



## 2015 SF DCCC Endorsement Questionnaire

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### Instructions

Please complete this questionnaire and send electronic copies by 5pm on Thursday, August 6, in the accompanying email to:

- Alix Rosenthal at [alix@alixro.com](mailto:alix@alixro.com)
- Matt Dorsey at [mattdorsey@mac.com](mailto:mattdorsey@mac.com)

The 2015 endorsement interviews for candidates for Community College Board, Sheriff, and the ballot measures will take place at the San Francisco LGBT Center (1800 Market Street) on Saturday, August 8, from 10am-2pm. The SFDCCC's endorsement votes for candidates and qualified local ballot measures will occur at its August 12 meeting.

Only candidates who return a completed questionnaire electronically by the due date will be allowed to present before the committee. At the time of the interview, you may also provide 15 copies of up to 4 pages of information for distribution to SFDCCC members.

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 to the DCCC members and post them on the S.F. Democratic Party's website (at <http://www.sfdemocrats.org>) for the public to view.

## General Questions

1. Are you a registered Democrat?

Yes:  No:

2. When did you first register as a Democrat?

2006. Previously no party preference.

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?

Yes:  No:

If "Yes," who? When?

5. Name the candidates you supported for the following offices:

OFFICE (YEAR)	CANDIDATE #1	CANDIDATE #2	CANDIDATE #3
Mayor (2011)	Mayor Lee	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D1 (2012)	Did not support while serving as Interim Sheriff	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D2 (2014)	Supervisor Farrell	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D3 (2012)	Did not support while serving as Interim Sheriff	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D4 (2014)	Supervisor Katy Tang	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D5 (2012)	Did not support while serving as Interim Sheriff	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D6 (2014)	Supervisor Jane	Theresa Sparks	N/A

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Supervisor, D7 (2012)	Did not support while serving as Interim Sheriff	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D8 (2014)	Supervisor Scott Wiener	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D9 (2012)	Did not support while serving as Interim Sheriff	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D10 (2014)	Supervisor Malia Cohen	N/A	N/A
Supervisor, D11 (2012)	Did not support while serving as Interim Sheriff	N/A	N/A

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

I have worked in San Francisco's Sheriff Department for over 30 years. During my career in the department I worked in nearly every department and in every rank. I understand the nuts and bolts of San Francisco's Sheriff Department and was quickly promoted through competitive testing. I have earned respect by working in every division throughout the department and at every rank. I also led each division.

In 2001, I was asked to spearhead the development of a comprehensive plan that allowed the Sheriff's Department to efficiently collect ballots from over 500 precincts throughout San Francisco. In 2008, I was appointed executive director of the Department of Emergency Management where I developed San Francisco's first all hazards plan. Finally, in 2012, I was asked to come out of retirement by Mayor Lee and serve as the Interim Sheriff while the current Sheriff was fighting his suspension. As interim Sheriff, my experience in the department gave me the ability to effectively stabilize the department during a time of crisis. My years of experience and earned leadership in the department make me the best candidate to effectively serve as Sheriff.

8. 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.)

During my tenure in San Francisco's Sheriff Department, I was not actively

involved in the party, as I was incredibly focused on being involved in my children's schooling and my demanding work with the department. Although not politically active, I was involved on the school and athletic boards at my children's school. I was most politically active during Paul Miyamoto's race for Sheriff four years ago and now with my own race for Sheriff.

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

The Sheriff is an officer of the court whose priority is to keep all people safe. If elected, ensuring the safety of inmates, deputies and San Franciscans would be my top priority. I would proactively act to return the Sheriff's Department to the level of professionalism I experienced during my career.

I would seek to increase true accountability and transparency in the Sheriff's Department. Body cameras with carefully developed procedures that include community input are only one tool. Others include: much needed training for deputies in implicit bias, crisis intervention, updates on mental health and substance abuse treatments, and career development; a community stakeholder group to assist with defining transparency and populating the website with relevant information; a prisoner ombudsman program; and an early warning system for employee misconduct.

I will continue the Sheriff's Department's history of providing community prevention, in-jail, post-jail and alternative programs. I believe Five Keys Charter School has the capacity to train not just inmates in implicit bias recognition, but all our staff as a pilot program. I would like to include Five Keys with other city entities in the development of a training innovation hub that delivers 21st century training.

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

As someone who came from the first list of deputies that included women and members of the LGBT community ensuring a department that is reflective of the community is a top priority for me. I will continue to support programs that provide real opportunities to people who find themselves at risk. I strongly support community programs in San Francisco, like the Omega Boys Club and others that work to provide alternatives to criminal activity for at-risk youth. The Sheriff's Department Garden

Project that serves at-risk youth through environmentally based, paid job training is a model program that I would like to expand. This program also provides a summer day camp program for kids from underserved neighborhoods. My vision is to expand the Garden Project to become the City's Garden Project dedicated to growing sustainable, organic foods for wider distribution, and offering more opportunities for at-risk youth and low-income families.

Supporting gender based programs for women in the jails and providing opportunities to women working in the department is key. Recruiting women is essential as their ranks have diminished and many assigned to women's jails do not have the opportunity to gain experience in varied positions that assist them in promoting.

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

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
 Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom  
 Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma  
 Assemblymember David Chiu  
 Mayor Ed Lee  
 Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu  
 Board of Supervisors President London Breed  
 Board of Supervisors Member Malia Cohen  
 Board of Supervisors Member Mark Farrell  
 Board of Supervisors Member Jane Kim  
 Board of Supervisors Member Katy Tang  
 Board of Supervisors Member Scott Wiener  
 Board of Supervisors Member Norman Yee  
 San Francisco City College Board of Trustees Alex Randolph

### 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 privatization of essential government services?		X

4. Do you support or oppose reducing jail/prison overcrowding by decreasing penalties for minor drug offenses?	X	
5. Do you support or oppose rent control?	X	
6. Do you support or oppose San Francisco's sanctuary city policy?	X	
7. Do you support or oppose instant runoff voting (ranked choice voting)?	X	
8. Do you support or oppose the Getting to Zero Consortium's strategy for HIV/AIDS in San Francisco?	X	

If you need to add further explanation or qualification to any of your support-or-oppose answers above, you may do so here:

**Sustainable Communities Pledge**

On February 25, 2015, the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee enacted a resolution in support of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council's Sustainable Communities Pledge. The pledge advocates for good-paying construction jobs

for local residents; increasing housing and specifically affordable housing; and requiring environmentally responsible building in partnership with organized labor.

As part of that resolution, the San Francisco Democratic Party now includes the Sustainable Communities Pledge as part of its endorsement questionnaire. The complete text reads as follows:

Whereas, past patterns of urban and suburban growth and development are not sustainable and state law now requires the adoption of sustainable communities strategies that will incentivize urban infill and transit-oriented development; and

Whereas, this shift in land use and transportation policy is already resulting in an unprecedented level of private investment for residential, commercial, and retail urban infill development and construction, which is projected to increase over the next twenty years; and

Whereas, the Bay Area should welcome more intensive, compact development along transit corridors to meet our obligation to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases; and

Whereas, it is critical that private investment and construction in this development contribute to economically vibrant, healthy, and equitable communities, including providing housing for an economically diverse work force and walkable neighborhoods well served by employment, shopping, and recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, it is critical also that this private investment and construction provide tangible economic benefits including employment to residents, and not just profits to investors; and

Whereas, communities benefit more fully from construction and development when construction employers offer job training and apprenticeship opportunities, hire local workers, and pay area standard wages; and Whereas the value of every dollar in construction wages spent by local workers is multiplied as it circulates through the local economy and local small businesses; and

Whereas, local spending of construction wages generates much-needed sales tax revenue to local governments, I pledge to support and give priority to projects that abide by these principles of a sustainable, economically vibrant, and equitable community by:

- Furthering smart land use and growth policies by using energy efficient and environmentally sustainable building design and supporting alternatives to the automobile for transportation;
- Ensuring in cooperation with their representative organizations that local workers are hired on project construction and are paid area standard wages and benefits, including employer-funded healthcare for themselves and their families;
- Providing outreach to local youth and disadvantaged communities and opportunities for their training and employment through state-approved Labor/Management apprenticeship programs;



- Providing construction employment and training for our military veterans;
- Ensuring that affordable units are provided along with any market-rate residential units; and
- Providing such other community benefits and amenities as will offset a project's identifiable adverse impacts on the community.

I, Vicki L. Hennessy, affirm that I agree with the contents of this Sustainable Communities Pledge, and if elected, I will work to further its mission.

Enter your initials: V.H.