



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.

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Jeff Sheehy  
(name)

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(signature)

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Supervisor, District 8  
(position you are seeking)

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2-21-2018  
(date)



SFDCCC Candidate Questionnaire  
Supervisorial Race - June 2018

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What office are you running for? Board of Supervisors, District 8

Are you running for re-election?  Yes  No

What other elected positions have you held previously?

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**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](mailto: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 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? Please see attached.

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 the recent years.

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

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

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

**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

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM**

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

Yes

No

**Do you supporting 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

No

**CHILDCARE**

**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 CleanPowerSF program and will you commit to sustaining the Board's participation and oversight through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)?**

Yes

Support Clean Power SF

No

No to LAFCo

**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

#### 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

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

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

**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

**Do you support employee rights to organize and collectively bargain and support enforceable organizing agreements?**

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?**

Yes

No

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

Do you believe the 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)**

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*I am a registered member of the Democratic Party and have proudly supported Democrats since I was able to vote.*

*I was President of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club in 1996 and 1997, elected member of the SF DCCC from 2000-2004 and served as Mayor Gavin Newsom's AIDS Czar.*

*I remain an AIDS activist, co-founder of San Francisco's Getting to Zero Consortium and am a member of the International AIDS Society (IAS) and I am a member of the Industry Collaboration Group of the IAS's Towards an HIV Cure project.*

*I was honored to be appointed Supervisor of District 8 by Mayor Ed Lee to succeed Senator Scott Wiener. I helped conceive and pass San Francisco's Equal Benefits Ordinance, which requires companies contracting with the City to provide same-sex domestic partners of employees the same benefits that spouses receive.*

*Representing this District is a responsibility I take seriously and will fight to continue to hold. One of my proudest accomplishments is obtaining almost \$2 million in funding a year ago to address youth homelessness. The funding has expanded outreach, drop-in hours and meals at the LGBT Center and provided rental subsidies to directly house young people.*

*Endorsers:*

*Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom*

*State Senator Scott Wiener*

*Mayor Mark Farrell*

*Board President London Breed*

*Assessor Carmen Chu*

*Assemblymember David Chiu*

*Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma*

*Supervisor Asha Safai*

*Former Senator and California Democratic Party Chair Art Torres*

*Former Senator and California Democratic Party Chair John Burton*

*Former Secretary of State Kevin Shelley*

*Former Treasurer Susan Leal*

*Former City Attorney Louise Renne*

*Former Supervisor Angela Alioto*

*Former Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg*

*Former Supervisor Leslie Katz*

*San Francisco Firefighters Local 798*

*Police Officers Association*

*San Francisco Building Trades Council*

*Laborers International Union of North America, Local 261*

*Sheet Metal Workers Local 104*

*UA Local 38 Plumbers and Pipefitters*

*United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 648*

*IBEW, Local 6*

*United Democratic Club*

*SF YIMBY Party*

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

*To systematically address housing and homelessness, I along with four of my colleagues have placed on the ballot for this June the "Housing for All" measure. This measure will raise \$1 billion over the next 10 years from increasing the tax on commercial rent gross receipts from 0.3% to 1.9% (in New York, the rate is 2.5%). Small businesses, retail, non-profits, entertainment are all exempted.*

*Of the \$1 billion, 45% or approximately \$450 million a year will go to expanding all rungs of the housing ladder including navigation centers, supportive housing with medical, mental health and substance use services on site, transitional housing which prepares people to live on their own and rental subsidies that can be used in and outside SF that allows people to become independent. And 20% of that will be dedicated to housing and services for young people who make up 20% of the homeless population and of whom almost 50% are LGBTQ (currently only 7% of the homeless budget goes to young people).*

*Thirty-five percent--\$350 million—will go to create middle income housing for teachers, nurses, firefighters, and middle-income individuals and families. Our middle class is disappearing and our public schools are threatened by our inability to adequately pay and house teachers. My daughter and her friends cannot aspire to live in the City they have grown up in.*

*Another 10%--100 million—is set aside for senior housing.*

*The last 10% of the funding will go to acquire and rehab SROs.*

**2) We recognize that the affordability crisis and evictions has 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?**

*All our families should be able to stay in San Francisco. With the rise of high-cost housing and the backslide of affordable middle-income housing, we see many original San Francisco families departing from the City. The Housing For All measure will provide a groundbreaking investment in preserving marginalized communities and communities of color's path to affordable housing; not only for those with lower incomes but for those that are teachers, firefighters and other middle-income public servants being squeezed out but who are vital for our city to function and thrive.*

*I also support promoting first-time homeownership for working families through the Down Payment Assistance Loan Program and securing buildings from evictions through the Small Sites Program.*

*To minimize unwarranted displacements, I also supported funding eviction defense legal work and subsidies through the City budget. As a member of the Budget*

*Committee, I worked to secure millions for these priorities. And I support the measure that takes the next step, guaranteeing that every tenant facing eviction has the right to civil counsel.*

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

*Affordable housing runs the gamut from housing for people who are unhoused, very low income, low income and middle income (up to 150% of AMI). We need housing for all, including middle income workers and their families.*

*Rather than thinking about AMIs, I would prefer setting minimum percentage of income that goes to housing. For instance, Housing Works in NYC has a policy aim that no one with HIV pays more than a third of their income for housing. So for me, those in the middle and low income range should be able to access housing that requires no more than 33% of their income.*

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

*I support approving affordable housing and teacher housing projects “by right”. Community input is important, but we need to remove obstacles to the creation of new housing.*

**5) What are your top district priorities and what would be your process for establishing these priorities and engaging community?**

*A top district priority is addressing homelessness. That is why passage of Housing for All in June is essential. We cannot address homelessness unless we provide an adequate amount safe, clean housing along with care and services to help those on the street become healthy.*

*Housing is the second priority. Our inclusionary housing measure will support more low and middle income housing. Housing for All will generate substantial low and middle income housing. However, I also support creating more low and middle income and housing.*

*Education is also a priority. Passing a parcel tax this fall to raise teachers’ salaries is an urgent necessity, along with passing Housing for All, which creates substantial amounts of affordable middle income housing for teachers.*

*Public safety is another important priority. I support Chief Scott’s community policing model, which increases foot patrols and community engagement.*

*Another top priority is passage of an updated Minimum Compensation Ordinance that includes non-profit workers, including in-home supportive service workers. I*

*have been working to pass this measure for virtually the entire time I have been in office and I am determined to obtain passage before the June election.*

**6) If you are elected, what are your top concerns for San Francisco? How would you address these concerns?**

*Among my top concerns for San Francisco are:*

- a) Addressing the cost of housing by building more housing in San Francisco that is affordable for low- and moderate- income people and protecting existing renters from displacement in their homes.*
- b) Providing comprehensive and compassionate responses to homelessness by including specifically focusing on homeless youth (20% of our homeless population with 50% of those LGBTQ), and individuals with mental health and substance use challenges.*
- c) Protecting our existing healthcare delivery system from Trump Administration attacks and fighting for single-payer healthcare.*
- d) Defending San Francisco's Sanctuary City Status and protections for our Muslim brothers and sisters against the Trump Administration.*
- e) Representing the unique needs and concerns of the LGBT community as the Board of Supervisors' only out LGBT person and first HIV+ Supervisor in the City's history*

**7) 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?**

*As Supervisor, I held a hearing on easing congestion because it is one of the City's top challenges. Public transportation, including MUNI, BART, High Speed Rail, Caltrain and other regional transit are underfunded and must be sustained for generations to come. I support the regional bridge toll increase to fund transportation infrastructure in the Bay Area and SB1 to raise gas taxes to invest in transportation.*

*Even more investment in public transportation is needed and we must continue to build subways and dedicated transportation improvements such as Bus Rapid Transit to accommodate our growth. Many of the tax reform discussions include plans to fund these priorities and I want to review the proposals from the City's Transportation Task Force before favoring individual projects.*