

## 2014 DCCC Endorsement Questionnaire

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and send electronic copies to:  
**Alix Rosenthal at [alix@alixro.com](mailto:alix@alixro.com)**  
**Matt Dorsey at [mattdorsey@mac.com](mailto:mattdorsey@mac.com)**  
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:  
Laborers Local 261  
3271 18<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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?** 2008
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?**

Mark Sanchez (2000, 2004), Sarah Lipson (2002), Matt Gonzalez (2003), John Rizzo (2006)

**5. Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:**

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	Avalos/Chiu/Lee		
Assembly District 17	2014	Campos/Chiu		
Supervisor, D1	2012	Mar		
Supervisor, D2	2014	Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	Chiu		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012	Olague		
Supervisor, D6	2014	Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012	Yee		
Supervisor, D8	2014	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D9	2012	Campos		
Supervisor, D10	2014	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D11	2012	Avalos		

**6. Please provide a brief summary of your *qualifications* for this office.**

It is my honor to serve this City and to make District 6 safer, stronger, and healthier. Over the past four years, we have made great strides towards achieving this goal, and we have much more work to continue. Our current priorities remain promoting equitable land uses and affordable housing, reforming our homeless shelter system and bringing a public health lens to this work, pedestrian and bike safety/Vision Zero, supporting public education, fair access to quality jobs, and building neighborhood capacity.

I have served as Chair on the Rules Committee and as a member of the Budget & Finance Committee, where I worked with city-wide stakeholders to pass a values-based budget. I currently sit on the Land Use Committee, which makes recommendations on land use and economic development projects, and

serve as Chair the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, which oversees the design, construction, and operation of the new Transbay Transit Center.

As the former President of the Board of Education, I remain passionate about public education, and I have served as Chair of the City and School District Committee for the past two years and was the primary author for the reauthorization of the Public Education Enrichment Fund.

Prior to elected office, I worked as an attorney at Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and a Senior Community Organizer at Chinatown Community Development Center.

**7. Please describe your contributions to the Democratic Party at the local, state and or/national level in the last 4 years.**

I have worked to register voters and increase voter turnout, focusing on communities of color, immigrant communities, and young and senior voters both as a Community Organizer at Chinatown Community Development Center and as a candidate in 2004, 2006, and 2010. I continue to register voters, including absentee voters to ensure our residents have a voice in our democratic process.

I am also active in the Young Elected Officials Network, whose mission is to support progressive elected leaders, largely Democrats, who share a passion for building communities that reflect values of freedom, fairness, and opportunity for all.

In addition to pursuing Democratic policies, I supported many Democratic candidates at the local, state, and federal levels. I believe in supporting Democratic candidates in swing states/districts and have hosted fundraisers for New Jersey Senator Cory Booker, Texas Congressman Joaquin Castro, and congressional candidates Sukhee Kang (CA) and Roy Choi (NJ).

**8. If elected, what are the three top issues you will work to affect?**

Land Use and Affordable Housing

I believe in a balanced approach to land use which includes affordable housing, more open space, safer streets for pedestrians, and opportunities for local businesses that will provide our communities with jobs. We need Land Use to build stronger, healthier, and safer neighborhoods.

Affordable housing is my top priority. I introduced the Housing Balance legislation to set a citywide goal of building 30% affordable housing in new construction. While Housing Balance won't be on the ballot, I am leading the work to identify new revenue for a Neighborhood Stabilization and Affordable Housing Trust.

Vision Zero

I introduced Vision Zero with Supervisors Yee and Avalos to stop preventable traffic fatalities in San Francisco. I represent the District with the highest number of traffic collisions and fatalities in the City. A

citywide coordination effort is critical to change this culture with a mix of immediate interventions and long-term improvements that the City can take to save lives.

### Homelessness

Homelessness continues to be a pressing issue for District 6 and our City. I've pushed for more medical staff at our shelters, a mental health assessment of all shelter residents, and more effective homeless outreach to shelter residents.

### **9. What have you done to mentor women and people of color in your field?**

I believe in mentoring women who are interested in community leadership, policy, and/or politics. I strongly support District 6 women-led groups, including La Voz Latina and Sisters Rize in the Tenderloin, both of which organize Latina mothers and women who live in SRO Hotels respectively. Women make up ¼ of all of SRO Hotel residents and are vastly outnumbered by men. Many female SRO residents have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, and gender-based harassment but have no choice but to reside in buildings dominated by men. I worked with Sisters Rize to establish the first women-only floor in one of our SRO hotels, funded self-defense and leadership skills training for female SRO residents, and developed a partnership between Sisters Rize and Intersection for the Arts, culminating with the women documenting their stories via video.

I take the role of mentoring women and people of color seriously. Our office proactively recruits young women and people of color in high school, college, and graduate school who are interested in government. My three legislative staff are women of color. I have also supported other female candidates of color who have both successfully and unsuccessfully run for the Board of Education.

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

#### Elected Officials

Former Mayor Art Agnos

Mayor Ed Lee

State Senator Mark Leno

State Assembly Member Phil Ting

California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton

Treasurer and Tax Collector Jose Cisneros

Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu

Public Defender Jeff Adachi

San Francisco Board of Supervisors President David Chiu

San Francisco Supervisor John Avalos

San Francisco Supervisor David Campos

San Francisco Supervisor Mark Farrell

San Francisco Supervisor Eric Mar

San Francisco Supervisor Katy Tang  
 San Francisco Supervisor Norman Yee  
 School Board President Sandra Lee Fewer  
 School Board Member Matt Haney  
 School Board Member Hydra Mendoza-McDonnell  
 School Board Member Rachel Norton  
 Community College Board Trustee Rafael Mandelman

Organizations

San Francisco Rising Action Fund  
 San Francisco Young Democrats  
 San Francisco Firefighters Local 798  
 Sierra Club  
 LiUNA Laborers' Local 261  
 UFCW Local 648  
 SEIU Local 87  
 San Francisco Police Officers Association  
 Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3  
 International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21

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?		
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 (rank choice voting)?	X*	
10. Do you support or oppose district elections of Supervisors?	X	

\*I would support a repeal of RCV for the Mayor's Race only. Data shows that voter turnout has only increased from General Election Day to Run Off in the Mayor's Race in 1999 and 2003. If ensuring maximum participation is the highest value, we should maintain RCV for the Board of Supervisors, City Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, District Attorney, and Public Defender races (during these races, voter turnout decreases between the General Election and Run Off) and repeal RCV for the Mayor's Race.