

BASIC INFORMATION

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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

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 am a school teacher who has integrated liberation philosophy into curriculum over the entirety of my 20 year career. Liberation philosophy prominently features but is not only advocacy of socializing land rent. Socializing land rent means collecting as public revenue the whole of potential income that could be derived from simply owning land itself. No human being should receive as income, payment from another for mere access to place. Instead, all payments for access to land should be pass-throughs to local, regional, and national jurisdictions for meeting the social needs of community.

The corollary is that to the extent that public revenue is derived from land values (and other monopolies), taxes on earned income—the income tax, sales taxes, and payroll taxes—can be dispensed with. Tax ownership of nature, not provision of effort.

My candidacy is meant to bring a profound understanding of economic dynamics to all social justice issues. So long as "The Man"

is collecting land rent as private income from women, Browns, Blacks, Reds, Whites, Yellows, LGBTs, straights, whatever, so long will those who surrender their earned income to “The Man” (including those women, Browns, Blacks, Reds, Whites, Yellows, etc. who are “The Man”) be second class citizens.

My candidacy illuminates the housing crisis as the failure to socialize SF’s rising land values for social good. My candidacy illuminates racial discrimination as largely the transfer of the economic right to exist to the those who control land values.

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

The leading challenge of the SF Latino [sic] Community is to end the transfer of earned Latino income to those now controlling land value.

Morally and scientifically speaking, the value of place belongs to the community, not to private interests. Until this is articulated and won, the Latino Community generally will be second class. It’s as simple as this: if someone else other than community is collecting the rent of land, that someone else is the king and you are the peon.

All other challenges to the Latino community devolve from being peons.

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

I will identify the land question as the fundamental question to be resolved. I will assert that the land rent now paid by the Latino community to private interests is properly the property of the community. It should pay for the escuelas, the caminos, the museos, MUNI, BART, fire protection, the courts of law, and for subsidies for below market housing if necessary.

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

1. I am a 20 year veteran of k-8 teaching.

2. I lead a weekly walking tour of San Francisco social movement history, including a huge segment about today's housing crisis.

3. I spend three hours a week leading a free access school illuminating the role land values play in politics. That school goes by the name "Save San Francisco Real Estate School." More information is to be found at www.TheCommonsSF.org

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

2016 SF DCCC Jane Kim, others to be determined

2015 Mayor Dennis Herrera

Sheriff Ross Mirkarim

Board of Supervisors (District 3) Peskin

Community College Board Temprano

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

Categorically.