

2014 DCCC Endorsement Questionnaire

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and send electronic copies to:
Alix Rosenthal at alix@alixro.com
Matt Dorsey at 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 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? May 1988, when I turned 18
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? No
5. Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	Dennis Herrera		
Assembly District 17	2014	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D1	2012	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D2	2014	Mark Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Katy Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012	No endorsement		
Supervisor, D6	2014	No endorsement yet		
Supervisor, D7	2012	Mike Garcia and Joel Engardio		
Supervisor, D8	2014	Scott Wiener		
Supervisor, D9	2012	David Campos		
Supervisor, D10	2014	Malia Cohen		
Supervisor, D11	2012	No endorsement		

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

I've had the honor of representing the residents of District 8 at the Board of Supervisors since 2011. I've worked very hard since taking office to deliver on my commitment to the voters that I would focus on the key issues facing our city. I've worked to addressing our housing crisis by moving forward measures to stabilize our existing housing while adding to our housing stock in order to accommodate our growing population. For example, I authored legislation to allow people to add new in-law units in the Castro, to incentivize developers to build on-site affordable units and to exceed the minimum affordable unit requirement, to allow smaller studios, and to ban universities from converting rent-controlled apartment buildings into student dorms. I've

continued my long support of renters by advocating for Ellis Act reform and supporting legislation to increase Ellis Act relocation benefits.

I've also worked to improve our transportation challenges by improving investment in our transit system, improving access to car sharing and taxis, and making the city safer and more accessible for cyclists and pedestrians. I represent San Francisco on the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District.

I serve on the Budget Committee and have been instrumental in back-filling 100% of federal HIV cuts, delivering funds for affordable housing and emergency housing needs, investing in our park system and the cleanliness of our public spaces, and funding police academy classes and road resurfacing.

I've championed the needs of the LGBT community, including expansion of access to HIV services and addressing the needs of LGBT seniors and young people.

I've also delivered for District 8. I've championed the Castro Street sidewalk widening and streetscape project, having obtained the project's funding and guided it through the community design process. I've helped move forward key park projects, including the renovation of Dolores Park and Glen Canyon. I authored legislation to acquire the site of the Noe Valley Farmers Market, in order to save the site from development and preserve it for transformation into a permanent town square. And, I've moved forward pedestrian safety projects in various parts of the district.

It's been a deep honor to represent District 8 at City Hall, and I look forward to continuing this important work.

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)

As a lifelong Democrat, I've been heavily involved in Democratic Party politics. I've served on the DCCC for 10 years, including two years as chair. I served for nearly a decade on the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club board of directors, including two years as co-chair. I served for several years on the California Democratic Party Resolutions Committee and have been attending conventions for more than a decade. I've worked to elect many Democrats to office.

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

As described above, my key focuses have been housing, transportation, and ensuring that our budget reflects our city's priorities in terms of our safety net, public safety, and maintaining our parks, public spaces, roads, and other infrastructure. I'll continue to focus in these areas, in addition to the many other areas in which I've worked.

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

Over time, I've hired women and people of color, both as DCCC chair and on the Board of Supervisors. I've also supported – and continue to support – many women who are interested in seeking elective or appointive office. I don't just wait for people to come and seek my help. When I get to know someone who, in my view, would be a terrific public servant, I tend to raise the subject with him or her to see how I can be of help.

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

Most organizations have not yet endorsed, but to date I've received a number of endorsements, including the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, Firefighters Local 798, the Police Officers Association, and several building trades unions. In terms of elected officials, I've sought and received endorsements from Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Mark Leno, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assessor/Recorder Carmen Chu, and Supervisors Mark Farrell, David Chiu, Katy Tang, London Breed, Norman Yee, and Malia Cohen.

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?	Support	
2. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?	Support	
3. Do you support or oppose marriage equality?	Support	
4. Do you support or oppose privatization of essential government services?		Oppose
5. Do you support or oppose public power in San Francisco?	Support Clean Power SF and expanding the PUC's power enterprise	
6. Do you support or oppose reducing jail/prison overcrowding by decreasing penalties for minor drug offenses?	Support	
7. Do you support or oppose rent control?	Support	
8. Do you support or oppose San Francisco's sanctuary city policy?	Support	
9. Do you support or oppose the repeal of instant runoff voting (ranked choice voting)?	Support	

10. Do you support or oppose district elections of Supervisors?	Support	
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Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on August 9, 2014.