

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 first registered to vote in college.*
3. *Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections? President 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	David Lee	Eric Mar	
Supervisor, D2	2014	Mark Farrell		
Supervisor, D3	2012	David Chiu		
Supervisor, D4	2014	Katy Tang		
Supervisor, D5	2012			
Supervisor, D6	2014	Jane Kim		
Supervisor, D7	2012			
Supervisor, D8	2014	Scott Wiener		
Supervisor, D9	2012	David Campos		
Supervisor, D10	2014			
Supervisor, D11	2012	John Avalos		

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

I am a life-long Democrat, running for an office that has been held by a Republican for 24 years. I will bring a San Francisco focus to the BART Board, and will represent San Francisco values.

Appointed to San Francisco's Environment Commission, and a member of SPUR's transportation policy committee, I have focused on promoting vibrant,

sustainable and affordable communities. With Supervisor Eric Mar and community groups in Richmond, I pressured the city to plan for significantly improved speed, reliability and frequency of buses on Geary Blvd. I also co-authored an influential review of Caltrans, the state transportation agency, which identified structural issues in the organization that encouraged urban sprawl and led to poor performance. The report spurred much needed action in Sacramento.

I founded a solar energy company that brought clean power to thousands of families. I worked closely with communities and local governments to create consensus and generate well-paying local jobs while reducing greenhouse gases.

I bring a strong drive, fresh perspective and innovative ideas to a BART Board that truly needs it.

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 am a life-long Democrat, who first volunteered for John Kerry's campaign for presidency while still in college. I have been a strong supporter - as a donor, fundraiser and volunteer - of Democratic candidates and the Democratic Party for over a decade, and never more so than in the past four years.

I volunteered for President Obama's re-election in Nevada and Colorado, and for two Democratic candidates for State Assembly this primary cycle running against corporate-backed Democrats and Republicans.

I have raised money for the Democratic Candidates at numerous levels of government including raising almost \$100'000 for the two Democratic State Assembly Candidates above. I have raised money for the Democratic Party itself, including the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee and the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee.

I have also been a strong supporter - raising money and volunteering - for numerous ballot initiatives and candidates endorsed by the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee.

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

We have a transportation crisis in San Francisco. Our commutes - whether by car, transit, bike or foot - are getting longer and less reliable. We need to stop this decline, and build a world-class public transportation system that gets San Franciscans to work and back home quickly, affordably and reliably. Four of my top priorities would be:

BART should run more trains, more often and more reliably. And should run trains on weekend nights.

BART should thoroughly renovate its stations, especially those in San Francisco, to make them vibrant urban places.

BART should use its own land, as well as working with local communities around BART stations, to build the affordable, transit-oriented neighborhoods that we so badly need in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

BART needs to re-establish good labor relations with a deep focus on improved worker safety and a profound change in organizational attitude towards the concerns of its workers.

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

I founded a solar power plant development company. Power plant development is traditionally a male dominated field. I worked hard to recruit women into my company, and create an environment and a culture where they were mentored and supported. I am proud that almost 50% of all levels of staff - including executives and engineers - were women.

In politics, I have worked with women and people of color to help redress their under-representation at all levels of government. For example, the California State Legislature has never had an Indian-American member and has seen over the past cycles fewer women legislators. I worked extensively with an Indian-American woman running for State Assembly in Long Beach, Suja Lowenthal, raising her over \$50'000 and volunteering extensively with her campaign.

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

Supervisor Scott Wiener

Supervisor Eric Mar

Former San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos

Judge of the Superior Court Quentin Kopp (retired)

The Sierra Club

BART Director Tom Radulovich

Melanie Nutter, Former Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment

Kim-Shree Maufas

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.