2012 Board of Supervisors Candidate DCCC Questionnaire

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INSTRUCTIONS:

• Please complete this questionnaire and bring 15 copies with you to be distributed just prior to your interview appointment on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

• **IMPORTANT** Please send electronic copies to all three of the following people:
  Alix Rosenthal at aar@rosenthallegal.com
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  Evelyn Lin at 3v3lynlin@gmail.com

by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

• 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 attached to your questionnaire for distribution to SFDCCC members.

• If you have not heard from the committee by August 10th, please contact Evelyn Lin at 3v3lynlin@gmail.com to schedule a specific time slot at the Endorsement Interview Meeting on August 11th, 2012.

• 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

. Are you a registered Democrat?
Yes

. When did you first register as a Democrat?
1980

. Who did you vote for in the last two Presidential elections?
Kerry, Obama

. What have you done and what do you plan to do to ensure the re-election of President Obama?

My campaign team and I are committed to doing all we can to ensure the re-election of President Obama. We will be working closely with the Obama for America neighborhood teams to get out the vote in the Richmond.

I also will be encouraging my friends and supporters to volunteer for the campaign by phonebanking and traveling to key battleground states.

. Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election? Who? When?


. Name the candidates you supported for the following offices:

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<td>Mayor</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>David Chiu (unranked)</td>
<td>Leland Yee (unranked)</td>
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<td>District Attorney</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>David Onek</td>
<td>Sharmin Bock</td>
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<td>Sheriff</td>
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<td>Ross Mrikarimi</td>
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<td>Supervisor, D1</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Eric Mar</td>
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Please provide a brief summary of your *qualifications* for this office. (no more than 200 words)

Throughout the last four years, I have worked to create jobs, improve our schools, expand affordable housing and support families and seniors in our communities and protect the unique character of the Richmond.

As Supervisor, I have

- Created thousands of jobs through supporting business tax reform, local hire ordinance, workforce training, and California’s largest solar energy project

- Fought for additional school funding, City College, Preschool for All, Safe Routes to Schools pedestrian safety program

- Championed affordable housing for seniors, developmentally disabled, low-income families

- Saved Richmond small businesses- Balboa Theater, Bazaar Café, locally owned pet stores
• Led efforts to improve transit service on the 38 Geary and 5 Fulton lines

• Expanded language access services for immigrants

• Improved community health- increasing healthy food options, expanding smoke free public spaces

Prior to my tenure in City Hall, I taught Asian American Studies at SF State for 16 years, served as the director of the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant Rights, former Acting Dean of New College of California School of Law, and spent eight years as a Commissioner on the SF Board of Education. I have lived in the Richmond District for over 26 years and am a proud father of a 12-year daughter.

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 been active in the Democratic Party for the last 28 years. My advocacy started with 1984 and 1988 Rainbow Coalition campaigns in Chinatown, the Richmond and neighborhoods throughout SF. In 2008 I helped to build the Obama Campaign in San Francisco with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for Obama and will continue to help the voter ID and fundraising operations locally. For many years, I have helped to connect the party to immigrant communities and labor and workers organizations. In the Richmond District I have worked with the Richmond District Democratic Club to register voters and engage our neighborhood in key Citywide issues, State and Federal issues. I am honored to be currently serving my sixth term on the Democratic County Central Committee.

If elected, or if currently holding office, what are the three top issues you will work to affect? (no more than 200 words)

I’m running for re-election to represent the Richmond District and to work with the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and city government, labor and community organizations to make sure San Francisco is a livable, affordable and productive city for all – especially working families, seniors, the middle class and small businesses.

My number one priority once re-elected is to continue to revive our economy and create good living wage jobs for all San Franciscans.

Secondly, I will prioritize our city’s children, youth and families. I am committed to working with the San Francisco Unified School District and City College to improve our schools. I also will work to improve public transit and public safety, protect and expand affordable housing and improve our parks.
Thirdly, I will continue my work for economic and social justice by supporting community efforts to improve the quality of life for working families and build power and a real political voice for our communities.

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

Over the years, mentoring women and people of color has been one of my most important priorities. At SF State, I mentored hundreds of young student activists and worked to place them in organizing opportunities across the city and beyond.

I have supported many women and people of color running for office including Sandra Fewer, Jane Kim, Kimshree Maufas, Rachel Norton, Emily Murase, Sarah Lipson, and many more.

As a Supervisor, I have worked hard to increase diversity on our city’s commissions by appointing women and people of color. With the Commission on the Status of Women I support gender equity reports from all City Departments and active recruitment of women and underrepresented groups.

I have also chosen the only local political consulting firm run by a woman and a person of color to lead my re-election campaign effort.

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

San Francisco Labor Council  
California Nurses Association  
Sierra Club  
United Educators of San Francisco  
SF Rising Action Fund  
Service Employees International Union Local 1021  
San Francisco Tomorrow  
Local 21 International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers  
S.E.I.U. United Service Workers West  

California Board of Equalization Member Betty Yee  
California State Senator Leland Yee  
California State Assemblymember Tom Ammiano  
California Assemblymember Paul Fong  
Board of Supervisors President David Chiu  
Supervisor John Avalos  
Supervisor David Campos  
Supervisor Jane Kim  
Supervisor Christina Olague  
Supervisor Malia Cohen  
San Francisco Assessor-Recorder Phil Ting  
San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi  
Board of Education President Norman Yee  
Board of Education Vice-President Rachel Norton
Board of Education Commissioners Kim-Shree Maufas, Sandra Fewer and Emily Murase
Community College Board President John Rizzo
Community College Trustees Lawrence Wong, Chris Jackson and Steve Ngo
Former Mayor Art Agnos
Former State Senator Carole Migden
Former Assemblywoman Wilma Chan
Former Supervisor Jake McGoldrick
Former Supervisor Bevan Dufty
Former Supervisor Sophie Maxwell
Former Supervisor Terrance Hallinan
Former Supervisor & Democratic Central Committee Chair Aaron Peskin
Former Democratic Central Committee Chairs Jane Morrison and Leslie Katz

**ISSUES QUESTIONS**
Please only mark whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each issue.

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<td>Do you support or oppose marriage equality?</td>
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<td>Do you support or oppose privatization of essential government services?</td>
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Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you on August 11, 2012.