

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.

  Nick Josefowitz   District 2 Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ (name) (position you are seeking)



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**prepares them to be active participants in our democratic institutions. Through student-driven projects, over 1300 youth in the Bay Area last year learned how to effect policy change by engaging with local government and leaders to solve community problems.**

**I have also actively participated in helping Democrats win elections at both the local, state and national level through volunteering, fundraising and giving. Most recently, I helped found the CleanTech Party which has raised almost \$500,000 from the environmental and clean economy community for Democratic congressional candidates running in Republican-controlled seats in California.**

Are there any other civic causes or organizations that you are involved with? Please describe. **I'm currently a board member at SPUR, the California League of Conservation Voters, Generation Citizen Bay Area, MTC, WETA, and Capitol Corridor. I'm on the advisory board at Golden State Opportunity. I previously served on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council. I was an SF Environment Commissioner from 2013-14.**

Please summarize your qualifications and experience for the office you are seeking. **The Board of Supervisors has a very low approval rating in District 2. Voters want a change at City Hall. I have the experience turning around a struggling transit agency to better serve the public and its workers, and I would bring this experience to City Hall. I have experience putting in place the policies and structures that would deliver over 7,000 affordable homes on BART-owned land, and I would continue this work as Supervisor. I have the experience working to lift up those who are struggling most in our communities, delivering the first regional means-based fare for transit and the first regional BART student discount at SF State, and would continue this work at City Hall. This City needs a change, and change has to start at the top.**

Please list any organizations or elected officials who have endorsed you. **Scott Wiener, State Senator; David Chiu, State Assemblymember; Phil Ting, State Assemblymember; Thea Selby, CCSF Trustee; Lateefah Simon, BART Directors; John Rizzo, CCSF Trustee; Eric Mar, Former Supervisor.**

## **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 support rebuilding jails in San Francisco? **I support rebuilding the jail as an institution of recovery, rehabilitation and reentry.**

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

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

### **CHILDCARE**

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

### **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**

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? **No**

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**

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

Would you support overturning Costa Hawkins to support the right for localities to pass rent control laws? **No**

Should there be a moratorium on market rate housing in communities that have experienced elevated rates of displacement? **No**

## **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**

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? **If elected, I will immediately begin working toward creating 3,000 additional homeless shelter beds. SF has fewer shelter beds than in 2004 while the street homeless population has increased. There is now a 1000 person waitlist for shelter beds. These shelters should be a hybrid between traditional beds and navigation center beds, where the rules are more realistic and the services more robust. This will help improve the lives of those who suffer on the streets, reduce the number of folks sleeping on the street, and has proven to work elsewhere. While we continue to struggle to house everyone who's experiencing homelessness in the City, which is the ultimate long-term solution, the least we can do is provide them with shelter.**

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? **The displacement of our communities of color, poor, and working-class people is a true crisis.**

**San Francisco needs to enforce the robust tenant protections that currently exist, and work to spread basic tenant protections to communities across the Bay Area where so many of those who work in San Francisco live. As an MTC Commissioner, I worked closely with Supervisor Kim to start the process of creating incentives for cities around the Bay Area to create new and preserve existing affordable housing as well as enact new tenant protections. I would continue and expand on that work on the Board of Supervisors.**

**San Francisco also needs to focus on building more affordable housing at all levels of affordability, with a particular focus on very low, low, and moderate income households. As a BART Director, I passed a policy to bring 20,000 new units to the immediate vicinity of train stations, and 35% of those units will be affordable. Along with Assemblymember David Chiu & Phil Ting, I'm leading efforts to significantly increase the speed and number of units that will be built around BART stations with AB2923. This legislation, if passed, will set new standards around inclusionary zoning, mandating 30% affordable housing across the entire BART system. Its tough anti-displacement provisions would also break ground in California. And it requires BART to develop a strategy to prioritize units on BART land for essential workers, like maintenance workers.**

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 is that which does not cost more than 30% of an individual's or household's total income. I'm open to reassessing AMI levels so they are in line with the cost of living locally.**

4) How would you balance the need for more housing and the need for community input in the Planning process? **Working in deep collaboration with the community, I would work to build the housing that is affordable to working and low income San Franciscans in a way that also benefits those who will not live in that housing.**

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

**I will work closely with the community to establish and prioritize my District Priorities. Based on discussions I've had so far, my priorities for the District would be:**

- **San Francisco had the most property crime per capita of any major city in the US in 2017, with auto burglary leading the way, despite the City spending over \$1bn on criminal justice. In D2, there were over 3700 auto burglaries last year and shoplifting was so out of control that a merchant recently told me that he had slept outside of his shop at night in his car to prevent a break-in. SFPD should adopt innovative and modern tools such as bait car stings using GPS**

**technology that have worked successfully in thousands of cities nationwide to go after professional criminals. We also need to invest in solutions which will get folks out of the criminal justice system and help them rebuild their lives. We should start by focusing on the most frequently incarcerated individuals (the 375 people who have between 8 and 43 jail intakes a year), and ensure that upon discharge they are being provided the intensive case management and peer support that they need, as well as priority access to residential treatment and transitional housing that is necessary to help them rebuild their lives.**

- **I would work to protect the Northern Waterfront from sea-level rise and an earthquake. Major infrastructure, precious communal resources (such as Fort Mason, the Palace of Fine Arts, Crissy Field and Aquatic Pier), and hundreds of homes in the district could be underwater by 2100 or at risk of collapse during an earthquake if proper action is not taken.**
- **I would work to expand transit access to the District, by working to extend the Central Subway to Fisherman's Wharf, the F-Line to Fort Mason, and start work on building a subway down Geary. I would expand and improve service on the 1, 22, and 30, as 65% on time rates are just not good enough.**

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

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- **We need to do a much better job holding our entire criminal justice system accountable, both for doing what we want them to do and for not doing what we don't want them to do. San Francisco had the most property crime per capita of any major city in the US in 2017, with auto burglary leading the way, despite the City spending over \$1bn on criminal justice. SFPD should adopt innovative and modern tools such as bait car stings using GPS technology that have worked successfully in thousands of cities nationwide to go after professional criminals. We also need to invest in solutions which will get folks out of the criminal justice system and help them rebuild their lives. We should start by focusing on the most frequently incarcerated individuals (the 375 people who have between 8 and 43 jail intakes a year), and ensure that upon discharge they are being provided the intensive case management and peer support that they need, as well as priority access to**

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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?

**I'm data-driven and goal-oriented in my approach to decision-making, and this is particularly important when it comes to congestion and road safety. I will demand that we establish performance, safety and equity goals for our streets, and make our policy decisions based on performance and data. Biking and walking are inherently sustainable and affordable modes of transit, and San Francisco is not meeting its goals as a Transit-First City. If SFMTA cannot advance such priorities, I will lead legislative action to demand it.**