



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.

Matt Haney

(name)

Board of Supervisors, District 6

(position you are seeking)



(signature)

August 13, 2018

(date)



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

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

Are you running for re-election?    Yes                      **No**

What other elected positions have you held previously?

**SF Board of Education (2013-present)**

**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, since I was 18 years old.*

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.

*My whole career has been dedicated to public education and increasing civic engagement:*

- *As the Executive Director of the University of California Student Association, I worked directly for the 200,000 students in the UC system, fighting to ensure that public education was protected for current and future generations, including helping win the California DREAM Act and a 6 year tuition freeze for UC students. I also ran the statewide voter registration and education program for UC students.*
- *As an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Stanford Design School, I used design thinking to incubate new ideas in education relating to student voice and student engagement.*
- *As a School Board Member, I was an avid supporter of Vote 16 and the effort to allow non-citizens to vote in School Board elections.*
- *I have volunteered extensively on local and regional campaigns for increased funding for education, universal right to counsel, and many other causes.*
- *When I was a law student, I took time off to work on the 2008 Obama Campaign as an organizer and registered hundreds of new voters.*
- *I have a long history of service to the Democratic Party: I served as a CA*

*Democratic Party Assembly Delegate for 6 years , a Barack Obama delegate to the 2008 National Convention, and as a member of the 2012 National Platform Committee where I made numerous amendments to the Democratic Party platform affirming our commitment to address mass incarceration and student debt.*

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

*I am involved, or recently have been, in leadership roles with the following organizations:*

*Tenderloin Economic Development Project (former Board Member)  
San Francisco Community Policing Review Board (Member)  
South Beach District 6 Democratic Club (Member)  
Citizen Hope (Co-Founder)  
Evolve California (Advisory Board)  
Mission Economic Development Agency (former Board Member)  
Emerge California (former Board Member)  
Glide Legacy Board Member (former)*

*I am also involved with the Bar Association's Justice & Diversity Center as an eviction defense attorney.*

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

*Over the last five years, I have served on the SF School Board where I have effectively fought for a school system that is more supportive, healthy and equitable. I visited all 113 of our K-12 schools, and while I served as President, we reached the highest graduation and college-going rates we've ever had. I've authored dozens of policy resolutions to support and empower our educators, students, and families, including:*

- *authoring the "Safe and Supportive Schools" policy which helped cut school suspensions by over 50%*
- *securing new housing for teachers*
- *expanding computer science education to all students*
- *securing the land and funding for a new school in Mission Bay, SF's first new public school in over 15 years*

- *bringing LGBT Studies to our schools.*
- *authoring policies to better support undocumented students, students with incarcerated parents, homeless students, and unaccompanied minors.*

*My professional experience spans from being the Director of Policy at The Dream Corps, where I led policy advocacy for #cut50 (working to cut prison population in half) and #YesWeCode, being an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Stanford Design School, working as an eviction defense attorney, to serving as the Executive Director of the University of California Student Association.*

*I have earned widespread support from dozens of community leaders, elected officials, unions, and organizations. I have a deep commitment and a long track record of service to the people of this community. As a Bay Area native and resident of the Tenderloin, I am committed to collaborating closely with residents to tackle our district's and city's hardest challenges--building affordable housing, protecting public safety, and solving homelessness.*

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

*United Educators of San Francisco  
 San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798  
 California Nurses Association  
 San Francisco Tenants Union  
 Sierra Club  
 Tenderloin Chinese Rights Association  
 Tenderloin Filipino American Association  
 Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club  
 SF Latino Democratic Club  
 Latino Young Democrats  
 South Beach District 6 Democratic Club  
 SEIU 2015  
 SEIU USWW  
 SEIU 1021  
 AFT 2121  
 AFSCME 3299*

*Operating Engineers Local 3  
Teamsters 856  
Unite Here Local 2  
IFPTE Local 21  
NUHW*

*United States Senator Kamala D. Harris  
State Controller Betty Yee  
Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom  
Former State Senator Mark Leno  
Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma  
State Assemblymember Phil Ting  
Former State Assemblymember Tom Ammiano  
Supervisors: Malia Cohen, Sandra Lee Fewer, Jane Kim, Hillary Ronen, Aaron Peskin,  
Norman Yee, Rafael Mandelman  
Former Supervisor David Campos  
BART Board Directors Bevan Dufty, Lateefah Simon  
School Board Members: Hydra Mendoza, Stevon Cook, Shamann Walton, Rachel Norton,  
Emily Murase, Mark Sanchez  
City College Trustees: Brigitte Davila, Thea Selby, Shanell Williams, Tom Temprano, John  
Rizzo  
DA George Gascon  
Public Defender Jeff Adachi  
Assemblymember Tony Thurmond*

**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

## **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

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

Yes

No

### **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?

*The number one priority right now for all city officials needs to be combatting homelessness. First and foremost, we need to get people off the streets and into shelters and housing. That means rapidly expanding our navigation centers, converting many of our shelters to the navigation center model, providing more streamlined mental health beds and services, and getting the recently homeless back into housing as quickly as possible.*

*Passing Our City Our Home will be a key tool for us to accomplish these goals.*

*Long-term we need stronger protections so that individuals and families don't become homeless to begin with and deeper investments in affordable housing—this means stronger tenant protections, rapid rehousing and short term subsidies, and better coordination across our city's departments and systems. I will fight to invest a meaningful portion of the city's budget in addiction and detox treatment, safe injection sites, and keeping vulnerable people housed.*

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?

*As an eviction defense attorney, one of my top priorities will be to strengthen tenant protections. I will work tirelessly to curb speculation and displacement by:*

- *fighting to build more affordable housing that is accessible and affordable to low, moderate, and middle income earners.*
- *being a champion for expanding tenant counseling and legal services and rental assistance programs to prevent more tenants from being evicted.*
- *protecting rent-controlled housing and expanding programs like Community Right to Purchase and small site acquisition .*
- *working to repeal Costa Hawkins, then leading the fight to expand rent control after the state law is repealed.*
- *holding big corporate landlords accountable, preventing them from engaging in speculation, unnecessary evictions or pass throughs.*
- *working with tenant groups to establish a rental registry and vacancy controls to actually allow the city to keep track of rents and bad actors.*

*I will support new and existing Cultural Districts, protect local businesses, make sure communities are safe in the city, and be an ally to marginalized communities and communities of color to deliver what their communities need. If elected Supervisor, I commit to build power for tenants in District 6 and be a strong friend and partner.*

- 2) What is affordable housing to you? Should the current AMI (area median income) levels for low-income and middle-income be redefined? And how?

*Housing that is truly affordable should represent no more than 30% of a tenant's income. I am committed to negotiating for housing that is affordable to people at all income levels, especially low-income individuals and families.*

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

*We must continue to build housing in the District and city without sidelining the voices of residents. I don't agree with blanket, top-down mandates to rezone the entire city or state. I will pursue process improvements to quicken our housing production, especially affordable housing, without sacrificing community input. I was very happy to see the Board of Supervisors take charge and recently approve fast-tracking for 100% affordable developments. The residents of District 6, especially our residents most vulnerable to displacement, will always be closely consulted as I make decisions relating to housing development.*

*We need more housing, and we also need the housing that is built to better reflect the needs of the community. We should have a clear plan for how we are going to build and acquire the housing that is required for our city's growth and range of affordability levels. We can't continue to solely be reactive and responsive and act solely on a project by project basis. This also will require a greater investment in workforce and affordable housing by the city, including a new affordable housing bond.*

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

*My top priorities are addressing the homelessness crisis, building affordable housing, and making our streets cleaner and safer. I will consult with community groups, constituents, labor, local businesses, and other stakeholders to build and strengthen my policy proposals. Throughout my career and service on the School Board, I have built a broad coalition and network of advisors. I will be a Supervisor who puts my district first, and that will be reflected in my policies and decisions, and will be*

*accountable to the diverse constituencies that make up our district. I am committed to hiring staff that reflects the diversity of the district, and ensuring that my office is fully accessible to all residents, including residents who are non-English speaking. I will be regularly available and accessible within the community through extensive neighborhood office hours and community forums.*

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

- *Homelessness: As stated above, we need to get people off the streets and into shelters and housing. That means expanding our navigation centers, fixing our broken shelter system, providing more emergency mental health beds and services, getting the recently homeless back into housing as quickly as possible. Long-term we need stronger protections so that individuals and families don't become homeless to begin with.*
- *Affordability: I am dedicated to working tirelessly to find sites, make deals, and bring in funding from private, state and federal sources to actually build thousands of units of affordable housing. I already have experience leading initiatives to build affordable housing for teachers and in acquiring small sites as the Vice Chair of the MEDA Board of Directors. I will fight to protect rent controlled housing and expand tenant protections.*
- *Safety: As Supervisor I will take a hands-on, direct approach to dealing with public safety. Robberies, car break-ins and violence can disproportionately affect families who are struggling to live in this city. I'm committed to expanding a model of community policing and working with our police, small businesses, and communities to ensure that all of our residents are safe, protected and respected. We need to hold our police accountable to comprehensive reform; the current reform process is moving too slowly, with insufficient progress and accountability.*

6) 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?

*District 6 has brought in 10s of thousands of new residents, and will be home to thousands more in the coming years. But our residents and visitors lack necessary and easy access to transit, and safe and accessible streets for pedestrians and cyclists.*

*As School Board President, I passed a policy requiring the School District to develop our first long-term, comprehensive transportation plan for students and families to dramatically reduce their reliance on driving. As Supervisor, I will make sure that people in District 6 and across the city can navigate our streets safely on foot or bike.*

*We have to do more to get people out of cars and utilizing alternative and public transportation. I will work to enact transit impact fees and congestion pricing to curb use of cars, and make sure that residents' transit needs are being met at a more rapid pace, including reversing cuts to MUNI.*

*I will fight for protected bike lanes, efforts to reduce speeding like Automated Speed enforcement, and smart regulation on transportation network companies (TNCs). I would like to see stronger enforcement of local traffic laws, especially as they relate to TNC vehicles, including geofencing, and ensure that they share their data with the city. I would also advocate to the state and the PUC to allow for greater ability to regulate TNCs, including potentially setting caps and implementing local taxes.*

*There are major public transportation projects in District 6 that I will champion, including the Downtown Caltrain extension, a second BART tube, and greater ferry services.*

*Lastly, as more development happens in my District and across the City, I will make sure that developers, MTA, and the planning department are accountable for neighborhood transit needs, including more intentional planning around TNC dropoffs/ pickups, traffic impact, and bike accessibility.*