



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.

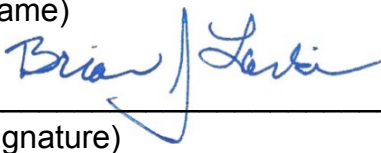
Thank you very much for your interest in the SFDCCC endorsement. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. We look forward to learning more about your candidacy and your campaign.

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.

_____ **Brian J Larkin** _____

(name)



(signature)

_____ **BART Board District 8** _____

(position you are seeking)

_____ **August 17, 2018** _____

(date)

City College Board of Trustees

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What office are you running for? **BART Board of Directors – District 8**

Are you running for re-election? Yes **No**

What other elected positions have you held previously?

None – this would be the first and likely the last_____

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.

- We will distribute the questionnaires prior to your interview and post them on the DCCC website for the public to view.

PART I: GENERAL QUESTIONS (250 words or less)

Why are you committed to serving on the BART Board? **My main reason for running is to expedite the extension of grade separated rail transit to the Western part of the City, especially to the Richmond District.**

BART is studying the idea of building a second trans-bay tube. One option for the route of the tracks on the SF side is out Geary Blvd and then south along 19th Avenue. I would ensure that BART worked with Muni to build a joint use tunnel that would include a level for Muni Metro rail – similar to the Market Street subway, but with the shorter lead-time Muni tracks going in first to be followed by BART tracks when the transbay tube is ready.

Are you a registered member of the Democratic Party? **Yes**

What stake do you have in decisions made at the BART Board (e.g. transit rider, BART employee, etc.)?

- **I am a regular rider, using it to get to A's games, visit friends and to get to both SFO and OAK airports, even for international travel.**
- **As a long-time member of the SF County Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee, I have voted on BART requests for Proposition K sales tax funds.**
- **I have friends working at BART from my days as an employee there. They could use an understanding voice on the Board.**
- **When working for BART, I was involved in delivering several high-profile capital projects. I want to help ensure that those investments are properly operated and maintained.**

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 run for the SF Board of Supervisors for District 1 twice (2008 & 2016), both times doing well on the basis of votes received per dollar spent; on a total vote basis, I got crushed. I ran for BART Board in 2010 when there was an incumbent. I spent about \$1,200 and got about 20,000 votes. Not a crushing, but a defeat just the same.

On a national basis, I have financially supported by cousin Joan Fitz-gerald's campaigns for various offices in Colorado. She eventually became the president of the Colorado State Senate and after leaving that office became the President of America Votes.

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

- **Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR) – Board of Directors**
- **Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee (CJOB)**
- **Civil Air Patrol San Francisco Cadet Squadron 86 - Commander**

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

I worked for BART for over eleven years, both as a direct employee and a consultant. Most of that time was on capital programs, most prominently the Pittsburg-Antioch extension and the Warm Springs Extension. I have also served as an ombudsperson to help settle disputes between disadvantaged business enterprises and the prime contractors they are subcontracted to. I am currently doing QA/QC work on BART's Train Control Modernization Program (TCMP).

On other Transit properties, I have been a Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) for light rail projects (Hiawatha Light Rail in Minneapolis and Valley Metro Rail in Phoenix). I was the systems design manager for the Santa Clara VTA Tasman East Extension. I am currently providing QA/QC services for the California High Speed Rail Project. I am a member of several working groups and committees for the American Public Transportation Association.

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

None yet. I'm hoping that the SF DCCC will be the first.

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

- **Better monitoring of BART's economic opportunity policies and programs program to ensure that it effectively serves the communities as they are supposed to.**
- **Safer trains & stations through better coordination with local municipalities.**
- **Wayside energy storage (recovers and stores the energy of a decelerating train).**

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

Since the late 1980's I have worked to improve public transit both as a profession as an advocate. I see safe, fast, reliable transit as an essential component of livable, sustainable communities.

Would you support the idea of BART using its land throughout the Bay Area to develop affordable housing?

Yes, but I would like to include market-rate housing to subsidize the affordable program and also to leverage other funds to build system extensions, such as to the western SF.

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?

Probably, but not sure what a local municipal bank entails.

Yes

No

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

Yes

No – Not just no; hell 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?
I'm not sure that I understand the question. I do not think that jails are the right place for the mentally ill or for substance addicts.

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?
- 3) With the advent of emerging technologies and automation, how do you foresee City College playing a role in workforce development for San Francisco?
- 4) How would you improve public transit options and accessibility for City College students and faculty?
- 5) Given City College's recovery from the accreditation crisis, what would you specifically change to ensure the institution's financial solvency and transparency?
- 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?
- 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 to be advocates for themselves? How can CCSF expand access to affordable, quality childcare for students and faculty?