



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, 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](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 **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  
City College Board of Trustees**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

What office are you running for? \_\_\_\_\_

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 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](mailto: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 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, 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.

- We will distribute the questionnaires prior to your interview and post them on the DCCC website for the public to view.

**PART I: GENERAL QUESTIONS (250 words or less)**

Why are you committed to serving on the City College Board of Trustees? How are you affiliated to City College (e.g. faculty, student, etc.)?

Are you a registered member of the Democratic Party?

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. (You may attach a list and exceed the word count limit)

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?

**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.

**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

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

Yes  No

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM**

Do you support overhauling the bail system?

Yes  No

Do you believe in ending mass incarceration and supporting the abolishment of capital punishment?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Will you commit to encouraging “ban the box” to ensure that those formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing, education, and employment?

Yes

No

Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?

Yes

No

## **EDUCATION**

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

Yes

No

Will you commit to keeping all of CCSF’s satellite campuses open and maintain their full program of classes?

Yes

No

Would you support the idea of school districts using local accountability plans to grant funds to reach students with the greatest needs for whom they are most needed?

Yes

No

Do you support that teachers and professional staff deserve commensurate wages?

Yes

No

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Do you oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects?

Yes

No

Would you support divestment of fossil fuels?

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 work to implement Ethnic Studies courses and language immersion?

Yes

No

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?

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**

Do you support employee rights to organize and collective bargaining and support enforceable organizing agreements?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

Would you sponsor and/or endorse the idea of implementing legislation for Clean Money (full public financing of election campaigns at the local, state, and federal levels)?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No



- 3) With the advent of emerging technologies and automation, how do you foresee City College playing a role in workforce development for San Francisco?
- 4) How would you improve public transit options and accessibility for City College students and faculty?
- 5) Given City College's recovery from the accreditation crisis, what would you specifically change to ensure the institution's financial solvency and transparency?
- 6) City College campuses provide critical access to underserved neighborhoods like Downtown, Mission, and Chinatown/North Beach. How will you ensure equitable distribution of credit/non credit courses to increase access to the populations those campuses serve?
- 7) CCSF has a Child Development and Families Studies Department. A majority of the students are women and women of color. Early educators are among the lowest paid in the trained workforce. How can City College better support early educators as a field, and to to be advocates for themselves? How can CCSF expand access to affordable, quality childcare for students and faculty?