

Return to info@sfdemocrats.org by **Monday, March 12 at 5:00pm**. Our Endorsement Committee will meet candidates for interviews on **March 17, 2018**. The exact time of your interview and location will be provided to you after we review your completed Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire and have determined that you meet our bottom line requirements to be considered for an endorsement. At the time of the interview, you may also provide additional information to supplement your questionnaire. You are limited to four (4) total pages, and you must provide 45 copies.

SFDCCC seeks to encourage the election of qualified local candidates who will help to advance our shared Democratic values. We are only able to endorse registered Democrats, except in the case of a nonpartisan race in which no registered Democrat has qualified for the ballot. We also seek to support those candidates who express agreement and have demonstrated support for our core issues and priorities, which are included in the California Democratic Party Platform, our Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures Manual (which can all be found at www.cadems.org and www.sfdemocrats.org).

To qualify for an endorsement interview, all candidates must indicate that they support the Democratic principles in our party platform, complete the Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire, and return it by the deadline of **March 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm**.

Candidate interviews will be brief and will be open to both SFDCCC members and members of San Francisco's chartered democratic clubs. Following the Endorsement Committee interview, the full body will deliberate and vote on a final endorsement at our meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018, at 6:30pm, at the Tenderloin Community Elementary School. Meetings are open to the general public and are live streamed on our Facebook page. You are welcome to attend or follow our progress online.

The following rules also apply to the SFDCCC endorsement process and any violation may be subject to further actions, including a revocation of the endorsement:

1. Candidates may only use the "SF Democratic Party" name and image after the full membership endorsement;
2. Once endorsed, the SFDCCC will provide a high-resolution copy of our logo which may be used in your materials **only** for the race for which you were endorsed;

3. In the case of elections in which Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is employed, listing of the SFDCCC endorsement must accurately reflect the ranked endorsement as detailed in our Policies and Procedures Manual;

4. Third parties wishing to utilize the SFDCCC name or logo in their campaign materials must submit a request to our Executive Director.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you will comply with the SFDCCC's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and you will not utilize the SFDCCC name, the San Francisco Democratic Party, or its logo without written permission.

Angela Alioto

For Mayor



January 25, 2018

SFDCCC Candidate Questionnaire Mayoral Race June 2018

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Mayor

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What office are you running for?

Mayor

Are you running for re-election? No

No What other elected positions have you held previously?

Supervisor, Member, DCCC.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Σ Please complete this questionnaire and bring 45 copies (for the 31 Committee members and for Democratic Clubs) with you to be distributed just prior to your interview appointment on **March 17, 2018**

Σ ****IMPORTANT**** Please send electronic copies to info@SFDemocrats.org by 5:00 PM on **March 12, 2018**

Σ At the time of the interview, you may also provide 45 copies of up to 4 pages of supplemental information attached to your questionnaire for distribution to SFDCCC members (materials are not to be passed out during the meeting).

Σ We may distribute the questionnaires in preparation for event and post them on the SFDCCC website for the public to view.

Σ If you have not heard from the committee by **Thursday, March 15**, please contact Executive Director, Adam Mehis at 415-626-1161 or info@sfdemocrats.org to schedule a time slot during the Endorsement Interview Meeting.

PART I: GENERAL QUESTIONS (200 words or less)

Are you a registered member of the Democratic Party?

Yes

Please describe your contributions to the Democratic Party and/or increasing civic engagement in the democratic process at the local, state and or/national level in recent years.

I am a lifelong Democrat. I was Chair of the California Democratic Party for 8 years. I have spent many years registering voters, making donations and holding fundraisers for Democrats throughout the nation and I supported Moter Voter registration. I believe that democratic values are also San Francisco's values. My record as a San Francisco Supervisor and as a trial attorney clearly show my commitment to protecting and promoting

the rights of working families, the poor and homeless, people of color and the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender communities. I have fought to protect and expand health care services; Stood up for people with AIDS before it had a name: I have stood with working men and women for a livable wage and good benefits; I have represented my clients against some of the largest corporations in the county in lawsuits based on racism, discrimination, wrongful termination and sexism. I have supported Chinese traditional medicines, Medical Marijuana, and cleared the air in our buildings and workplaces with the ban on smoking. I believe our focus must be on the poor and working middle-class and those who need assistance from government.

Are there any other civic causes or organizations that you are involved with? Please describe.

See above. I am also involved as a Franciscan in the good works and goals of my faith through the Knights of St. Francis' focus on feeding the poor. I believe a mayor must be a dedicated public servant and passionate advocate who is personally invested in improving the quality of life for all San Franciscans. I have deep roots in our great City. As a born and raised San Franciscan who has raised my family here, my commitment to public service comes straight from my heart.

Please summarize your qualifications and experience for the office you are seeking.

I have shown experienced leadership with a track record of success - as a former President of the Board of Supervisors and local business owner, I am uniquely qualified to represent the diverse interests of all San Franciscans. My notable legislative successes include:

- Authored the original Sanctuary City law.
- Authored the first tobacco-free legislation in the nation to ban smoking in bars and restaurants, thereby reducing exposure of restaurant workers and patrons to dangerous carcinogens.
- Passed the first medicinal marijuana law.
- Created a Blue Ribbon Committee to keep the Giants in San Francisco.
- Created the San Francisco Film Commission and the San Francisco Youth Commission.

A mayor must rise above the divisive politics that are holding our city back. I am not interested in petty politics - I have a strong record of bringing opposing viewpoints together to find compromises that meet the needs of our constituents.

Please list any organizations or elected officials who have endorsed you.

In this whirlwind election has not given the opportunity to pursue endorsements as much as I would like. Thank you to the Retired Police Officers Assn. and NUHW for your endorsements.

PART II: YES/NO QUESTIONS

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Do you support the divestment of public funds from Wells Fargo and other financial institutions involved in speculative and questionable banking practices? **Yes**

Do you believe that the government should provide foreclosure relief for borrowers who were victims of unethical financial service practices? **Yes**

Do you support the creation of a local municipal bank in San Francisco? **Yes**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM

Do you support overhauling the bail system? **Yes**

Do you supporting rebuilding jails in San Francisco? **No**, but 850 Bryant needs to be rebuilt.

Will you commit to “ban the box” legislation to ensure that the formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing and employment? **Yes**, except in the case of child abuse and sexual assault.

Do you support the San Francisco Police Department being equipped with Tasers? **Yes**, within well defined and regulated boundaries.

EDUCATION/YOUTH

Will you commit to fully fund the implementation of Free City College, which the voters overwhelmingly approved in 2016? **Yes**, but we cannot bankrupt the college. The state needs to step up to bear its share of the cost as well as help from the city.

Do you support expanding affordable childcare to low- and middle-income families? **Yes**

Do you support expanding child care to include children aged 0-3 years old? **Yes**

ENVIRONMENT

Do you support San Francisco's independence from private energy providers and commit to begin building out the City's own renewable energy generation sites by 2020? **Yes**

Do you support SFERS' (San Francisco Employees' Retirement System) full divestment from fossil fuel interests? **Yes**

HEALTHCARE

With the opiate crisis worsening nationwide, would you support the creation of safe injection sites in San Francisco to support harm reduction? **Yes**

Do you fully support retaining and expanding the number of subacute beds in San Francisco? **Yes**

Do you support using jails as mental health facilities and substance abuse treatment programs? **No**

CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES

Do you support speaking out in public against all forms of racism, discrimination, hatred and violence, and standing in solidarity with movements that promote equity, including Black Lives Matter? **Yes**

Will you protect the right of all people to use facilities and participate in all aspects of society regardless of their gender identity and the gender assigned at birth and ensure equal access to all public facilities? **Yes**

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

Will you support Sanctuary City policies and Due Process for All -- limiting the ability for local authorities to collaborate with Federal government on immigration enforcement which incites fear in immigrant communities? **Yes** (I wrote the Sanctuary City Law)

Do you support the San Francisco Police Department's involvement with the FBI through the Joint Terrorism Task Force, which includes surveillance of San Francisco residents? **Only for that limited focus.**

Will you fully support funding for deportation and detention defense to protect San Francisco residents from removal proceedings? **Yes**

LABOR

Do you support the privatization of essential government services and outsourcing of public sector jobs? **No**

Will you work to reduce the number of exempt classifications and seek to convert these positions to civil service? **Yes**

Will you support Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for non-profit organizations that hold contracts with the City? **Yes**

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Will you commit to fully funding San Francisco's public financing program? **Yes**

Do you plan to or have you applied for public financing in this race? **Yes**

HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES

Do you support a split roll for Proposition 13 that treats taxes for commercial and residential property differently? **Need more information**

Would you support overturning Costa Hawkins to support the right for localities to pass rent control laws? **I support local rent control laws, but need more information to make an informed decision about this right now.**

Should there be a moratorium on market rate housing in communities that have experienced elevated rates of displacement? **Yes, but “elevated rates” need to be defined and decisions need to be made on a project- by-project basis, not blanket ban on building.**

HOMELESSNESS

Do you support civil or criminal penalties for people sleeping, sitting, or lying on the streets? **No**

Will you commit to placing and funding Navigation Centers in every Supervisorial district? **Yes and No** (Sorry this is too complex for a yes or no answer.)

Do you support expansion of the rental subsidy program? **Yes**

PART III: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS **ON ISSUES (250 Words or less)**

1) What specific policy changes would you propose to address the issue of chronic homelessness in San Francisco?

As Chair of the Ten Year Plan on Homelessness from 2003 - 2011, we housed over 11,000 individuals in permanent supportive housing with a 94% retention rate. That's what's missing from our current homeless solution - we cannot continue to invest in programs that take in our most vulnerable, help them get their situations resolved and then return them to the same toxic environment 120 days later. Navigation centers are a vital part of that mix but only when they lead to a sustainable exit plan, preferably into permanent, supportive housing.

My current plan, ALL IN FOR HOUSING, is the beginning phase of a fully comprehensive 5 Year Plan to fully address the housing crisis, that has plagued the City of San Francisco for decades. The R.A.P.I.D. Homeless Plan provides immediate housing to address the moral crisis taking place on the streets of San Francisco. But we also understand that long term low-income housing is needed immediately for the potential future homeless, to truly and finally address the housing crisis taking place in San Francisco.

We have tried for decades to deal with both problems separately. Business as usual is not working. The housing for low-income San Franciscans and the permanent supportive housing for the homeless, have often been piecemeal ideas, supported by piecemeal funding commitments, and all have basically failed. While we successfully housed 11,643 in permanent supportive housing, while working with then Mayor Gavin Newsom, through my 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, unfortunately, the lack of commitment to the plan and cutting the funding precipitated an upsurge of the problem on our streets.

As a civil rights lawyer, I could not support the “conservatorship” of individuals. I believe that those who need help will accept help without the kind of incarceration that some of my opponents propose.

2) Do you support the reform or repeal of the Ellis Act? If so, how would you like to see it changed? If not, why?

Yes

I am proud that I was one of the six Supervisors who voted for rent control when Dianne Feinstein was replaced with Harry Britt — giving the board its landmark tenant victory. I also continue to support tenant issues on: vacancy control, pass-throughs, means testing, etc.

3) We recognize that the affordability crisis and evictions have particularly impacted our marginalized communities and communities of color. How do you plan to address preserving these communities? How would you address the issue of the displacement of low-income communities in San Francisco?

First we need to stop the eviction crisis. Eviction=Homelessness. In 2017, there was an increase of 8,004 affordable units ... but offset by the loss of 4,182 affordable units due to a variety of factors (evictions, Ellis Act conversions, etc.) I support the efforts of tenant advocates to require the City to provide counsel to those who are being evicted. Landlords are frequently “lawyered-up,” while renters often have no resources for attorney’s fees. I circulated the petition at my office and among my friends and associates at events at my home — and I believe it will save the City money in the long run. I am open to any effort we can effect to curb evictions-for-profit.

As mayor, **I will commit to building 5,000 new middle-income and low-cost units per year.** There are approximately 384,000 residential units in San Francisco currently, and there are 63,000 units in the pipeline. These units need to be built. We can make significant strides in alleviating the affordability crisis by building more housing at all levels.

The Housing census, (2010) found that there are 31,131 vacant housing units (8.3%) in San Francisco. Programs like HomeMatch, that helps seniors share extra space in their homes can help. Everyone should have a place to live, but it will still be very expensive to live here, in part because housing "supply and demand" isn't working.

4) What is affordable housing to you? Should the current AMI (area mean income) levels for low-income and middle-income be redefined? And how?

Absolutely. When \$96,000 is defined as very low-income, something is wrong at HUD. Many San Franciscans survive on much less. I do not believe everyone is being counted.

5) How would you balance the need for more housing and the need for community input in the Planning process?

The overwhelming majority of people I talk to worry every single day if they can afford to keep living here.

I'm not just talking about lower-income residents – I'm talking about students and young professionals, teachers and first responders, parents who work in the financial district. People from across the spectrum simply cannot afford the skyrocketing housing costs.

By working together - with the city, housing advocates, and yes, with developers – we can find a way for everyone who wants to live here to call San Francisco home.

I was born and raised here, and I have 4 kids and 5 grandkids, and I want them all to be able to live in San Francisco. I believe that my greatest asset is my ability to build lasting, durable coalitions from ideologically opposed individuals. That is lacking in our current political climate. Oppositional groups have calcified into rigid positions with legitimate reasons and don't come to the same table to create painful, necessary compromise. I believe that the question of "community input vs. housing" is a false choice. I will help both sides understand each other and find common ground.

My All In For Housing Master Plan, is a five-year commitment from Federal, State and Municipal bodies, as well as Private Funding participation, amounting to \$5 Billion to fund housing for low income and homeless people living within the City and County of San Francisco. As Mayor, I will commit to building 5000 homes for low and middle-income residents every year.

6) What are your budget priorities for San Francisco and what would be your process for establishing these priorities and engaging community and the Board of Supervisors?

I oppose any increase to regressive taxes that hits low and middle income households to a greater extent than the wealthy. Prop K's 8.75% to 9.25% increase would have generated \$150 million annually.

Last November, voters overwhelmingly defeated Prop K by 65.29%. (The proposed sales tax increase to balance the budget.) In December, 2016 Mayor Lee's letter to Supervisors said, "I made the difficult decision to cancel the set-asides for homelessness and transportation that were included in my balanced budget on June 1, 2016. The voters did not approve Proposition K..."

I will not allow funding for homeless services and transportation to bear the brunt of the City's overspending.

Our \$9 Billion budget is larger than the budgets of 20 states. I will hold public hearings to review each department budget for waste; review and assess the job performance of each department head and provide accountability to the public. I will open up the budget process. Without much needed reform, we will continue to see cuts in vital health care and homeless programs, and more layoffs of workers who provide these services. I will oppose every effort to balance the budget on the backs of children, seniors and the sick and the city employees who provide services; I will hire an independent auditing firm to work with the Board's Budget Analyst to conduct a top-to-bottom budget review and weed out waste and mismanagement because many of the Budget Analyst's recommendations are not followed or are ignored.

7) How do you envision the relationship between the tech/innovation sector and local government?

These behemoth companies are welcome to San Francisco, but they need to adapt to our San Francisco values. Privileged investors like Ron Conway and a few other tech company CEOs, Zynga's Marc Pincus and Salesforce's Marc Benioff as well as Twitter, Google, Oracle, Adobe and Dropbox need to be more aware of the needs of our current residents, and the need to protect their rights and interests. San Franciscans take their namesake St. Francis seriously.

Tech giants have the bully power to swamp our elections with dark money, (PACs) and we need a Mayor who will stand up to them and lead the way to protect our residents from displacement,

especially our vulnerable seniors, disabled and underemployed or unemployed. As a civil rights lawyer, I will continue to be mindful of the rights of everyone.

The best thing about San Francisco is San Franciscans. We have been through so much together, AIDS, Loma Prieta, homelessness and a housing crisis that has affected every family and business. Yet City Hall seems hopelessly mired in corruption and waste. But San Franciscans know how to pull together because we know we have to. In 1906 we got back on our feet and helped the other guy get back up too. That's the San Francisco way and that's what a San Franciscan is.

8) What plan do you have to address the increased traffic congestion in the City and balance the sometimes conflicting needs and uses on our roads?

San Francisco is a world class city and we need a world class public transportation system that is affordable, accessible, and reliable. Many of our residents do not own cars and rely exclusively on Muni or other forms of transit to get to work, school, the doctor, and to buy groceries. Every year we are seeing more and more cars on the road, due to increasing population and the proliferation of the rideshare economy. A strong transit system will go a long way to mitigating traffic congestion.

As mayor, I will work with MTA to identify the highest priority needs and focus on crafting and implementing smart policy to expand and improve service city-wide.

- Expand and reinstate service to underserved areas.
- Fast track Bus Rapid Transit projects to our most heavily traveled corridors.

Explore ways to make transit more affordable for elderly and low-income residents.

We must also invest in public transit that resolves the "last mile" challenge so more San Franciscans have the means and moreover the desire to use our existing infrastructure, and we need to make sure the ridesharing businesses pay their fair share.