

**San Francisco District 11 Democratic Club  
Questionnaire for Candidates – 2016 Candidates**

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PLEASE USE THIS TEMPLATE TO RESPOND ELECTRONICALLY TO  
*info@sfd11dems.com* by **Friday**, March 25, 2016 by midnight.

Our PAC meetings are scheduled for Sat., April 2 & Sun., April 3, 2016 from 10am-4pm each day.  
If you have a preferred time to schedule, please contact [info@sfd11dems.com](mailto:info@sfd11dems.com). Otherwise, you  
will receive time an email to sign up for timeslots.

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- 5. What office are you running for?**  
Democratic County Central Committee, AD 17
  
- 6. What is your political affiliation? How long?** Democrat  
Forever
  
- 7. Please list your campaign manager and contact info?**  
I don't have one.
  
- 8. What is the major source of your campaign funding?**  
I haven't raised any funds thus far.
  
- 9. What office are you running for? Why?**  
I am running for the DCCC because I feel that it no longer represents the interests of every day Democrats in San Francisco and has become dominated by special interests and lobbyists. In the last four years the DCCC has failed to register new Democrats and Democratic registration has dropped by over 15,000. By contrast, during my tenure as chair of the DCCC (2008-2012) Democratic registration increased by over 20,000.
  
- 10. What are your qualifications for this office?**  
I have served three two-year terms on the DCCC (2000-2002 and 2008-2012). I served as Chair of the DCCC for four years from 2008 to 2012. See response to question no. 9, above.
  
- 11. Identify the three most important issues for the position you seek? What are the solutions you see for these specific issue areas or how will you work to tackle them?**  
The DCCC needs to get back to registering more Democrats. I have a proven track record of getting a wide, diverse range of people throughout the City involved with the San Francisco Democratic Party.

In the last few years the DCCC has become dominated by special interests particularly from the real estate industry. The DCCC has failed to

address the City's affordability crisis or endorse independent candidates who are willing to fight for every day San Franciscans. We need to elect people to the DCCC who will reform the SF Democratic Party to once again represent every day San Franciscans.

**12. District 11 has more children, more ethnic diversity and more homeowners than any other district in San Francisco. These are just a few of the unique features of this district. If elected, describe the priorities of your office for District 11.**

A wave of displacement, exacerbated by too few housing options for low- and middle-income residents, has disproportionately affected lower-income individuals, working class families, and communities of color. This is unacceptable, and the DCCC must return to its vital role of creating and advocating for visionary policies that address the City's affordability crisis.

**13. What is your position on the following Measures and local issues, please mark your preference clearly and add short comments:**

**Measure AA: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority "Clean and Healthy Bay" Parcel Tax**

Support. As a Bay Conservation and Development Commissioner I have been a champion of Bay restoration and have opposed additional Bay fill.

**Position on the need for economic growth in D11:**

I am encouraged by the economic growth that has been happening in D11 and am supportive of more, appropriate economic growth in District 11.

**Position on the proposed Medical Cannabis Dispensaries in District 11:**

I am not familiar with the details surrounding this issue but as a matter of policy believe that neighbors

**Positions on letting SFPD have Tasers:**

I am not an expert in this area of public policy but while I think the City has law enforcement agencies have to reform their use of lethal force, I have serious concerns about the use of Tasers, which can also lead to deaths. As we have seen in other cities in our country, I am concerned that Tasers may be over used or unnecessarily by law enforcement officers.

**Rezoning Mission Street to allow more businesses:**

I support community-based efforts to create local zoning that is beneficial to the community's interests and attracts the type of business balance that is healthy for a vibrant neighborhood commercial business district.

**Position on Affordable Housing Density Bonus:**

I oppose the AHDP as it is currently drafted. I have serious concerns that as currently drafted it could lead to the displacement of small businesses and existing rent-controlled residential units.