

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? When I was old enough to vote.
1981
3. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections? Obama Obama
4. Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election? Who? Yes
When? I've voted for green party candidates before, Matt Gonzalez for Supervisor.
5. Name the candidates you support or supported for the following offices:

Office	Year	Candidate #1	Candidate #2	Candidate #3
Mayor	2011	David Chiu	Joanna Rees	John Avalos
Assembly District 17	2014	David Campos		
Supervisor, D1	2012	NA		
Supervisor, D2	2014	NA		
Supervisor, D3	2012	NA		
Supervisor, D4	2014	NA		
Supervisor, D5	2012	Thea Selby	London Breed	Hope Johnson
Supervisor, D6	2014	NA		
Supervisor, D7	2012	NA		
Supervisor, D8	2014	NA		
Supervisor, D9	2012	NA		
Supervisor, D10	2014	NA		
Supervisor, D11	2012	NA		

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

As a mother of two teens, a passionate advocate for public education, a small business owner, a past student of CCSF, and someone who cares deeply about San Francisco, I am excited to fight for the future of City College.

My son told me that counselors urge freshmen students to attend City College before attempting a four year college. Their reasoning: both to lessen the burden of the cost of college education for the child, now prohibitively high, and because City College is known as a place where teachers go to teach. City College is a caring place, where immigrants can find their path out of poverty; where students can study for good-paying trades jobs; where seniors can escape isolation. We cannot let it close.

My experiences as a former college instructor, my skills gained as a community leader, a member of the California High Speed Rail Authority Board, and my knowledge gained as a scrappy small business owner will help me be a good, hard-working member of the City College Board. I will fight for the students and also for fiscal responsibility. I know

how to hold my ground without closing doors, how to respect stakeholders while making progress.

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 asked for the voters of AD17 to elect me as a delegate to the Democratic party twice, once in 2011, when I was unsuccessful, but put together a slate of Emerge women, two of whom got more votes than the incumbent slate, and the second time as a member of the AD17 Ammiano slate. Once elected as a member of AD17 state delegation, I immediately ran for Treasurer of the Business & Professional Caucus, and was elected. I have held that post ever since.

When I got elected to the AD17 slate, I also began working with the San Francisco Democrats on streamlining the endorsement process. The goal was to help smaller Democratic clubs with the endorsement process, reduce congestion, increase the amount of time candidates and clubs could spend with each other, and provide a service to clubs from the Democratic Party. The first attempt at streamlined endorsement will take place this August 16th and 24th. I hope to report back that the process was overall beneficial for candidates, clubs, and the Democratic Party.

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

1. Make sure we are doing everything possible to get accredited. I worked for a new college that was not yet accredited. Our students had to fight to get their credits accepted in the 4-year institutions. It is imperative that City College get accredited, for the state funding, and for the students' ability to receive financial aid and so that their coursework counts. It is my first and probably only aim for the first 6 months to a year.
2. Work on policies deepening the connection between high schools and City College, between people on probation and City College; between immigrants and City College. We need people to enroll, and we need to look at the population that is enrolling and make sure the I will work on a policy to simplify enrollment in City College. My son had to jump through too many hoops to become a student.
3. Work on getting a voting student representative on the board. It's like not having a Muni rider on the MTA board; it doesn't make sense.

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

I have learned from my mentor Fiona Ma in this regard. Former Speaker Pro Tem Ma does a great job of promoting good men and women, but especially the underrepresented, to get involved in government.

Specifically, I ask women of color to apply for Emerge: I outreach consistently to women of color and invite them to consider applying for the Emerge program, which teaches Democratic women to run for office. I have encouraged women in each cycle to apply for the program.

Encouraged two women of color, Jackie Omotalade, to replace me on the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. Requested that they hold the position open to give an opportunity to have a more diverse applicant pool. They acquiesced.

I put on a Women's Leadership Conference each year in San Francisco in my field. I look to have the panels be as diverse as possible, looking at age, race, and sexual orientation as well as diversity of experience.

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

Former Assemblywoman Fiona Ma

Supervisor London Breed

Supervisor Malia Cohen

Supervisor Mark Farrell

Supervisor David Campos

Former Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Board of Education Emily Murase

Board of Education member Kim-Shree Maufas

Executive Director, Livable City, Tom Radulovich

DCCC Vice Chair, Finance, and Alice B. Toklas LGBT Co-Chair Zoe Dunning

DCCC Member Alix Rosenthal

DCCC Member Leah Pimentel

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.