



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. 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:	Myrna Melgar
Campaign Contact Info:	(415)627-8399
Website:	

	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 have spend most of my career in public service - in the nonprofit sector and in government working on affordable housing, community and economic development, education, and social and economic justice. I am currently the Executive Director of a youth development agency in the Mission District providing services to low income children, youth and families. I am currently serving a third term as a member on the Building Inspection Commission as its Vice President (and president of the Commission's appeals board). I am also a member of the Bilingual Community Council of the SFUSD- charged with the implementation of the Lau Consent decree. I was the Director of Homeownership Programs for the City for 7 years, administering the inclusionary housing program, downpayment assistance and housing rehabilitation programs for low income San Franciscans. I worked for Supervisor Eric Mar as his legislative aide, staffing the land use and economic development committee, which he chaired. Additionally, I serve as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Instituto Familiar de la Raza, a community based agency providing mental health services to the community. I am also a member of the Steering Committee of the Roadmap to Peace Initiative - a community collaborative of service providers addressing the needs of youth most at risk of street violence. On a personal level - I love this City; it has been my home since my family immigrated here from Central America when I was a teenager. I am a mother of three girls who were born and raised in San Francisco, and I want to do my part to insure that the Democratic County Central Committee represents the values and issues of San Franciscans like me. Endorsements: Harvey Milk Democratic Club, Richmond District Democratic Club, New Avenues Democratic Club, San

Francisco Political Women's Committee, AFT Local 2121, LiUNA Local 261,
Latin@ Young Democrats.

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

1. Safe, stable affordable housing, because we are losing it and our place in the City. 2. Access to education and high paying jobs – because the persisting disparities have not been addressed, particularly the disparity in wages for Latinas. 3 – The criminalization of our youth.

3) What are your plans to encourage and empower the Latino Community into the Democratic political process? I think youth political education is key. Involving young folks in the community's life, and giving them an opportunity to exercise leadership is a prerequisite to creating a habit of voting and decision making.

4) Are you active in your community/communities? If so, how? I have worked in non profits, labor and government my entire life on issues of affordable housing, economic and social justice. Additionally, I am very involved with the lives of my kids and volunteer at their schools, baseball/ soccer teams, and choir.

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

2016 SF DCCC The reform slate PLUS: Gabriel Medina, Shaun Haines and Gladys Soto.

2015 Mayor Amy Weiss, Francisco Herrera, Stuart Shuffman

Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi

Board of Supervisors (District 3) Aaron Peskin

Community College Board Brigitte Davila, Wendy Aragon, Thea Selby

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? Yes