



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.

Paul Bellar

Assessor/Recorder

(name) Paul Bellar

(position you are seeking)
8/11/18

(signature)

(date)

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

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What office are you running for? Assessor/Recorder

Are you running for re-election? Yes No

What other elected positions have you held previously?

Union rep at my local school where I currently teach.

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 SFDFCC 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 SFDFCC 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.

As a lifelong democrat, I have voted democrat in most of the elections I have voted in. I have never voted republican. I was one of the early participants of Move-On.org and helped with national and state wide races.

Are there any other civic causes or organizations that you are involved with? Please describe. **My wife and I have been longtime Planned Parenthood donors and supporters. We have also donated to the ACLU and participated whenever we could. I am an active member of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club.**

Please summarize your qualifications and experience for the office you are seeking. Please list any organizations or elected officials who have endorsed you.

I have worked in San Francisco housing as part of my real estate appraisal business over the last 8 years. During this time, I have seen our housing market crash and make its way back. While working with families, homeowners and eager to be homeowners, I worked with the assessor side of the Assessor/Recorder's office. I have come to realize this position can help our housing crisis. However, this won't be achieved with placeholder candidates who don't come from housing. With my extensive knowledge of San Francisco housing, I can lead this office in a direction that can help ease our housing crisis.

**League of Pissed Off Voters
My Wife (Not as easy as you would think)**

Broke Ass Stewart

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

PARTII: 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? Yes

EDUCATION

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

No

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

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?

No

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

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

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?

No

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?

The overarching problem for the office is a revolving door of career politicians who lack the required background in the appraising and housing profession. The position requires an appraisal license in order to be eligible for the job, but due to a loophole for appointees, the office is typically held by people without this credential and skill-set.

Without this experience, bad practices have continued and as a result, in 2015, a San Francisco Civil Grand Jury ranked the office dead last in the state. We can't continue to elect politicians who have one eye on the Assessor's office with the other eye on their next job. Specific expertise is required in this position to fully leverage the position of Assessor/Recorder to ease the housing crisis.

First, I plan on bringing the taxation standards and practices of the office up to current required standards governed by the BOE (Board of Equalization). The same standards that are required for all Assessor offices in the state will be applied to the San Francisco Assessor's office. This will not be easy and will take time but can be done.

Second, I will align the office's housing standards with that of the Permitting Department and Department of Building and Inspections. Currently, the office has outdated housing standards left over from the 70's and 80's that are not in sync with current housing standards. By aligning them with other agencies, the data and information that the office provides to groups/entities trying to craft housing legislation will be accurate.

Lastly, I will finish what I start. I have no plans for higher office and plan to be at the office for several terms to effectively enact a vision for the office that benefits all of San Francisco.

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?

There is an old adage of your money where your morals are. For me, in our current environment, is investment in housing. The single, largest issue with housing is a lack of affordable housing. Plain and simple. Due to a lack of affordable housing, the core diverse working class that keep this state running is being squeezed out. Without affordable housing, the state will continue its displacement and gentrification making our state less representative of our nation at large.

The position of Assessor/Recorder is not able to legislate, however, it can fill a critical role by providing the city with an understanding of housing. This can only happen by correctly collecting and interpreting property data by a qualified and credentialed Assessor/Recorder. It can happen by speaking to the legislature to help craft policies that will help bring more affordable housing to San Francisco. Bottom line, it can help.