

## 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 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.

- 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? *~1998*
3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections? *Obama (Kerry before that)*
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	Leland Yee	Joana Rees	David Chui, Ed Lee, & Dennis Herrera
Assembly District 17	2014	David Chui	David Campos	
Supervisor, D1	2012	Eric Mar		
Supervisor, D2	2014	Mark Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	David Chui		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Katy Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012	Thea Selby	London Breed	
Supervisor, D6	2014	Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012	Norman Yee	FX Crowley	
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)

As a reminder from my close campaign two years ago, I am in a unique position to govern San Francisco City College because of my work in developing and analyzing policy, implementing evidence-based practices, and making hard decisions, as well as my work as an adjunct professor for many years, which brings a faculty perspective, and my passion for education, having gone from high-school drop-out to PhD. I also have experience working with the accrediting agency. City College is ripe for new perspectives, and I believe that if strong, independent, pragmatic, unifying leaders fill the seats this year we'll have a greater chance at having the Board reinstated sooner rather than later. I am one of those leaders.

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 served on the San Francisco Women's Political Committee as a policy advocate for issues dealing with girls and women. Currently, I am working on legislation that will close the loophole in the Paid Family Leave Act that will allow public employees to be eligible. I was also on the board of the National Council of Jewish Women, which focuses on lobbying at the local and state level to combat human trafficking, prevent family violence, promote girls' education, and advocate for restorative justice, and have served on the United Way's Women's Leadership Council, whose goal is to reduce poverty in the Bay Area by half by 2020, and the board of the Richmond District Neighborhood Center. I am a graduate of Emerge California and am an elected delegate for the 19th Assembly District of the CA Democratic Party. I am also informally involved in several women's networking and mentoring organizations. In these capacities, I have raised money, phone banked, and walked countless precincts for local democratic candidates. I also registered voters and phone banked for Obama during the 2008 and 2012 campaigns and for Allyson Schwartz for PA governor.

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

With City College at a critical stage, my goal is to focus on the overall strength and stability of the institution as a whole and ensure available, accessible, and affordable education for our community while also ensuring adherence to the accrediting agency's standards. The primary objective is to keep City College open, accredited, and top quality. My vision is to make sure that the community's needs are being met with high-quality education and training and that the college is on track for financial stability. The Board must also rebuild mutual trust with all of its stakeholders, including faculty and staff, students, the community, the state chancellor's office, and the accrediting agency. I will then work to harness the success of City College graduates in the community to create an alumni network to mentor current students, to provide expansive practical internship opportunities, and to help fund the future generation's educational aspirations. I will also work to ensure that all stakeholders are held accountable to a professional standard.

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

I have mentored female and minority students and provided them with internships at my agency as well as advice and encouragement. As an alumna of Emerge California, I make myself available to other women for advice and assistance. I was a strong supporter of the women's slate and, when appropriate, support with time and funds the strongest female democratic candidate in a race.

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

Although I jumped into the race late (a week before the filing deadline), early endorsers include former Assemblywoman Fiona Ma; Supervisors Scott Weiner and Jane Kim; DCCC members Zoe Dunning, Rebecca Prozan, Alix Rosenthal, and Leah Pimentel; School Board Commissioners Rachel Norton, Emily Murase, and Sandra Fewer; College Board Trustee Steve Ngo; and community leaders Michelle Parker, Obai Rambo, Todd David, Keith Baraka. I also received an early endorsement from the San Francisco Women’s Political Committee (SFWPC).

### 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	

\*Open to hearing arguments on both sides

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