

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?** December 1995
3. **Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections?** President Obama
4. **Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election?** No
5. **Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:**

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	Ed Lee	David Chiu	Dennis Herrera
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	Christina Olague	Thea Selby	
Supervisor, D6	2014	No Endorsement Requested		
Supervisor, D7	2012	No Endorsement		
Supervisor, D8	2014	Scott Wiener		
Supervisor, D9	2012	No Endorsement Requested		
Supervisor, D10	2014	Malia Cohen		
Supervisor, D11	2012	No Endorsement Requested		

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

I'm a native San Franciscan who has been an effective legislator on the Board of Supervisors, fighting to keep our Southeastern neighborhoods working, affordable, healthy, and safe. District 10 deserves a leader in City Hall who has the experience, commitment and pragmatism to guide us through the next four years. We need a leader who will stand up for all of us and look for real solutions to address the challenges we face. I have been that leader. Since being elected, I have:

- Championed the development of affordable housing for seniors and families
- Established a mandatory mediation program to ensure foreclosure victims have legal support
- Broke ground on rebuilding public housing, opened libraries and renovated parks
- Spearheaded landmark legislation to toughen regulations on guns and lethal ammunition to curb violence
- Toughened enforcement standards on blight and substandard housing
- Created and protected local jobs in construction and manufacturing
- Secured funding to stop domestic violence, increased healthy food options and expanded language access services
- Supported free Muni for youth and fought to secure more funds for Muni service

- Fought poorly planned development projects and sponsored legislation giving residents more say in neighborhood planning

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)

For the past two years, I have served as a member of the San Francisco Democratic Party. I have worked side by side with you to honor our party's mission to register voters, conduct voter outreach, raise money for the party, charter new Democratic clubs, and work to get strong Democrats elected. I am active on the statewide level in terms of attending annual conventions as a delegate, participating as a regular presenter during Executive Board meetings, and by taking positions on candidates and issues that have statewide ramifications.

On the national front, I have supported President Obama and his policy agenda by ensuring national initiatives are implemented in our communities, such My Brother's Keeper which aims at building ladders of opportunity for boys and young men of color. I held a number of educational outreach forums assisting District 10 residents in enrolling in Covered California under the Affordable Care Act. In addition, I have served the party by mentoring and uplifting young Democrats, who will one day become our future leaders. I am deeply committed to supporting the Democratic principles we share such as equality, freedom of choice, social justice, and diversity.

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

The most pressing issues facing our City are affordability, jobs/living wages, and public safety. These issues are disproportionately felt in our Southeastern neighborhoods. In my first term on the Board of Supervisors, I have focused on authoring and supporting legislation that delivers real solutions to these problems. I passed landmark legislation protecting jobs for hotel, restaurant and concession workers and legislation to protect and expand our City's manufacturing industries.

In my first term, I took significant steps in building affordable housing and beginning the rebuild of public housing. During the height of the economic downturn, I implemented a mandatory mediation program with the Superior Court to ensure that foreclosure victims had access to the legal services they needed to keep their homes.

I strengthened our City's regulation of weapons and ammunition and successfully fought to ensure our police department is adequately staffed. I worked with community leaders to implement a series of gun-buy-back programs which has resulted in removing more than 650 guns from our streets.

I will continue to push forward efforts to rebuild public housing, build new infrastructure in our neighborhoods, expand job opportunities, improve public transportation and increase neighborhood collaboration on public safety issues.

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

Mentoring women has been a personal passion of mine. As a former Emerge graduate, I have personally recruited and supported many women who are running for public office. I have also helped recruit and appoint several women and people color to key City Boards and Commissions including the Planning Commission, Board of Permit Appeals, Small Business Commission, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and the former Redevelopment Commission.

On the Board of Supervisors, I have been at the forefront of women's issues. I sponsored landmark legislation to regulate crisis pregnancy centers and require that they are truthful in their advertising. The centers were using false and misleading information in an effort to deprive women of their rights to choose abortion as an option. I was an early co-sponsor of the family friendly workplace ordinance that provides employees with the right to request a predictable schedule. I have been a strong supporter of the domestic violence survivors and have helped secure additional resources for domestic violence organizations. I collaborated with SEIU 1021 to push forward the campaign for pay equity for women and people of color.

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

Elected Officials

US Senator Diane Feinstein
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Congresswoman Jackie Speier
Congresswoman Barbara Lee
Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom
Attorney General Kamala Harris
Senator Mark Leno
Former State Senator Carole Migden
CA Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins
CA Democratic Party Chairman John Burton
Former Speaker Pro Tempore Fiona Ma
Mayor Ed Lee
Public Defender Jeff Adachi
Assessor Recorder Carmen Chu
Supervisor David Chiu
Supervisor Scott Wiener
Supervisor London Breed
Supervisor Eric Mar
Supervisor Katy Tang
Board of Education Commissioner Matt Haney
Board of Education Commissioner Rachel Norton
Board of Education Commissioner Emily Murase

Organizations

Alliance for Jobs
Police Officers Association
San Francisco Women's Political Committee (SFWPC)
Building & Construction Trades Council
Deputy Sheriffs' Association
Carpenters Local 22
Firefighters Local 798
Laborers 261

United Educators of SF – Executive Board
 San Francisco Young Democrats
 Operating Engineers - Local 3
 SEIU - Local 87
 SEIU - UHW
 SFSU College Democrats
 IBEW Local 6
 Ironworkers Local 377
 SF Black Young Democrats
 Willie B Kennedy Democratic Club
 Democratic Women in Action
 Building Owners & Managers Association
 Black Women Organized for Political Action
 Filipino American Democratic Club
 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?	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.