

2014 DCCC Endorsement Questionnaire

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and send electronic copies to:

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by 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

- **Only candidates who return a completed questionnaire electronically by the due date will be allowed to present before the committee.**
- You may bring 15 copies with you to be delivered to Alix Rosenthal just prior to your interview at:

Laborers Local 261
3271 18th Street
San Francisco, California
Saturday, August 9, 2014
10 a.m.

- At the time of the interview, you may also provide 15 copies of up to 4 pages of information for distribution to SFDCCC members.
- The final endorsement decision will be made at the DCCC meeting on August 13:

Milton Marks Auditorium
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
6 p.m.

- While it may seem that some of these questions do not apply to the office you are seeking, they represent Democratic Party principles and since you may run for higher office where these questions will be relevant, we would like them addressed.
- We will distribute the questionnaires at the meeting and post them on the DCCC website for the public to view.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Are you a registered Democrat? Yes.
2. When did you first register as a Democrat? When I became 18 years old.
3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections? Barack Obama
4. Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election?
Who? When? I voted for Jane Kim, then a Green Party member, in the 2006 non-partisan school board election (she is now a registered Democrat).
5. Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	Edwin Lee		
Assembly District 17	2014	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D1	2012	Eric Mar		
Supervisor, D2	2014	Mark Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Katy Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012	London Breed	Thea Selby	
Supervisor, D6	2014	Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012	Norman Yee		
Supervisor, D8	2014	Scott Wiener		
Supervisor, D9	2012	David Campos		
Supervisor, D10	2014	Malia Cohen		
Supervisor, D11	2012	John Avalos		

6. Please provide a brief summary of your *qualifications* for this office. (no more than 200 words)

A proud graduate of San Francisco public schools, I am a **parent** of two children in our schools. I was an active parent volunteer in the Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program for nearly a decade, having served as a board member and co-chair of the parent body, and on the Rosa Parks School Site Council. I have advocated for public schools on a city-wide basis as a member of the SFUSD Parent Advisory Council. As a school board member, I have actively engaged in our Vision 2025 Initiative to create a **21st century blueprint for college and career ready graduates**. As a member, later Chair, of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Assignment, I worked with my colleagues to approve a middle school feeder pattern which has **reduced lottery assignments**. I chaired the Building & Grounds Committee when the board approved the sale of surplus property that **generated \$9 million** for the school district. As chair of the Curriculum Committee, I introduced the issue of **human trafficking** to educators (San Francisco is on the FBI's Top 10 list of destinations for human trafficking). This year, I was voted by my colleagues to serve as **Vice President**.

7. Please describe your contributions to the Democratic Party at the local, state and/or national level in the last 4 years. (no more than 200 words)

At the local level, I have included a voter registration component to my re-election campaign and have **distributed voter registration cards** to my campaign volunteers to give to people who have moved recently or are new to the area. Last year, I gave a presentation to a **Girl Scout troop** to discuss local elections and the importance of voting. As a member of the first class to graduate from the **Emerge** candidate training program for Democratic women, I have advised other women candidates and appointees. At the state level, I have supported **state-wide candidates such as Betty Yee for Controller and Kamala Harris for Attorney General**. At the national level, I recently joined **Asian Americans Ready for Hillary**, and attended the inaugural event in San Francisco on July 29. In addition to donating to the Democratic National Committee, I have supported strong Democratic women candidates in hotly contested Congressional races in other states, including Ann Kirkpatrick of Arizona, Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, and Mazie Hirono of Hawaii.

8. If elected, what are the three top issues you will work to affect? (no more than 200 words)

To continue the work of my first term, I am advancing an "ABC Agenda."

A = Academic Achievement

San Francisco remains one of the top performing urban school districts in the state but we need to address the opportunity gap for our underperforming students. I have been a proud supporter of the African American Honor Roll, celebrating 1,000+ of our students annually, and connected event organizers to private funders.

B = Bullying

Bullying has become an even greater problem with new technology. I helped introduce an Internet Safety Day, which covers cyberbullying, for all students.

C = Career & College Ready

It is very important for our high schools to offer career academies for students to connect with possible careers. For example, Galileo Academy of Technology and Science offers programs in health, biotech, computer programming, digital arts, environmental science, and hospitality.

9. What have you done to mentor women and people of color in your field? (no more than 200 words)

As a school board member, I had the opportunity to mentor a young Asian American woman as part of the School Board Fellows program this past year. I also work full-time as Executive Director of the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women and, there, I host 3 - 4 college and graduate student policy interns. I have mentored several young women beginning with the internship in my office to full-time employment at other, larger

city agencies or private sector organizations. My mentees have come from a variety of backgrounds, including African American, Chinese American, Korean American, Vietnamese American. I also serve as an advisor to the Women in Government group of the San Francisco City Hall Fellows program.

10. Please list the organizations and elected officials who have endorsed you.

Democratic Women in Action Democratic Club
Municipal Executives Association Political Action Committee
Parent Political Action Committee
U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier
California State Senator Mark Leno
California State Assemblymember Phil Ting
California State Board of Equalization Betty Yee
San Francisco Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu
San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón
San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi
San Francisco Treasurer Jose Cisneros
San Francisco Board of Supervisors President David Chiu
San Francisco Supervisor Eric Mar
San Francisco Supervisor Malia Cohen
San Francisco Supervisor Norman Yee
San Francisco Supervisor Scott Weiner
San Francisco Board of Education Commissioner Jill Wynn
San Francisco Board of Education Commissioner Kim-Shree Maufas
San Francisco Board of Education Commissioner Matt Haney
San Francisco Board of Education Commissioner Rachel Norton
San Francisco College Board Trustee Lawrence Wong
Democratic County Central Committee Chair Mary Jung
Democratic County Central Committee Member Alix Rosenthal
Democratic County Central Committee Member Arlo Hale Smith
Democratic County Central Committee Member Bevan Dufty
Democratic County Central Committee Member Bill Fazio
Democratic County Central Committee Member Leah Pimentel
Democratic County Central Committee Member Rebecca Prozan

ISSUES QUESTIONS

Please only mark whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each issue.

Question	Support	Oppose
1. Do you support or oppose a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion?	X	
2. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?	X	
3. Do you support or oppose marriage equality?	X	
4. Do you support or oppose privatization of essential government services?		X
5. Do you support or oppose public power in San Francisco?	X	
6. Do you support or oppose reducing jail/prison overcrowding by decreasing penalties for minor drug offenses?	X	
7. Do you support or oppose rent control?	X	
8. Do you support or oppose San Francisco's sanctuary city policy?	X	
9. Do you support or oppose the repeal of instant runoff voting (ranked choice voting)?		X
10. Do you support or oppose district elections of Supervisors?	X	

Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on August 9, 2014.