



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 by **Monday, August 13 at 5:00pm**. Our Endorsement Committee will meet candidates for interviews on **August 18, 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 5 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 **August 13, 2018 at 5:00pm**.

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 August 22, 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.

(name)

(position you are seeking)

(signature)

(date)

**SF DCCC Candidate Questionnaire
BART Board**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Campaign Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Are you a registered member of the Democratic Party? Yes No

Have you read the California Democratic Party Platform? Yes No

Will you fight for its implementation in policies? Yes No

What office are you running for? _____

Are you running for re-election? Yes No

What other elected positions have you held previously?

INSTRUCTIONS:

· Please complete this questionnaire and bring 5 copies (for the 31 Committee members and for Democratic Clubs) with you to be distributed just prior to your interview appointment on

August 18, 2018

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

August 13, 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 SFDFCC 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 SFDFCC website for the public to view.

· If you have not heard from the committee by **Thursday, August 16**, 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)

Why are you committed to serving on the BART Board? What stake do you have in decisions made at the BART Board (e.g. transit rider, BART employee, etc.)?

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 most 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.

If you are elected, what are your top concerns? How would you address these concerns?

The California Democratic Party Platform mentions building health, livable, and sustainable communities, what does this mean to you?

Would you support the idea of BART using its land throughout the Bay Area to develop affordable housing?

PART II: YES/NO QUESTIONS

While it may seem that some of these questions do not apply to the office you are seeking, they represent California Democratic Party Platform principles and since many people run for higher office where they will be called upon to answer these questions, we would like them addressed.

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ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Do you support the separation of retail and investment banking to safeguard Californians from speculative investment activities? (page 2)

Yes No

Do you believe that the government should provide foreclosure relief for borrowers who were victims of unethical financial service practices? (page 2)

Yes No

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM

Do you support overhauling the bail system? (page 7)

Yes No

Do you support reducing prison overcrowding and the drain on our economy by decreasing penalties for minor drug offenses and other victimless crimes, making the punishment fit the crime?

Yes No

Do you believe in ending mass incarceration and supporting the abolishment of capital punishment? (page 6)

Yes

No

Will you support the full restoration of funding for the Courts? (page 5)

Yes

No

Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?

Yes

No

Do you support using jails as mental health facilities and substance abuse treatment programs? (page 7)

Yes

No

Will you commit to encouraging “ban the box” to ensure that those formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing and employment (page 16)

Yes

No

EDUCATION

Do you believe in a “debt-free college” and free community college (i.e. Education financed entirely without student loans)? (9)

Yes

No

ENVIRONMENT

Do you oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects and supporting the divestment of fossil fuels?

Yes

No

Do you believe in Free MUNI for youth?

Yes

No

Do you agree with safe routes to schools?

Yes

No

HEALTHCARE

Do you support a publicly funded single payer health care system for all people?

Yes

No

Do you support the idea that women have access to safe and reliable access to reproductive services without their spouse, judicial, parental, or guardian consent?

Yes

No

CIVIL RIGHTS AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

Will you support Sanctuary 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 speaking out in public against all forms of racism, discrimination, hatred and violence and support standing in solidarity with movements that promote equity, including Black Lives Matter? (page 13)

Yes

No

Will you protect the right of all people to use facilities and participate in all aspects of society regardless of their true gender identity and the gender assigned at birth?

Yes

No

LABOR

Did you support the push for a statewide minimum wage for at least \$15 per hour and will you support living wages for areas that have high cost of living?

Yes

No

Are you committed to fully funding our public employee pensions and opposing attacks to convert defined benefit programs to defined contribution programs?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Do you support full disclosure of funding sources for political advertisements (19)?

Yes

No

HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES

Do you believe that housing is a human right?

Yes

No

Do you believe that Proposition 13 needs to be reformed?

Yes

No

Would you support repealing Costa Hawkins and the Ellis Act?

Yes

No

Do you support use of BART property to build affordable housing?

Yes

No

Do you support SB 827 as it was proposed?

Yes

No

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

- 1) What programs or initiatives would you undertake to address the disparities for BART riders?
- 2) What would be your budget priorities for BART?
- 3) Do you believe that BART's transit system needs reform? If not, why? If so, how would you change it?
- 4) Do you believe BART should focus on expanding its service to more urban areas, or metropolitan areas (ex. San Jose)? If not, why?
- 5) What is your belief on the fare evasion officers? Do you believe they are effective in retrieving the lost funding when riders evade paying for fare?
- 6) BART ridership in the Bay Area has hit its highest point ever, with increased population in the area relying on its transit systems to get around. However, our transit systems are strained and overcrowded. What would you do to fix this?
- 7) Do you think BART needs a second Transbay Tube into San Francisco? Why or why not?
- 8) Currently, fare and bonds are the two main income resources for BART. What other funding resources would you examine to bring additional funding into the system?

- 9) After the death of Nia Wilson at its MacArthur station, BART has recently proposed using facial recognition technology to catch riders who commit crimes on its system. Do you support or oppose this? Why?

- 10) Riders complain of open air drug usage and the cleanliness in stations, in addition to the overall safety of the BART system. What would you do to ensure riders feel safe, and how would you maintain clean stations and train cars?

- 11) How would you improve accessibility for BART especially for riders with disabilities and families with children?