



Dear Candidate:

The San Francisco Democratic Party (SFDCCC) is eager to learn more about your candidacy and invites you to participate in our endorsement process.

If you would like to be considered for an endorsement by SFDCCC, please complete the attached Endorsement Questionnaire and return to [info@sfdemocrats.org](mailto: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](http://www.cadems.org) and [www.sfdemocrats.org](http://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.

Thank you very much for your interest in the SFDCCC endorsement. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. We look forward to learning more about your candidacy and your campaign.

Respectfully,

The San Francisco Democratic Party

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.

\_London Breed\_\_\_\_\_

(name)

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(signature)

\_\_\_\_Mayor\_\_\_\_\_

(position you are seeking)

\_3/12/18\_\_\_\_\_

(date)

**SFDCCC Candidate Questionnaire**

**Mayoral Race - June 2018**



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What office are you running for? Mayor

Are you running for re-election? Yes No

What other elected positions have you held previously?

District Supervisor, President of the Board of Supervisors

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

· 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**

· **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Please send electronic copies to info@SFDemocrats.org by 5:00 PM **on**

**March 12, 2018**

· **With the possible exception of a Democratic candidate filing to run after the questionnaire due date, only candidates who return a completed questionnaire electronically by the due date will be allowed to present before the committee.**

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).

- We may distribute the questionnaires in preparation for event and post them on the SFDCCC website for the public to view.
- 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](mailto: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 have been a Democrat my entire life and have been active in democratic politics since I could vote. I have served as a delegate to the State Democratic Party Convention and was a volunteer organizer for Obama's 2008 Presidential Campaign. I have also worked with community based organizations to register voters and increase voter turnout in the African American Community. As an Emerge graduate I have been active in encouraging and supporting Democratic women to run for office at the local and state level.

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

I am a graduate of Emerge California, an organization that trains Democratic women to run for office.

I am involved with and help support many community based and non-profit organizations including the African American Art & Culture Complex.

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

I have served as District 5 Supervisor from 2012 to the present, and as President of the Board for two terms. With the tragedy of Mayor Lee's passing, assumed the role of Acting Mayor of San Francisco.

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

Please visit <https://www.londonformayor.com/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** No

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

**Yes** No

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

Yes No

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I remain open to exploring how this can be accomplished without raising taxes and resulting in cuts or a significant impact to the City's creditworthiness.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM**

Do you support overhauling the bail system?

**Yes** No

Do you support rebuilding jails in San Francisco?

Yes **No**

Will you commit to "ban the box" legislation to ensure that the formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing and employment?

**Yes** No

Do you support the San Francisco Police Department being equipped with Tasers?

**Yes.** With robust training and oversight. However, I do not support the taser ballot measure.  
No

**EDUCATION/YOUTH**

Will you commit to fully fund the implementation of Free City College, which the voters overwhelmingly approved in 2016?

**Yes** No

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

**Yes** No

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

**Yes** No

## 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** No

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

**Yes** No

## HEALTHCARE

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

**Yes** No

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

**Yes** No

Do you support using jails as mental health facilities and substance abuse treatment programs?

Yes No

I was a vocal opponent of constructing a new stand alone jail because I believe we were and are not doing enough to stop the system of mass incarceration in our city and too many individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues are in our jails without the treatment they need. However, I do think that a new facility could incorporate a greater investment in mental health and substance abuse treatment.

## 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** No

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**

No

## IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

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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**

No

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?

Yes

No

Less than a month after the tragic loss of Mayor Lee, Pier 39 was targeted for a terrorist attack. As Acting Mayor, I worked with local, regional, and national law enforcement including the FBI to respond to this threat and ensure that the City was safe. San Francisco is a beacon of hope in this world, and we must remain ever vigilant to protect all of our residents and visitors from all forms of hate, including our immigrant residents. Working together on this one safety issue, though, does not mean I have any regard for certain other federal efforts such as ICE and I will continue to stand against hateful discriminatory policies of the federal administration that target our residents.

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

**Yes**

No

## LABOR

Do you support the privatization of essential government services and outsourcing of public sector jobs?

Yes

**No**

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

**Yes**

No

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

**Yes**

No

### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

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

**Yes**

No

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

I have already submitted my qualification request for public financing and plan to receive public financing in this race.

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**Yes**

No

### **HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES**

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

**Yes**

No

Would you support overturning Costa Hawkins to support the right for localities to pass rent control laws?

**Yes**

No

Should there be a moratorium on market rate housing in communities that have experienced elevated rates of displacement?

Yes

**No**

### **HOMELESSNESS**

Do you support civil or criminal penalties for people sleeping, sitting, or lying on the streets?

Yes

No

Will you commit to placing and funding Navigation Centers in every Supervisorial district?

Yes

No

Do you support expansion of the rental subsidy program?

**Yes**

No

### **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?

To address homelessness, I think we must first look at the cost of living and the cost of housing in San Francisco. My goals for housing/affordability include:

1. Help create an affordable city for ALL of us.
2. Right to Civil Counsel.
3. Protect and expand our affordable and rent-controlled housing stock.
4. Increase funding for all types of housing preservation and creation.
5. Keep Mayor Lee's commitment to build 5,000 units per year.
6. Fund and build hundreds of modular homes for homeless people.
7. Build housing on underutilized sites around the City, working with neighbors and property owners as we did at McDonald's on Haight.

As Acting Mayor, I advanced the late Mayor Lee's commitment to get 1,000 homeless individuals off the street during the winter by expanding shelter capacity, opening new units of permanent affordable housing for formerly homeless veterans at the Auburn Hotel, and moving forward on opening two additional Navigation centers. I helped pass legislation requiring the City to open six new Navigation Centers to help homeless individuals move off the streets and into stable housing.

- 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, where there is real harm done by the Ellis Act and we need payments that adequately address that harm, and help tenants get back on their feet and stay in San Francisco.

- 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?

One of the most important things the next Mayor can do to protect San Francisco's diversity is to invest in middle-income housing and expand our affordable stock.

- 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?

Creating more homes, especially truly-affordable homes, benefits all of us. We aren't producing enough affordable housing to meet the needs of our low-income population. People who earn middle-class incomes — teachers, nurses, non-profit workers — make too much to qualify for affordable housing, but not enough to afford market prices without a second job. The result is rising income inequality and the out-migration of many communities of color from San Francisco. This crisis has dramatically weakened the most essential structures of support in our community. To address this, last year we actually changed AMI levels to redefine affordability levels for our middle-class residents.

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

We need to reform San Francisco's archaic approval process for code-compliant new housing and streamline the application process, with automatic approval for code-compliant, 100% affordable projects.

- 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 will prioritize housing, homelessness, and public safety.

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

We live in the heart of tech innovation and should be collaborating to ensure tech innovations can improve the city services residents depend on. For example, I spearheaded the work to install cell service in the Muni underground to improve rider experience. Additionally, I believe as an elected official that I must do all I can to encourage our tech industry to do a better job of hiring and promoting women, LGBT, and minority leaders. Three quarters of tech jobs are held by men, and African Americans and Latinos represent only 5% of the workforce.

- 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?

We must increase our subway system dramatically, not just to relieve the congestion we currently have but to be prepared for the population growth we anticipate. I've consistently supported and helped fund both Geary and Van Ness BRT.

Going forward, we have massive regional transportation needs and we can't rely on the state and feds to solve them for us. We will need regional transportation funding measures, probably a nine county measure for regional needs and a three county measure for Caltrain, as well as intra-city revenue sources and bonds.

