



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.

Tony Kelly

(name)



(signature)

Supervisor, District 10

(position you are seeking)

August 13, 2018

(date)



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

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What office are you running for? Supervisor, District 10

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 am the President of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club and have been since 2016. I am also an appointed delegate to the California Democratic Party.

I have grassroots organizing experience on environmental issues, public health, affordable housing, tenants rights, police violence, and Sanctuary protections. I've written legislation and ballot measures, led multiple neighborhood organizations, and served on task forces for the Mayor, the Port, and the Board of Supervisors. I have worked on numerous local political campaigns since 2010.

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

In recent years:

- I've worked with Greenaction and Bayview neighborhood groups to demand better pollution cleanup along the waterfront, including radiological contamination at the Lennar Shipyard. I've also worked to force better cleanups of toxic dirt at construction sites in SoMa and Mission Bay, including the site of the new Warriors arena project.
- I've been a consistent member and supporter of Phelicia Jones's work with the Wealth and Disparities in the Black Community/Justice for Mario Woods coalition against police violence since its inception in 2014.
- I'm helping lead an effort in Bayview for safe spaces for our homeless populations to sleep — in extra bedrooms in existing homes, and on public land for transitional villages, until better shelters or housing are found.
- I was an author of 2016's Proposition S (dedicating Hotel Tax revenues to support San Francisco artists and end family homelessness), which built a unique coalition of family homelessness service providers, arts organizations, and neighborhood artists, and received 63% of the vote in the November 2016 election.
- I've been a leading community advocate for a public banking solution to San Francisco's budget and infrastructure struggles since 2009.

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

I have grassroots organizing experience on environmental issues, public health, affordable housing, tenants rights, police violence, and Sanctuary protections. I've written legislation and ballot measures, led multiple neighborhood organizations, and served on task forces for the Mayor, the Port, and the Board of Supervisors.

President, Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association, 2003 – 2010, 2011–13

Board Member, Potrero Hill Association of Merchants and Businesses, 2002 – 2010

Board Member, Potrero Residents Education Fund, 2006-2009

Chair, Site Council, Enola Maxwell Middle School, 2004-2006

Chair, Formation Committee, Dogpatch-Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District, 2014-15

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

Democratic Socialists of America – San Francisco

Democratic Socialists of America – National

San Francisco Berniecrats

Sierra Club

San Francisco Tenants Union

California Nurses Association (#1)

National Union of Healthcare Workers

League of Pissed Off Voters (#1)

Jane Kim

Jovanka Beckles

David Campos

Cat Brooks, Candidate for Mayor of Oakland

Brigitte Davila, President, City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees

John Rizzo, Board Member, City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees

Ivy Lee, Board Member, City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees

Sophia Andary, Chair, Women's March San Francisco

Marie Harrison, Bayview environmental activist

Karen Pierce, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates

Shirley Moore, Vice President, Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association

PARTII: YES/NOQUESTIONS

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 supporting rebuilding jails in San Francisco?

No. To be clear, I want to reduce incarceration, not to keep a substandard jail in operation.

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?

No

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 & substance abuse treatment programs?

No, I want to reduce incarceration and divert patients to these treatment programs instead.
(But this question isn't clear; these programs should be available in jails until we divert.)

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?

Yes

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?

Yes

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

Yes

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

PARTIII: 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?

My father died homeless in the first wave of mass homelessness in the mid 1980s; just a couple years later, I was homeless myself for a brief time. So I will never forget how crippling that kind of personal crisis can be, and how important it is to have a public safety net.

There are different homeless populations, needing different solutions. I would include the following:

- Passing Our City, Our Home in November.
- I was one of the authors of 2016's Proposition S, dedicating a portion of hotel tax funds to ending family homelessness, supporting the City's Cultural Districts, and supporting local artists and arts organizations. That measure got 63% of the vote, but needed 66% to pass. If there is no new funding for family homelessness in this year's budget or in this November's election, I would seek to revive this measure in 2019 to end family homelessness by 2024.
- Funding Beds for Bayview: safe spaces and transitional villages for our homeless populations, with security, showers and hygiene services.
- Limiting the tools of displacement and speculation: A tax on vacant units, and limits to corporate housing and short-term rentals.
- Providing more support for free and low-cost mental health services and mental illness treatment.

- 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?

District 10 has a dangerous combination of threatening health and quality-of-life issues. We have the largest disparities in wealth, income, employment, and life expectancies in San Francisco. We have the worst public housing in the City; the worst-performing parks, schools and transit; a chronic deficit of city services, especially those dedicated to immigrants in a district where well over 40% of our residents were born outside of the US; the worst pollution, by far; and a severe shortage of health services.

- A child born in Bayview-Hunters Point can expect to live 14 years less than a child born on Russian Hill.
- African American mothers in San Francisco are more than six times as likely to lose infants as white mothers.
- A planned development site for 12,000 homes has had eight years of faked tests for radioactive soil, and environmental concerns plague the entire district.

We need a serious effort to repair the ongoing damage of decades of racist policies and practices that affect Black and Brown lives in San Francisco today. I'll commit

resources to:

- Eviction defense in public housing and citywide.
- Equity planning for re-zoning Third Street and Visitacion Valley, using the development process to redistribute public and private resources to vulnerable and underrepresented peoples.
- Testing all sites and residents at Lennar's Treasure Island and Shipyard sites, with independent monitoring and review.
- Accountable pollution cleanup in District 10, living wages, stable housing, access to health services and treatment, and educational and employment support.

- 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?

The City's General Plan is clear: San Franciscans who live here should be able to work here; San Franciscans who work here should be able to live here. City Hall's market-driven policies over the last 30 years have repeatedly undermined that promise, to the point where many residents of District 10 don't even earn enough to qualify for our local affordable housing programs. (This is one of the many flaws in the notion that expanding neighborhood preference programs will automatically lead to more neighborhood residents gaining access to new affordable housing.)

I would urge a return to the use of San Francisco Median Income, or SFMI, instead of Area Median Income that includes wealthy suburbs like Marin and San Mateo counties. I would also urge the use of Neighborhood Median Income, to enable truly affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods like Bayview and Visitacion Valley.

I'm also a strong proponent of building 100% affordable housing on 100% public land with a 100% public bank. The City needs to use its land and its financial power to compete in the housing marketplace and bring affordable housing to more people.

Another reason that we cannot build our way out of our housing crisis is that we are losing too many affordable units to a market that treats housing as a commodity. So we also need the City to step up on further limiting the tools of displacement and speculation, such as a tax on vacant units and limits to corporate housing.

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

When I worked in the 2000s on the community response to the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan, we succeeded in getting two important measures into the plan at the Board of Supervisors:

- Tax increment financing, so a portion of the increased property taxes from re-zoned sites would be dedicated to infrastructure improvements in the neighborhood;
- A clawback provision, where the Board must find that there is enough new infrastructure in the neighborhood to support the planned growth, or else building permit approvals stop.

Unfortunately, these two measures were removed from the Plan before passage, due to pressure from the Mayor and the City Controller. We need these provisions; otherwise, our neighborhoods have little leverage to mandate infrastructure investment in developing neighborhoods.

I want to create a new community-based equity planning process in Bayview and Visitacion Valley next year. Using the tools of equity planning in District 10 would help us correct the grave errors of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan, expand access to public transit and bikes, and keep more of us in San Francisco.

Then, in order to catch up on our current infrastructure deficits, we must move forward on public banking. With an \$11 billion City budget, at least \$8 billion dollars in City reserves sit in commercial banks every day. Why don't we put that money to work for us? We can use City reserves to create a new local credit market, via existing credit unions or the creation of a municipal bank, funding new infrastructure and affordable housing.

- 5) What are your top district priorities and what would be your process for establishing these priorities and engaging community?
- 6) If you are elected, what are your top concerns for San Francisco? How would you address these concerns?

I'll answer these two questions together in 500 words, because the top priorities for District 10 are also the top priorities for San Francisco.

San Francisco is the richest city in the richest state in the richest country in the history of the world. The City's District 10 has more land and more children than any other district. So what happens here in the next 10 years - how we manage our growth, how we decide who gets to live and work here - will determine the City's future.

So it's painful to me, and shameful for the city, to see that in District 10 there are far too many people who are evicted, are unemployed, work multiple jobs, don't have a home, are in jail, or die too young. Too many people are not going to school or work because the bus can't get them there on time, or not reporting crime because they're afraid of talking to the police. I have seen what those injustices can do to a family.

- My mother worked for American Can Company for years and died of cancer when she was 44. So I will fight for what is right when I see my neighbors living shorter, harder lives because of race or zipcode.
- My father died homeless at the corner of 1st and Mission streets 33 years ago, so I will fight for what is right when I see that my neighbors have to sleep in the rain.
- I've been evicted twice, once by an earthquake, once by an owner moving in, so I will fight for what is right when I see my neighbors priced out, pushed out, and locked out while thousands of expensive homes sit empty.

We all know friends who have been forced out of San Francisco. If we don't change City Hall's policies that have failed residents for the last 10 years, a lot of us – families,

workers, artists, tenants, immigrants – will be forced out too.

San Francisco’s District 10 Supervisor must fight inequality, build working-class neighborhood power, and support our communities. As part of a serious effort to repair the ongoing damage of decades of racist policies and practices that affect Black and Brown lives in San Francisco today, I will commit substantial resources — including what can be done through a public bank — to accountable pollution cleanup in District 10, to living wages, stable housing, access to health services and treatment, and educational and employment support.

Engaging community is critical to this work. I know that my first act as Supervisor will be to hold Community Office Hours in a District 10 neighborhood, like I will every day of the year with me or my staff – to listen, to respond to concerns, and to give access to City Hall for many underserved District 10 families and residents.

- 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?

District 10 residents have been notoriously neglected in the last eight years. Our Transit First policies have also been neglected, in the City budget and in practice.

District 10 has more cars per capita than we did 10 years ago, because we have struggled with multiple waves of “transit-oriented development” without transit improvements. We must fully implement Vision Zero, and find more ways to get cars and their hazards off of our streets.

It’s clear that we have too much traffic congestion, and too much air pollution; and our streets are often unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians. 3rd Street, in particular, suffers because the street is expected to handle sidewalks and trees and parking and bikes and trucks and cars and trains at once. So we need to mindfully plan our street usage: reduce our use of cars, and install and maintain physically separated bicycle lanes for safety and a better environment.

I would also be interested in measures such as these:

- Embedding bicycle infrastructure into land use decisions in District 10, especially along transit corridors like Potrero Avenue, Third Street, and Bayshore Boulevard
- Fully funding the Bike Plan and Vision Zero and holding departments accountable on their implementation, to make sure walking and bicycling is safer in disadvantaged neighborhoods
- Community Bike Builds and similar efforts to restore and recycle bicycles at low cost
- Discounted bike-share plans
- Subsidized Bike to School programs for low-income youth.