? Give some examples.
9. Do you support raising the Federal Minimum wage? If so, to what amount?
10. Is your campaign accepting any corporate or PAC money? If so, please list those sources.
11. What are your main strategies for meeting voters?

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

**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?

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

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

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

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

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?

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?

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

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

**Only Presidential Candidates**

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

1. Please explain why your candidate is running for President.
2. Briefly describe three major achievements your candidate has made prior to running for president.
3. Does your candidate support Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's *Green New Deal*? Why or why not?
4. Does your candidate support Medicare For All? If so, how would it be implemented?
5. Does your candidate support reducing military spending, and diverting it towards domestic programs? If so, how would you help implement this?
6. Does your candidate support reducing America's military presence in other countries?
7. What would your candidate do to improve America's current immigration policy? Give some examples.
8. What steps will your candidate take to ensure reproductive freedom and LGBTQ rights?
9. Does your candidate support raising the Federal Minimum wage? If so, to what amount?
10. Explain the criteria your candidate considers when appointing federal judges.
11. Is your candidate's campaign accepting any corporate or PAC money? If so, please list those sources.

## **Only Ballot Measures**

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

1. Briefly explain the purpose of this ballot initiative and what it would do.
2. What would be the fiscal impact of this initiative?
3. Who crafted this initiative, and how was it placed on the ballot?
4. Who are the initiative's principal consultants, and what is its main funding sources?
5. Who are some of the initiatives's individual and organizational supporters?
6. Who are some of the initiative's individual and organizational opponents?
7. Why do you think the Harvey Milk Club should endorse this initiative?

## **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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | yes |
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| 2. Have you ever sought elected office before? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | yes |
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| 3. Do you have a campaign consultant or other main point of contact? If so, who?<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | N<br>o |
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| 4. Have you ever sought a Milk Club endorsement in the past? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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#### **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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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| 6. Do you support public funding for employment development for transgender job-seekers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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#### **TENANT, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

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| 8 Do you support the creation of an independent commission to oversee the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Services? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not<br>Sure |
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| 9. Do you support the split-role repeal of Proposition 13? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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| 10. Do you support the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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| 11. Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act? |  | Yes |
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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? | No, unless there is alternative housing. |  |
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| 14. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty commercial properties? |  | Yes |
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| 15. Do you support a vacancy tax on empty residential properties? |  | Yes |
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| 16. Would you support a licensing system for landlords in San Francisco? | Unfamiliar with the subject |  |
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| 17. Do you support a public municipal bank in San Francisco? |  | Yes |
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**IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES**  
**YES NO**

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| 18. Should U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished? | Certain functions should be eliminated |  |
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| 19. Do you support San Francisco's Sanctuary City status? |  | Yes |
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| 20. Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes? |  | Yes |
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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? |  | N<br>o |
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| 22. Do you support increased funds for immigrant defense services? |  | Yes |
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**SOCIAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LABOR ISSUES**  
**YES NO**

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| 23. Do you support the death penalty? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | N<br>o |
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| 24. Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I support the outcome of the public vote that rejected their use. |
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| 25. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I support an oversight committee. |
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| 28. Do you support the implementation of supervised injection/consumption sites? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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| 29. Do you support the decriminalization of sex work? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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| 30. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or ignored a union boycott? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | N<br>o |
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| 31. Do you support the right for public sector employees to go on strike? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
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| 33. Do you support the recent vote by the SF Board of Supervisors to close Juvenile Hall? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes, if we have made suitable accommodations for young people who are placed there for legitimate reasons. |
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| 34. Do you support the rebuilding of the county jail at 850 Bryant? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure. Don't know much about the issue. |
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**EDUCATION AND YOUTH**  
**YES NO**

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| 35. Do you support expanding LGBTQ curriculum throughout San Francisco's public schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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**

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| 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? |  | ? |
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| 41. Do you support expanding the CleanPower SF program? | Yes, I authored the community aggregation bill. |  |
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| 42. Should CEQA guidelines be reduced in order to increase development? |  | No |
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| 43. Do you ride San Francisco public transit on a daily basis? |  | No |
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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? |  | Not at this time |
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| 46. Do you support the ongoing switchbacks on the K, N, and T Muni lines? |  | Unfamiliar with the issue |
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| 47. Should the mayor continue to appoint all commissioners to the SFMTA? | Need more information. When I was on the BOS, supervisors held those positions. |  |
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| 48. Did you support Measure D on the November 2019 ballot? |  | Yes |
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**POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY**

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| 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? | Thus far, I've raised no money |
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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? |  | N<br>o |
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| 53. Do you support expanding SF's public financing program? |  | Ye<br>s |
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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, if the appointment is a candidate on the ballot. |
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