

2014 DCCC Endorsement Questionnaire

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and send electronic copies to:

Alix Rosenthal at alix@alixro.com

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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 first registered to vote in 1992.
3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections?
President Barack Obama
4. Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election? Who? When? **No.**
5. Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	Michela Alioto-Pier		
Assembly District 17	2014	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D1	2012	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D2	2014	Supervisor Mark Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	Supervisor David Chiu		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Supervisor Katy Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D6	2014	Supervisor Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012	Mike Garcia		
Supervisor, D8	2014	Supervisor Scott Wiener		
Supervisor, D9	2012	Supervisor David Campos		
Supervisor, D10	2014	Supervisor Malia Cohen		
Supervisor, D11	2012	No endorsement		

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

Prior to being elected to the Board of Supervisors, I practiced law as a corporate and securities attorney at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. I then joined Thomas Weisel Partners as an investment banker, where I was an integral part of the Internet & Digital Media team for over five years, and co-founded Thayer Ventures, a San Francisco-based venture capital firm.

I was born and raised in San Francisco where I attended Saint Ignatius for high school. I received by BA from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, my MA from University College Dublin in Ireland, and my J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia. My time in elected office, specifically the legislation and other policy initiatives that I have supported and prioritized, and my previous private sector experience are my largest qualifications to continue my service as District 2 Supervisor.

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)

I have contributed my time supporting, endorsing, working, and raising resources for various candidates and initiatives at the local, state, and national level for the last 4 years and all were Democratic Party candidates or backed initiatives. Since being in elected office in San Francisco, I have played an active role helping elected officials at the local level, and I also played an active role fundraising for President Barack Obama in 2012.

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

During my first campaign for District 2 Supervisor in 2010, I promised to focus on improving our local economy, prioritizing quality of life issues that affect my constituents and the City, and enhancing public safety citywide. I am proud to have played a leadership role on the Board of Supervisors during my first term in advancing policies and projects that have focused on and improved those three areas.

If re-elected, I plan to have a similar focus. I still believe maintaining and improving the strength of our local economy is a top priority, and will continue to advance policies and projects that will keep our local economy strong, and help those who are in need find work. Additionally, I will continue working to advance policies I believe will address the City's affordability crisis and housing shortage. I will still have a laser focus on quality of life issues that affect many San Franciscans, as I believe the primary responsibility of local government is to focus on and fix these issues. Lastly, I will continue to work closely with our first responders and City departments to advance policies that are proven to enhance public safety in all of our neighborhoods citywide.

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

Prior to being in elected to office, I spent a significant amount of time doing legal pro-bono work, mostly for people of color, on a wide range of areas from non-profit organization to representation in deportation proceedings. I also taught and mentored children as part of the Wall Street Wizards program, which seeks to provide financial literacy for inner-city children who were predominantly of color, and founded my investment banking firm's first internship program with the Wall Street Wizards students.

Since being in office, I have been active with a number of organizations which seek to provide guidance and support to both women and people of color. One in particular - Mo' Magic – I have become more deeply involved with over the past year. Mo' Magic is a collaborative of San Francisco neighborhood based non-profit organizations, focused on communities plagued by poverty and violence. I have actively raised funds for the organization's annual event, attended Board meetings, and just last month participated in a career panel discussion to speak about my career path and offer educational and career advice to the children, mostly young women. I plan to remain actively involved with this and the other organizations that I support.

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

- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein**
- Mayor Edwin Lee**
- District Attorney George Gascon**
- Assessor/Recorder Carmen Chu**
- Treasurer/Tax Collector Jose Cisneros**
- Public Defender Jeff Adachi**
- San Francisco Police Officers Association (POA)**
- San Francisco Firefighters Local 798**
- LiUNA! Laborers' Local 261**
- UA Local 38**
- IBEW Local 1245**
- International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE - Local 21)**
- OPEIU Local 3**
- Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth**
- Building Owners and Managers Association**
- San Francisco Small Property Owner's Association**
- San Francisco Young Democrats**

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? Note: I support the concept of public power in San Francisco – one that will create local jobs, and provide both cheaper and greener energy, but I have not supported the various public power initiatives that have come before the Board of Supervisors during my first term because they have not met those criteria.	X	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.