



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.

Christine Johnson

(name)


(signature)

District 6 County Supervisor, San Francisco

(position you are seeking)

August 13, 2018

(date)



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

Candidate Name: Christine Johnson

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What office are you running for? Board of Supervisors, District 6

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Are you running for re-election? No

What other elected positions have you held previously?

None.

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 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 have been in public service for over 14 years. In 2007, I started on the Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Citizen's Advisory Committee and later served as Chair of the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure Commission and Planning Commission. In addition to my work in land use, I took every opportunity to teach community members about land use topics and to encourage new people to enter the policy process by being on Boards and Commissions. I mentored younger/newer members and made sure that community input was relayed in hearing spaces i.e. development and displacement concerns for existing residents, square footage/accessibility for small and local business in new retail development, etc. Finally, I have served on multiple selection committees for public funds to ensure fairness in the process of spending public dollars.

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

Over 14 years, I have worked hard to uplift and support community organizations that especially focus on affordable housing and working with youth. Organizations include: Bayview Opera House; San Francisco Housing Development Corporation; BUILD (works with youth to introduce entrepreneurship).

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

I was a member of the first graduating class of the Smith College Engineering Program. Graduated with a Bachelor of Science concentrating in Materials Science in 2004. After graduation, I moved to

San Francisco to pursue a career in public finance and worked at various firms helping local governments issue debt, plan for capital projects and plan for long term obligations. I have built a career and expertise in municipal finance over the past 14 years.

I have served in multiple community leadership roles starting with an appointment to the Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Citizen's Advisory Committee in 2007. From there, I moved on to be Chair of the Office for Community Investment and Infrastructure Commission, President of the Board of the San Francisco Housing Development Corporation, Chair of the San Francisco Community Investment Fund Advisory Board and a Commissioner on the San Francisco Planning Commission. I was recently inducted into Lambda Alpha International, for my contributions to land use in San Francisco. In 2017, I served as the San Francisco Director of SPUR, an urban policy think tank, after a year of Board service.

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

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

SEIU Local 87

Firefighters Local 798

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

State Assemblymember David Chiu

State Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma

Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu

President of the Board of Supervisors, Malia Cohen

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Supervisor Katy Tang

COMMUNITY LEADERS:

Elizabeth Grigsby (Disability Advocate)

Commissioner James Loyce (Health Commissioner)

Del Seymour

Arab American Grocers Association (AAGA)

West SOMA neighborhood leaders

Sunny Schwartz (national expert in criminal justice reform)

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 diverting people from the justice system. That said, the state of 850 Bryant is not sustainable or safe for anyone who has to live or work in that building. The situation needs to be remedied.

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?

I support fully implementing the 282 recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel followed by an assessment of whether the Police Department is ready for Tasers.

CHILDCARE

Do you support expanding affordable childcare to low- and middle-income families?

YES. I supported Prop C and have authored legislation to help build more actual childcare facilities in the denser parts of the City.

Do you support expanding child care to include children aged 0-3 years old?

YES. This is where we have the greatest need for more facilities. Citywide there are childcare seats for less than 10% of babies and toddlers under age 3.

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. I am also strongly supportive of those sites being in District 6.

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?

No. However, as long as the County Jail remains the defacto largest mental health facility in San Francisco, I want to make sure that people's civil rights are protected as we seek to enhance our conservatorship laws

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. I believe the JTTF has been used to profile and discriminate against members of our community, especially our Arab, African, Muslim and South Asian residents.

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?

Yes

HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES

Do you believe the split roll for Proposition 13 that treats taxes for commercial and residential property differently?

Prop 13 is at the base of many of the financial issues we are seeing in California. It is why we can't adequately fund transit, housing or education. I believe it needs to be repealed for both commercial and residential property and reformed entirely.

Would you support overturning Costa Hawkins to support the right for localities to pass rent control laws?

If Prop 10 passes in November, I would be supportive of at minimum instituting a new rent control law that rolls buildings into rent control that were built after 1979.

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?

As Supervisor, I want to focus specifically on permanent housing solutions. To address this, I believe we need to:

- 1. Speed up the production of housing, get post-entitlement permit process to less than 12 months. By doing this we can speed up the development of affordable housing and supportive housing.*
- 2. Find local funds to backfill Section 8 and related rental subsidy programs. Work with property owners to place more people holding these vouchers in District 6.*
- 3. Partner with other Bay Area cities and counties on joint solutions. I particularly want to promote regional coordinated intake and financial partnering on permanent housing.*

- 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?

Citywide the displacement of communities of color presents itself differently. In the Bayview and Excelsior what we see is economic displacement of communities of color. Unable to keep up with rising costs of maintenance, these communities – many with seniors – sell to speculators rather than stay in their neighborhoods. I would be supportive of funds to help these families maintain their homes and stay in San Francisco.

In areas like SOMA and the Tenderloin, we see evictions and lack of affordable, family-sized housing forcing communities of color out of San Francisco. For families vulnerable to eviction, I strongly believe in the power of true universal legal aid to help these families stay. In the Tenderloin, many families of color also endure overcrowding for long periods of time before finally being priced out. For these families, we need to make sure we are creating more opportunities with family-sized housing with 2+ bedrooms. We may need to change our Planning Code to facilitate creating more of these units. Rental subsidies that account for larger family sizes will also help.

- 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?

No one should pay more than 30% of their income towards housing. To get there I would support:

- *More funding for site acquisition and rehab so more multi-family buildings can be kept affordable. Rehab funds can also help densify existing buildings by adding Accessory Dwelling Units.*
- *Funding to support Section 8 vouchers.*
- *Evaluating Inclusionary Housing implementation. The lottery system is inequitable and doesn't serve the City or residents.*
- *Building more new housing.*

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

I believe it is possible to balance both. The purpose of community input in planning is to surface real issues that should be addressed and to make communities feel heard. However, we need to shorten the amount of time it takes to build housing and build as much as is feasible while addressing real issues. Currently we fail at both. Community input should happen earlier when projects are less "baked in". Once a robust process has happened pre-entitlement, the remaining permitting process must happen faster. We need to approach the goal of all post-entitlement permitting happening within 12 months.

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

My top priorities will be creating more housing and making sure housing is affordable to everyone, making the streets clean and safe and providing more services to seniors and families.

I will focus my efforts on:

- *Creating more indoor and outdoor recreational space so people, especially the homeless, seniors and disabled have places to be that aren't on the street.*
- *Speeding up creation of housing;*
- *Creating more financial tools to make housing an affordable cost for everyone.*
- *Changing our codes and process to make the City responsible for the cleanliness of our sidewalks and other public spaces.*
- *Speeding up creation of more childcare spaces, especially in District 6.*

Many of these ideas are not new and I will focus on wrapping in individuals and community groups that have already been thinking about these issues officially (naming them to Boards and Commissions) and unofficially with multiple neighborhood advisory councils.

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

I am highly concerned with equitable access to affordable housing, transit, goods and services citywide.

- 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 strongly support the goal of Vision Zero to reduce traffic fatalities to zero and reducing traffic congestion. I am a walker, biker and transit-rider who is mom to a scooter-loving two-year old so I am also personally invested in meeting this goal.

As Supervisor, I am committed to at a minimum:

- Reimagine curb space to allow multiple uses without increasing conflict with bike infrastructure. As an example, dynamic curb space could allow for deliveries/pick-up/drop-off during the day and street parking at night.*
- Pushing for State law changes to allow San Francisco to use red light traffic cameras as a traffic calming measure;*
- Pushing for a State law change so we can pilot congestion pricing to reduce car traffic, improve air quality and raise revenue for transit;*
- Accelerating the roll out of protected bike lanes planned for in the Capital Plan and identifying more opportunities;*
- Working with property managers of private parking lots in residential and commercial buildings to push for more space dedicated to publicly accessible car share/ bike share/scooter share and potentially, public car parking;*
- Working with bike/scooter sharing companies and the MTA to reduce no-service zones so the entire District is truly accessible by shared transportation tools.*

THANK YOU!

