



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.

Monica Chinchilla  
(name)

/s/ Monica Chinchilla  
(signature)

Commissioner, Board of Education  
(position you are seeking)

August 13, 2018  
(date)

**SF DCCC Candidate Questionnaire  
Board of Education**

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Are you a registered member of the Democratic Party?  Yes  No

Have you read the California Democratic Party Platform?  Yes  No

Will you fight for its implementation in policies?  Yes  No

What office are you running for? Commissioner, Board of Education

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 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)**

Why are you committed to serving on the School Board? What stake do you have in decisions made at the School Board (e.g. parent, student, educator, etc.)?

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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? Why or why not?

**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

### **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 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

### EDUCATION

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

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? (9)

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

### ENVIRONMENT

Do you oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects and supporting the divestment of fossil fuels?

Yes

No

Do you believe in Free MUNI for youth?

Yes

No

Do you support the Safe Routes to Schools program?

Yes

No

### HEALTHCARE

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

Yes

No

Should SFUSD expand Healthcare Centers to all high schools?

Yes

No

Do you support that all students have access to safe and reliable reproductive services and information without their spouse, judicial, parental, or guardian consent?

Yes

No

### CIVIL RIGHTS AND IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES

Will you work to implement full 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 gender identity and the gender assigned at birth?

Yes

No

### LABOR

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

No

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

Yes

No

Do you support paid parental leave for school educators?

Yes

No

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Yes

No

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Yes

No



**HOUSING, TENANT, & LAND USE ISSUES**

Do you believe that housing is a human right?

Yes

No

Do you believe the split roll for Proposition 13 that treats taxes for commercial and residential property differently?

Yes

No

Would you support repealing Costa Hawkins and the Ellis Act?

Yes

No

Do you support use of SFUSD property to build affordable housing?

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) What programs or initiatives would you undertake to address the educational disparities for SFUSD students?
- 2) What would be your budget priorities for the School District?

- 3) Do you believe that SFUSD's school assignment system needs reform? If not, why? If so, how would you change it?
- 4) What is your belief on Common Core Standards? In recent years, there has been controversy that the new methodology is placing some students at a disadvantage for high achievement and college preparation. How would you address this concern?
- 5) What do you think are the factors attributing to the teacher shortage in SFUSD? How would you address this?
- 6) What is your perspective about charter schools and their role in San Francisco? How would you advocate differently than SFUSD's current policies?
- 7) Do you support the Safe and Supportive Schools Policy at SFUSD? How would you further these goals as a School Board member?
- 8) What role do you feel the Board of Education should play in sexual harassment and assault cases involving students? If elected, how will you address this concern?
- 9) There is a perception that parent-led fundraising has widened the educational inequality gap among schools. What are your thoughts on this issue and how would you address distribution of school funds districtwide?
- 10) What role do you believe SFUSD should play in the City's housing crisis? How would you address the needs of homeless or underhoused students and their families?
- 11) Beyond reforming school assignment program, what do you see as the greatest barriers or major issues for families and youth getting to school safely while reducing traffic congestion?