



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:

LGBT Center
1800 Market 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? **At the age of 18**
3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections? **Hon. 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			
Assembly District 17	2014			
Supervisor, D1	2012			
Supervisor, D2	2014			
Supervisor, D3	2012			
Supervisor, D4	2014			
Supervisor, D5	2012			
Supervisor, D6	2014	Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012			
Supervisor, D8	2014			
Supervisor, D9	2012			
Supervisor, D10	2014			
Supervisor, D11	2012			

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

I like many other military veterans, have relied on the community college system. I am committed to restoring CCSF!

As a combat veteran, West Point graduate and chief negotiator for reconstruction contracts in the most dangerous region of Iraq in 2006-2007, I translated and oversaw negotiations of scopes of work and memoranda of agreement while navigating a complex political and tribal warzone, in Arabic. I am qualified to do this for City College. As a CCSF student I understand what's needed. I have served on the frontlines of war and political activism as a spokesperson for the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell." I bring a national stature to the debate that will not compromise with forces trying to shut down and damage CCSF. At the same time I realize problems at CCSF must be addressed. I can make the tough decisions without regard to my future political career. I am here for CCSF!

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 worked alongside relentlessly to support Democratic candidates from senate races to fundraising for BAYMEC and GOTV campaigns around the country. We helped keep the Democratic Party focused on the values of inclusion, integrity and keeping promises to the most vulnerable. I have participated in direct action on a range of issues from LGBT Equality, Climate Change, Immigration and Employment. I have lectured at hundreds of colleges and corporations to affect such change and continue to do so through my own foundation, the Lt. Dan Choi Institute.

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

1) CCSF Fiscal Solvency and attracting local investment in the school's infrastructure.

2) CCSF Students particularly veterans and LGBT, who need support and role models.

3) CCSF Enrollment Crisis. Every semester launching campaigns to bring students and faculty back to CCSF until we reach 100,000 (which we had in 2001).

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

Every day I hear from students who are suicidal because of minority stress, depressed because they feel there is no successful future for them, and every day I encourage them to keep living, to run for office, to get involved. I have saved many lives through my public work and activism and through the personal struggles I have had in my own journey. By personal example and connecting through lectures and campaigns over the past 5 years I continue to be a role model especially for women and minority veterans.

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

Supervisor Jane Kim, Former Trustee Chris Jackson.

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)?		
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.