



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.

Dr. Victor Olivieri  
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(name)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Community College Board, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(position you are seeking)  
8/13/18  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

**SF DCCC Candidate Questionnaire  
City College Board of Trustees**

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What office are you running for? Community College Board

Are you running for re-election?    Yes                       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](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.

**PART I: GENERAL QUESTIONS (250 words or less)**

**Why are you committed to serving on the City College Board of Trustees? How are you affiliated to City College (e.g. faculty, student, etc.)?**

*I am an educator with two decades of experience in higher education and I believe we have a responsibility to help every City College student achieve academic, career, and lifelong success. I'm committed to serving City College because I understand the struggles of our most vulnerable students and I understand the power of education. I immigrated from Spain at 12 years old without speaking English and struggled to graduate from high school and make ends meet to put myself through community college and a four-year university. I'm a first-generation college graduate who went on to earn a Ph.D. in Political Science, become a U.S. Army Officer, an educator, a senior administrator of one of the most diverse universities in the country, and a City Commissioner.*

*Thus far, I have helped City College as a private citizen by sponsoring the annual Basic Skills Luncheon, helping the Veterans Resource Center and the Family Resource Center raise funds, and by organizing a first-generation and veteran student resource forum at City College. I have also publicized City College programs in the veterans community and helped publicize veterans employment fairs at City College as a Veterans Affairs Commissioner, and advanced pipelines of employment as a Director of Development and Community Outreach for a nonprofit workforce development company.*

**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 am a San Francisco City Commissioner and a California Democratic Party Delegate on the Resolutions Committee who has been serving at the local and state level for nearly three years now. I'm a member of several democratic clubs at the local level and I work with Generation Change and Run For Something at the state and national levels to build a deeper bench of young, progressive candidates across all levels of government.*

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

*City Commissioner and Commission Secretary – San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission  
Delegate and Resolutions Committee Member – California Democratic Party  
Board of Trustees – Smuin Contemporary Ballet  
Geary Community Advisory Council – SFMTA  
Board Member – United Democratic Club*

*Member – Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club*  
*Member – Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club*  
*Member – City Democratic Club*  
*Member – Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club*  
*Member – Marines Memorial Club*  
*Member – Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter*  
*Local Organizer – 9/11 Day of Service*

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

*Academically, I have lectured at several universities, founded and served as Director of a university fellowship program for undergraduates, been a Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, and the Chief of Staff for the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at UC Riverside. Most recently, I have worked as Director of a nonprofit in high-tech workforce development sector, and I am currently a City Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and a Trustee of a nonprofit arts organization.*

**Please list any organizations or elected officials who have endorsed you. (You may attach a list and exceed the word count limit)**

***Elected Officials***

*Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor of California\**  
*Nancy Pelosi, US Congresswoman, California's 12th District\* and House Democratic Leader\**  
*Jerry McNerney, US Congressman, California's 9th District\**  
*Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction\**  
*Fiona Ma, CPA, Vice Chair, State Board of Equalization\**  
*Scott Wiener, Senator, 11th District, California State Senate\**  
*David Chiu, Assemblymember, 17th District, California State Assembly\**  
*London Breed, Mayor of San Francisco\**  
*Mark Farrell, Former Mayor of San Francisco\**  
*Carmen Chu, San Francisco Assessor-Recorder\**  
*Jeff Adachi, San Francisco Public Defender\**  
*David Campos, Chair, San Francisco Democratic Party\* and Former District 9 Supervisor\**  
*Catherine Stefani, District 2 Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors\**  
*Vallie Brown, District 5 Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors\**  
*Shamann Walton, Member and Former President, San Francisco Board of Education\**  
*Rachel Norton, Member, San Francisco Board of Education\**  
*Keith Baraka, Firefighter, Second Vice-Chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party\**

***City College Trustees***

*Tom Temprano, San Francisco City College Trustee\**  
*Alex Randolph, San Francisco City College Trustee\**  
*Shanell Williams, San Francisco City College Trustee\**  
*Leslie Katz, Former San Francisco Supervisor\* and Former City College Trustee\**  
*Andrea Shorter, Former City College Trustee\* and Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women\**

*Lawrence Wong, Former City College Trustee\* and Former Commissioner, Human Rights Commission\**  
*Dr. Amy Bacharach, Former City College Trustee\**  
*Steve Ngo, Former City College Trustee\**  
*Tim Wolfred, Former City College Trustee\**

**Organizations**

*LiUNA Local 261*  
*Generation Change*  
*Run For Something*  
*United Democratic Club*  
*Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club PAC*

*Several City Commissioners and local leaders (full list online).*

*\*Titles for identification purposes only*

**If you are elected, what are your top concerns? How would you address these concerns?**

*City College has endured one crisis after another – financial, administrative, accreditation, enrollment – our students are suffering and it’s time for a change. As Trustee, I’ll put my experience to work for our students and strengthen City College for the next generation by focusing on three areas:*

- 1. Improve Student Success: help students graduate or advance their career within two years by implementing block scheduling and a comprehensive curriculum review.*
- 2. Support Our Community: expand FREE CITY to lower barriers to education and foster lifelong learning through new public/private partnerships with local businesses and curriculum partners.*
- 3. Embrace Innovation: provide students the skills and training they need for the jobs of tomorrow by actively seeking out partnerships with companies that will hire our students as they are completing their studies and advancing their careers.*

**The California Democratic Party Platform mentions building health, livable, and sustainable communities, what does this mean to you?**

*The CDP recognizes the peril of a system of governance that is disproportionately beholden to private and business interests to guide policy decisions at the cost of the well-being of Californians and has advocated legislation to create and implement a more equitable system that protects public interests with several policy platforms. Some key examples include advocating for excellence in lifelong education, a universal and affordable health care system, commonsense gun violence prevention, protecting California’s natural resources and countering global warming and pollution through the use of renewable sources of energy and innovative technologies. I support and advance the CDP’s Platform while advocating for the inclusion of progressive values as a member of the CDP Resolutions Committee.*

**PART II: YES/NO QUESTIONS**

While it may seem that some of these questions do not apply to the office you are seeking, they represent California Democratic Party Platform principles and since many people run for higher office where they will be called upon to answer these questions, we would like them addressed.

**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

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

Yes

No

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE/POLICE REFORM**

Do you support overhauling the bail system?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Will you commit to encouraging “ban the box” to ensure that those formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing, education, and employment?

Yes

No

Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?

Yes

No

## EDUCATION

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

Yes

No

Will you commit to keeping all of CCSF’s satellite campuses open and maintain their full program of classes?

Yes

No

Would you support the idea of school districts using local accountability plans to grant funds to reach students with the greatest needs for whom they are most needed?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

## ENVIRONMENT

Do you oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects?

Yes

No

Would you support divestment of fossil fuels?

Yes

No

## HEALTHCARE

Do you support a publicly funded single payer health care system for all people?

Yes

No

Do you support the idea that women have access to safe and reliable access to reproductive services without their spouse, judicial, parental, or guardian consent?

Yes

No

## CIVIL RIGHTS AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

Will you work to implement Ethnic Studies courses and language immersion?

Yes

No

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

No

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

No

Will you protect the right of all people to use facilities and participate in all aspects of society regardless of their true gender identity and the gender assigned at birth?

Yes

No

### **LABOR**

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

### **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

No

Do you support full disclosure of funding sources for political advertisements?

Yes

No

## HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES

Do you believe that housing is a human right?

Yes

No

Do you believe that Proposition 13 needs to be reformed?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Do you support the repeal or reform of the Ellis Act?

Yes

No

Have you read the California Democratic Party Platform?

Yes

No

Will you fight for its implementation in policies?

Yes

No

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

- 1) How will you work to fully implement Free City College and expand on its success?
- 2) As City College undergoes its Facilities Master Plan, what do you foresee are the challenges in developing more sites and housing? What solutions would you propose? Do you believe market-rate housing should be built on City College property?

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#### **1) How will you work to fully implement Free City College and expand on its success?**

*I will work with the Board to build pipelines for education to employment using public-private partnerships that leverage our local business strengths, apprenticeships, and union jobs to ensure the program is more sustainable and responsive to our local needs. As it is currently funded, through Prop W taxes into the City General Fund, the FREE CITY Program is neither sustainable nor secure from changing economic or political winds (and scheduled to sunset in 2019). We need to secure full funding for FREE CITY through legislative action at the Board of Supervisors and Board of Trustees, prioritized budgeting, and better legal agreements between the City and the City College.*

*I will work with the Board and the next Governor to ensure statewide funding is available for all new students to get 2 years of free college (1 year is already provided), but I will also prioritize that our Chancellor implements block scheduling to ensure all of our students can complete their classes in time to reach their goals, whether that is to find a job quickly or transfer/graduate on time.*

*I am committed to working with the Board to expand the FREE CITY program and negotiating with the City to make sure it is not just a 2-year pilot (ideally a 6-year pilot so we can collect appropriate student success data), that it covers summer courses, that it covers vocational noncredit ESL classes essential to developing job-related skills and naturalization coursework, and that it provides a book stipend for all students. Further, I will also explore the possibility of working with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) to expand the FREE CITY program with a comprehensive curriculum of apprenticeships and nontraditional tech certifications that lead to good paying local union jobs in the industries San Francisco needs the most.*

#### **2) As City College undergoes its Facilities Master Plan, what do you foresee are the challenges in developing more sites and housing? What solutions would you propose? Do you believe market-rate housing should be built on City College property?**

*City College has several properties that should be developed for affordable housing and I believe market-rate housing should only be built on City College property if it will directly support the academic mission and if it is coupled with a commensurate number of affordable housing units. The College would benefit greatly by being able to retain junior faculty members with affordable housing and we would help our most underserved community college students with affordable and supportive housing options. City College also has several properties that could be developed for mixed-use, with classrooms and retail on the lower floors, and affordable housing on the top floors. My ideal goal would be to have City College become a truly urban college in which every new or refurbished building serving 3-4 aspects*

*that are needed in the community. I would really like to explore more public/private partnerships, particularly following a build–own–operate–transfer (BOOT) model that can be quickly implemented on City College land. As Trustee, I will work with the Board to direct the Chancellor or his designee to negotiate for the highest number of affordable housing units in the Balboa Reservoir project for our faculty, staff, and students, while also directing the use of surplus or unused facilities to be considered as future sites for affordable housing throughout the city.*

**3) With the advent of emerging technologies and automation, how do you foresee City College playing a role in workforce development for San Francisco?**

*Community colleges are the best equipped institutions to take on the mission of workforce development and retraining during the next industrial (technological) revolution. The UC and CSU systems are too entrenched in a system of academic, research, and publication priorities that will allow for institutions, like City College, to engage in more flexible vocational training. The key will be to engage in public/private partnerships in an endowed professorship model to make sure new vocational pipelines do not forsake the educational or community missions of City College. In fact, many of these pipelines can expand current programs like FREE CITY and reinvigorate other current education curriculums.*

**4) How would you improve public transit options and accessibility for City College students and faculty?**

*I will work with the Board to provide free or heavily-reduced public and private company transportation to City College and between City College centers, by partnering with the City, SFMTA, bike sharing and last-mile companies. I also want to work with retirement communities, assisted living facilities, and van transportation services to expand our lifelong learning curriculum.*

**5) Given City College's recovery from the accreditation crisis, what would you specifically change to ensure the institution's financial solvency and transparency?**

*City College has not recovered from the accreditation crisis. We are still heavily unenrolled, operating at a deficit that will not be recovered in time to be solvent or by the FREE CITY bump in enrollment, and the College will cross the 5% threshold of our reserves and trigger an automatic audit by the State Chancellor's Office this year. Comprehensive curriculum review and block scheduling will ameliorate the situation by increasing efficiency, but that will take time to implement through the Academic Senate. Short-term solutions are required to bring City College out of the red in the next year (i.e. public-private partnerships to develop new curriculum offerings and expand pipelines of employment, expanding CityBuild academy and program with the City, strengthening our Foundation with a dedicated development campaign and alumni association drive). Another possible way of bringing the College out of the red would be to develop public/private partnerships following a build–own–operate–transfer (BOOT) model to develop housing on City College land.*

**6) City College campuses provide critical access to underserved neighborhoods like Downtown, Mission, and Chinatown/North Beach. How will you ensure equitable distribution of credit/non-credit courses to increase access to the populations those campuses serve?**

*I want to explore the decentralization of our budget so Deans can further prioritize the educational mission of our various campuses/centers, making class availability and faculty staffing more responsive to local needs, and also explore the possibility of transitioning to a Provost model of handling the educational mission across City College. Our students need to have the classes they need in time, using block scheduling, and during the hours they need the most while taking care of their families, work, or commuting to finish their degree or make their next career move. It is for that very reason I want to expand FREE CITY to cover the 80% of ESL classes that are vocational noncredit courses and currently not covered by FREE CITY to ensure students that cannot file a FAFSA or are fearful of pursuing financial aid can be taken supported at the local level. We need lower all barriers to education so our most underserved students have the equitable access.*

**7) CCSF has a Child Development and Families Studies Department. A majority of the students are women and women of color. Early educators are among the lowest paid in the trained workforce. How can City College better support early educators as a field, and to be advocates for themselves? How can CCSF expand access to affordable, quality childcare for students and faculty?**

*City College could expand their daycare offerings using Prop C funds, create a partnership to employ our own students on campus and other daycare institutions throughout the city with a public/private partnership, establish afterschool programs at City College (partnering with SFUSD), and partner with van sharing (like Chariot) to provide transportation for children to public schools and after school programs at City College so that parents can more easily take classes at City College campuses and ensure we better support faculty and staff. City College could also provide free or heavily-reduced transportation to City College by partnering with the City, SFMTA, ridesharing companies, and bike sharing and last-mile companies on free or subsidized passes. There are several other things City College could explore to further lower barriers to education and help our students: have showers, locker rooms, and a food pantry available on every campus; increase and expand the FREE CITY stipend so it can be used by all students for books and class materials through the Ocean Campus Bookstore; expand the book sharing program; fund student resource centers with dedicated line-item and dedicated staff positions. Ultimately, one of the biggest barriers is access to classes in a timely manner and, in that sense, the Board could instruct the Chancellor to work with the Deans and Academic Senate to conduct a curriculum review that identifies which classes should be offered on different campuses to make sure every community has equitable access across the city.*