

Dear Candidate:

The San Francisco Democratic Party (SFDFCC) 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 SFDFCC, 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.

SFDFCC 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 SFDFCC 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.

Trevor McNeil, District 4 Supervisor

(name) (position you are seeking)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8/15/18  
\_\_\_\_\_ (signature) (date)



**SFDCCC Candidate Questionnaire Supervisorial Race - November 2018**

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What office are you running for? District 4 Supervisor

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.

### **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 the recent years.**

I am a former member and Vice Chair of the SFDCCC, and worked to increase voter engagement and registration. I have volunteered on every presidential campaign since I was 14, starting with Clinton/Gore all the way up until Hillary Clinton in 2016, and have been an involved Democrat for most of my life.

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

I was appointed by Supervisor Tang to the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee, and formerly served on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. I am a former organizer for AFSCME as well.

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

I am a father, public school teacher, and have lived in San Francisco all my life. I formerly taught in San Francisco at various schools within SFUSD. I understand the issues students in our City face on a daily basis. I have struggled to find affordable housing for my family as well, and I know intimately the reality of our housing crisis. As a long time Sunset resident and committee member, I believe I am qualified to address the concerns of constituents throughout the district.

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

State Senator Scott Wiener, Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma, Sheriff Vicki Hennessy

### **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 No**

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** (but have not received it.)

### **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**

I believe Costa-Hawkins must be reformed and I'm a little worried about some counties impacting housing prices for other counties. I think if prop 10 passes I will be eager to work with Bay Area-wide affordable housing advocates to make sure things go smoothly (Berkeley is already leading the way on this).

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

**Yes No** as long as Jane Kim-like requirements for the highest contribution to affordable housing remain. Until the city is able to find its own affordable housing, we can't slam on breaks.

### **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?**

I support expanding funding for homeless services and navigation centers through bonds; I believe these programs should be under intense scrutiny to ensure that we are spending efficiently and being responsible fiscal stewards of taxpayer dollars, and auditing these services regularly. I support the expansion of services for the thousands of homeless youth in our city. I would hope that we continue and expand programs such as the pilot program at Buena Vista Horace Mann.

**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?**

I believe we must continue to enact legislation like then-Supervisor Breed's Neighborhood Preference Program for residents living in affordable housing, the vast majority of whom are low-income and people of color. I believe in order to address displacement of low-income communities, we must continue to build housing at all income levels. We must balance the influx of new development with stronger tenant protections, like Right to Civil Counsel and First Right of Refusal, and more reliable public transit.

**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?**

My family has been on the BMR list for three years, so I was happy to finally see a multi-bedroom at 150 Van Ness. Forgive me if I sound like a broken record - but I am excited about a new development and I'm very happy to see three-bedroom below-market rate apartments (though they are only 4% of the available units, that is still something).

However, for a family of five you can't make more than 55% of AMI which is \$70,300. That's a great salary and as always, folks who are employed and have health insurance are already much more fortunate than others who also face intense housing scarcity. But when rent for one of these units is \$19,536 a year and let's assume three of the five members of this household are children requiring daycare and let's pretend they found the cheapest day care in the world at \$1000 a kid, that leaves a family \$1,230 a month before taxes, utilities, MUNI, health insurance, food and diapers, student loan payments, and a phone bill.

I'm blessed to have a roof over my head and a job with benefits- there are many more in much more dire situations than me.

Affordable housing is housing that a San Francisco household or resident can afford with 33% of their income. I believe in San Francisco, we must provide housing options that every resident,

regardless of how much they make, can afford with 33% of their income. We should redefine current AMI levels to account for the number of children that a household has, calculating the additional costs that children bring into a family. AMI levels must be recalculated so that they are specific to San Francisco and account for the extremely high cost of living in the City.

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

San Francisco has added thousands of residents every year for the past decade, without building enough housing for those residents to live in. As a result, we face a deep shortage of housing on all levels - whether it's market-rate, below-market-rate, or supportive housing for homeless residents. We must build more housing, and we must ensure that all neighborhoods in San Francisco are building housing. It is wrong to concentrate all development in a few select neighborhoods, putting strain on the public infrastructure in those areas.

We must balance new development with stronger tenant anti-displacement protections and a large investment in transit infrastructure to accommodate new growth. Neighborhood character is critical to San Francisco - but I believe that neighborhood character comes from the people who live in the neighborhood, not just the buildings that make up area. To preserve neighborhood characters, we must ensure that people continue to have a place to live in the neighborhood, and we're building housing to accommodate them.

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

My top district priorities are public safety, pedestrian safety and efficient public transportation, and family housing. We have to build desperately-needed affordable housing, protect existing renters and homeowners, and make sure newly-built housing can accommodate growing families. As a father of three children, I know how difficult it is to find affordable housing with enough space for children. Supporting Home-SF, Accessory Dwelling Units (in-law unit) additions, and reasonable density are all part of a housing balance in our neighborhood. I plan to have regular office hours with constituents to speak about neighborhood issues and work with the SFMTA to improve public transportation on the westside. What we have seen over the past couple months with the closure of the Twin Peaks Tunnel, is that the SFMTA must reach out to the community more effectively. I am passionate about achieving Vision Zero, and working to improve pedestrian safety in the Sunset, especially along Lincoln Way, and Sloat. I am committed to working with the SFPD on how we can effectively work on decreasing property crime rates, and work on community-oriented policing methods in the Sunset and throughout the City.

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

**address these concerns?**

My top concerns for San Francisco are homelessness, affordability, and public transit. We must do more to address our homelessness crisis, and every district must shoulder the responsibility of helping our most vulnerable residents. I am in favor of adding safe injection sites, and I believe our homeless population and our residents facing addiction and mental illness should be met with compassion and services. We must make it easier to build affordable housing, and the obstacles and red tape must be streamlined.

**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 support regional measures, such as Regional Measure 3 that voters passed this June. Our transportation authorities should work together instead of competing to provide the most efficient transportation experience for riders around the Bay Area. I will work with BART Board, and other regional transportation authorities to ensure that our residents can get to where they are going in the Bay Area. We must make it easier to take public transit and use more sustainable methods of transportation rather than simply making it more difficult to drive. We must work with organizations such as the SF Bicycle Coalition to make it safer and easier for cyclists to ride in the City. The more bike paths and protected bike lanes we build, the more people we have biking instead of driving. We must make significant capital investments in public transit to relieve the traffic congestion plaguing our City. People will not leave their cars until we demonstrate that they have a reliable public transit alternative. To increase reliability in MUNI, major capital improvements must be made, and they must be made quickly.