



Dear Candidate,

As the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club embarks on our endorsements for the June 2016 election cycle, your participation in our club questionnaire allows our membership to better understand you and where you stand as a candidate.

Our questionnaire consists of a series of short-answer questions (200 words or less).

Please return the completed questionnaire by 11:59 PM Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

E-mail all questionnaires to our Political Action Committee at [pac@sflatinodemocrats.com](mailto:pac@sflatinodemocrats.com). If you are unable to complete the questionnaire by April 5, please let us know ASAP.

Upon submission of your completed questionnaire, you will receive an invitation to our April 9, 2016 PAC endorsement meeting.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,  
The San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

**BASIC INFORMATION**

Name as It Will Appear On the Ballot:	JON GOLINGER,  Candidate for SF Democratic County Central Committee, Assembly District 17
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	Yes	No
Are you now or have you ever been a member of LDC?		X
Have you ever sought LDC's endorsement in the past?	X (for ballot measures)	

**QUESTIONS (Please limit responses to 200 words):**

- 1) Please describe your qualifications for the position you seek plus anything else that you'd like our members to know about you and your candidacy. Also list any endorsements you have secured from others you wish us to know about.**

*I believe San Francisco is a special place worth fighting for. That's why I love it, that's why I live here, and that's why I've worked so hard for the last fifteen years to protect San Francisco's beauty, diversity, environment, and unique character. I'm running to help reclaim the San Francisco Democratic Party from the real estate industry and corporate lobbyists who have taken it over to serve their own interests. At this critical time for our city, we need the San Francisco Democratic Party to wake up, stand up, and become a leading voice for an affordable, livable, and diverse city that's open to everyone -- not just the elite and the privileged few.*

*The San Francisco Democratic Party needs to lead the way and fight to close the massive income inequality gap, stop evictions and create affordable housing, support real criminal justice reform, strengthen environmental protections and protect our Bay and waterfront, stand up for labor and workers' rights, and stop big money and corporate lobbyists from dominating politics.*

*I am proud to have been endorsed by the San Francisco Tenants Union, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, American Federation of Teachers, Local 2121, District 8 Democratic Club, Bernal Heights Democratic Club, SF Bay Guardian, State Senator Mark Leno, Former Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, former City Attorney Louise Renne, Supervisor David Campos,, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, and author David Talbot.*

**2) What do you think are the top 3 priorities/issues of the San Francisco Latino Community? And why?**

*I think that housing, affordability and displacement are the critical issues for all of San Francisco's communities right now and we have to act now for the diversity and heart of San Francisco to survive and thrive. That's why I volunteered to work to ensure that last year's Prop. 1 Mission Luxury Housing Moratorium had enough petition signatures in time to qualify for the November ballot. While the SF Realtors Association – whose lobbyist is currently Chair of the SF Democratic Party – and the real estate industry spent enough money and ran enough deceptive ads to defeat that measure, it was a critical organizing tool that moved forward the effort to create real affordable housing now, not just keep allowing ultra-luxury condos to get built and occupy all the remaining spaces.*

**3) What are your plans to encourage and empower the Latino Community into the Democratic political process?**

*The SF Democratic Party absolutely has to start prioritizing registering new Democratic voters in SF rather than continuing to lose another thousands more Democratic voters in San Francisco, as has happened over the last four years because of the failures of the current leadership. This disenfranchises all of our communities. According to the California Secretary of State, the number of registered San Francisco Democratic voters has dropped by 13,412 voters over the last four years since the real estate lobbyist and the current group took over the SF Democratic Party, while Democratic registration in other California counties such as Los Angeles has gone up over the last four years.*

*Job one for the new members SF Democratic County Central Committee will be to reform the SF Democratic Party itself by 1) replacing a corporate real estate lobbyist as Chair with someone independent of the real estate industry, 2) ending the unlimited campaign contribution loophole that exists for the SF DCCC by applying the \$500 limit that voters have approved for every other city office and 3) making the SF Democratic County Central Committee transparent to everyday Democrats by making it a new policy to video record and live-stream the monthly SF DCCC meetings that currently happen in an office building basement late into the evenings when most San Francisco Democrats don't even know they're taking place and when even the most dedicated Democratic activists have a difficult time attending or ever knowing what happened.*

*We also need to start prioritizing registering new Democratic voters in SF rather than continuing to lose another 13,000 Democratic voters in San Francisco, as has happened over the last four years because of the failures of the current leadership. The SF Democratic Party needs to empower grassroots Democratic Clubs such as LDC to help bring new people into the Party.*

**4) Are you active in your community/communities? If so, how?**

*For the last fifteen years, I have been working hard to preserve San Francisco's neighborhoods, environment, and unique character. I worked with the Sierra Club and Save the Bay to stop the*

*SF Airport from paving over two square miles of the Bay for new runways. I led the battle to pass 2004's Proposition I, which voters approved to require MUNI to replace its dirtiest diesel buses with cleaner hybrid-electrics. I fought to stop a shopping mall from being built by the Mills Corporation at Piers 27-31 – instead we have a cruise ship terminal that brings in visitors from around the world to SF every week. I led the battle to protect Coit Tower and pass the Coit Tower Preservation ballot measure that forced the city to stop neglecting Coit Tower and its historic New Deal-era murals, to spend \$1.7 million to restore Coit Tower and the murals, and to start treating the murals as the San Francisco treasure that they are. I led the No Wall on the Waterfront campaign to defeat the 8 Washington high-rise luxury condos and the battle to pass Prop. B in June 2014 to give voters the power to protect our waterfront by requiring voter approval for any waterfront height limit increases.*

*Currently I serve on the Port's Waterfront Land Use Review Working Group, which is advising the Port on how to manage our waterfront in the face of rapid climate change and sea level rise. As the climate heats up and the Bay rises, environmental protection measures on the local level to address climate change and deal with sea level rise have to be a top priority for San Francisco.*

**5) Which candidates are you supporting or have you supported in the following elections:**

2016 SF DCCC

*AD19 - Brigitte Davila, Sandra Fewer, Hene Kelly, Leah LaCroix , Eric Mar, Myrna Melgar, Norman Yee, Gabriel Medina*

*AD17 - Alysabeth Alexander, Tom Ammiano, John Burton, David Campos, Petra DeJesus , Bevan Dufty, Jon Golinger, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh , Jane Kim , Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Aaron Peskin, Wade Woods, Cindy Wu*

2015 Mayor – *Francisco Herrera*

*Sheriff – No Endorsement*

*Board of Supervisors (District 3) – Aaron Peskin*

*Community College Board – Wendy Aragon and Tom Temprano*

**6) Do you believe that registered/paid lobbyists should be required to recuse themselves from votes that benefit the industry or organizations that they represent?**

YES