



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 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.



JEFF ADACHI, PUBLIC DEFENDER 8-13-18



**SF DCCC Candidate Questionnaire
Citywide Office - June 2018**

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What office are you running for? Public Defender

Are you running for re-election? Yes

What other elected positions have you held previously?

Public Defender from 2003-2018

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 most recent years.

I have attended SFDCCC events, supported Democratic candidates with financial contributions and endorsements, from US President, to state assembly/senate, and local races, including Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

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

I serve on the boards of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the National

Association of Public Defenders and until recently, California Humanities.

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

I have served as a Deputy Public Defender from 1986-2000, and as Chief Attorney, the office's second-in-command from 1999-2001, before being elected in 2002. I have tried over 150 criminal jury trials and under my leadership, the office has won top awards from the American Bar Association, the National Legal Aid & Defenders Association, the California Public Defenders Association, and the Mayor's Fiscal Advisory Committee.

Please list any organizations or elected officials who have endorsed you. Sen. Scott Weiner, Assemblymembers David Chiu and Phil Ting, Mayor London Breed, Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, Board President and Supervisor Malia Cohen and Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Sandra Fewer, Norman Yee, Rafael Mandelman, Jane Kim, Aaron Peskin.

Will you fight for the California Democratic Platform and for the implementation of its policies?

Yes

PART II: YES/NO QUESTIONS

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Do you support the separation of retail and investment banking to safeguard Californians from speculative investment activities?

Yes

Do you believe that the government should provide foreclosure relief for borrowers who were victims of unethical financial service practices?

Yes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM

Do you support overhauling the bail system?

Yes

Do you support reducing prison overcrowding by decreasing penalties for minor drug offenses and other victimless crimes, making the punishment fit the crime?

Yes

Do you believe in ending mass incarceration and supporting the abolishment of capital punishment?

Yes

Will you support the full restoration of funding for the Courts?

Yes

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 using jails as mental health facilities and substance abuse treatment programs?

No – these services should be available outside the jail and prison system.

EDUCATION

Do you believe in a “debt-free college” and free community college (i.e. Education financed entirely without student loans)?

Yes

Would you support the idea of school districts using local accountability plans to grant funds to reach students with the greatest needs?

Yes

Do you support that teachers and professional staff deserve commensurate wages?

Yes

Do you believe that charter schools should be subject to oversight and the same credentialing and qualification standards as those at public schools?

Yes

Do you believe in parental leave for teachers?

Yes

ENVIRONMENT

Do you oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects?

Yes

Do you believe in curtailing and phasing out pesticides that pose threats to farm workers, consumers, and pollinators?

Yes

Would you support divestment of public funds in the fossil fuel industry?

Yes

Would you ban fracking?

Yes

HEALTHCARE

Do you endorse Bill 562, The Healthy California Act (Lara) in 2017?

Yes

Will you fight to enforce the Patient's Bill of Rights?

Yes

Do you support a requirement that all HMOs and insurers obtain prior approval from the state before rates can be increased?

Yes

Do you support the idea that women have access to safe, affordable, and reliable access to a full spectrum of reproductive services including contraceptives without their spouse, judicial, parental, or guardian consent?

Yes

CIVIL RIGHTS AND IMMIGRANT JUSTICE ISSUES

Do you believe in supporting fundamental rights guaranteed by the U.S. constitution are applied to everyone within the U.S. borders?

Yes

Will you support Sanctuary 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 State funding deportation defense funds to ensure that all detained immigrants are provided representation and due process?

Yes we have one of the few immigration defense units in the state

Do you support speaking out in public against all forms of racism, discrimination, hatred and violence and support standing in solidarity with movements that promote equity, including Black Lives Matter?

Yes, this is a major issue I have pushed and advocated for.

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

LABOR

Do you support employee rights to organize and collective bargaining and support enforceable organizing agreements?

Yes

Will you support the push for a statewide minimum wage for at least \$15 per hour and living wages for areas that have high cost of living?

Yes

Do you support the privatization of essential government services and outsourcing of public sector jobs?

Yes

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Would you sponsor and/or endorse the idea of implementing legislation for Clean Money (full public financing of election campaigns at the local, state, and federal levels)?

Yes

Did you support the California Disclose Act (AB 249) in 2017?

Yes

HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES

Do you support a 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

Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act?

Yes

Do you support housing "by right"?

Yes

PART III: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ISSUES (250 words or less)

1. If you are elected, what are your top priorities? How do you intend on addressing these?

Our office is playing a major role in reforming our bail system. We are representing a man whose case will be heard before the California Supreme Court, Kenneth Humphrey, who was jailed for nine months before trial on a \$600,000 initial bail. We were victorious in the Court of Appeal, who called bail a "tax on the poor."

I am also working on sentencing reform. My office has a full-time policy analyst who works on a number of sentencing bills to reform our penal laws, which over-incarcerate poor people and people of color. Specifically, we are working to overturn various laws which require mandatory minimum sentences. We were recently successful in working with the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, the Treasurer and other grassroots organization to passing an ordinance that substantially reduced fines and fees in criminal cases and erased over \$32 million in past fees.

I will continue to fight against racism and implicit bias in policing and the court system. I co-founded Public Defenders for Racial Justice to teach and train public defenders to litigate racial justice issues in the court. I have traveled to over a dozen states in the last two years to work with public defenders nationally to raise racial justice issues in their courts and jurisdiction.

2. What do believe should be the budget priorities for California? How will you ensure policies are equitable to protect low-income and middle-income communities?

I believe that the budget priorities in California should be to help local jurisdictions deal with issues relating to homelessness, the need to build more affordable housing and effective job/employment programs and projects. I favor civic projects that employ Californians and give workers who have been displaced an opportunity reenter the workforce with good wages. To this end, I believe that California should continue to build and forge new projects, such as the high speed rail, that will bring our state into the 21st Century. I also supporting raising the minimum rate even beyond where it is now. Given the rising costs of living in California, it is imperative that Californians are paid wages that they can support their families. I also believe that we must have a strong reserve to ensure that we

have funding to fight fires and other natural and human-caused disasters. Finally, we must have a budget that protect immigrants, LGBTQ people and others who are vulnerable given the current political environment in this country.

3. The California Democratic Party Platform mentions building health, livable, and sustainable communities. What does this mean to you?

It means that Californians have equal access to health care, education, mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment and other basic human needs. Today, while California has more billionaires than any other state, never has the divide between rich and poor been greater. I believe very strongly that we must work to ensure that all Californians have the ability to succeed and only then will our communities be truly sustainable. As long as we have Californians that cannot afford to clothe and feed themselves and their families, that cannot send their children to decent schools or colleges, and cannot find jobs that pay a sustainable wage, we will not be living up to our promise of equality and justice for all.