

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 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?

April 14, 1992.

3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections?

Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

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	John Avalos		
Assembly District 17	2014	David Campos		
Supervisor, D1	2012	Eric Mar		
Supervisor, D2	2014	Undecided		
Supervisor, D3	2012	None		
Supervisor, D4	2014	None		
Supervisor, D5	2012	Christina Olague		
Supervisor, D6	2014	Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012	FX Crowley		
Supervisor, D8	2014	Undecided		
Supervisor, D9	2012	David Campos		

Supervisor, D10	2014	Tony Kelly		
Supervisor, D11	2012	John Avalos		

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

If elected to serve as a Trustee at City College of San Francisco, I will bring over 20 years of broad leadership and civic engagement experience to the board. I am a first generation college graduate and understand the experiences and challenges of community college students. After struggling academically I was able to transfer to San Francisco State University where I graduated with a degree in Urban Studies. I was able to reach my educational goal because of support programs like Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, and Disabled Students Programs and Services. As a community college student I also served in student government representing 20,000 students on the Academic Senate and other college wide committees.

Currently I serve as Chair of Citizens Advisory Committee for Public Utilities Commission, President of the Richmond Democratic Club and on the local governing board for Girl Scouts of Northern California. I am a small business owner and Project Manager for commercial construction. I have 10 years of experience in the construction field and have worked on numerous challenging projects. I have experience analyzing budgets, problem solving and strategic planning. I believe in City College because of the amazing opportunities it provides to our community.

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)

In the summer of 2010, I started as a Volunteer Community Organizer for Organizing for America. In September of 2010, I was officially hired to manage the field office in San Francisco for the midterms. Because San Francisco is a Democratic stronghold my role was to turnout volunteers that conducted phone banking and essential field operations to bring a win to the party for every State and national office. On a national level we were critical to the effort to keep every Democratic congressional representative from California in office.

On a local level, since 2010 I have been an active board member of the Richmond Democratic Club. The Richmond District is one of the largest swing districts in San Francisco. We activated neighborhood voters to turnout for all of the local, State and national elections. We held numerous forums on neighborhood and citywide public policy. I have been a lifelong Democrat and have consistently upheld the values of the party.

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

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Voters have time and time again put funds toward supporting City College. I want to ensure that voter approved bonds are used as intended for technology, campus and classroom maintenance, hiring adequate levels of faculty and classified staff and student support services.
- **Restore Accreditation:** CCSF has served hundreds of thousands of students for almost 80 years without sanction and with excellent academic quality. The institution touches 1 in 3 San Franciscans, accreditation has to be restored and protect students from being displaced by closure.
- **Clear Pathways to Jobs:** I want to strengthen our capacity to sustain employment partners. This includes our nursing, fire science, culinary, fashion, construction management and trades programs. I also want to develop and strengthen new employment pathways such as taxi driver training and Tech SF. Business has to be a good neighbor, I want to help cultivate a win-win for the business community and for students.

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

I was appointed to serve District One on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Citizen's Advisory Committee. I was unanimously elected as the first woman, person of color, and person under 40 years old to serve as Chair and I have championed issues like CleanPowerSF and economic justice for our most vulnerable communities such as the Bayview-Hunter's Point.

Since December of 2011, I've held the role of Cultural Liaison on the local governing board for Girl Scouts of Northern California where I am working to make sure that the that foundations of support and nurturing that I found through Girl Scouting are just as accessible to young girls of color, living in low income neighborhoods. I encourage women and people of color to run for elected office and as a woman of color I advocate for the issues that impact our lives.

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

- Supervisor Eric Mar
- Supervisor David Campos
- Supervisor John Avalos

- Art Agnos, Former Mayor
- Jake McGoldrick, Former Supervisor
- Aaron Peskin, Former President of the Board of Supervisors and Democratic County Central Committee Chair
- Jane Morrison, Former Democratic County Central Committee Chair Jane Morrison
- Hene Kelly, Democratic County Central Committee Member
- Kelly Dwyer, Democratic County Central Committee Member
- Petra DeJesus, Democratic County Central Committee Member and San Francisco Police Commissioner
- Ross Mirkarimi, Sheriff
- Shanell Williams, Student Trustee CCSF
- Richmond Democratic Club

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