

LATINO DEMOCRATIC CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE
BASIC INFORMATION of Kat Anderson, candidate for DCCC in AD 19

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	Yes	No
Are you now or have you ever been a member of LDC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever sought LDC’s endorsement in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 running for re-election to the DCCC because I want to continue working with my colleagues to endorse candidates and initiatives that support the Democratic Party’s values and vision and who bring common sense solutions to San Francisco’s most pressing issues. I understand many residents are facing financial hardships and fear that eviction will force them out of the city they call home, or make it impossible for them to keep their businesses going. I want to help find compassionate and practical solutions to the rising cost of living, build more affordable housing and help small businesses thrive which will encourage job creation.

I am deeply committed to strengthening our party and I work hard on the grassroots level by regularly volunteering to register new voters at neighborhood events and outside naturalization ceremonies, and by phone banking, precinct walking and fundraising for our endorsed candidates.

I am proud to be endorsed by LiUNA! Laborers’ Local 261, Janitors Union – SEIU Local 87, San Francisco Firefighters Local 798, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Mark Leno, Board of Equalization Chair Fiona Ma, Board of Supervisors President London Breed, City Attorney Dennis Herrera, City Treasurer Jose Cisneros, Former Supervisor Matt Gonzalez, Black Young Democrats, City Democratic Club and many other respected leaders in our community.

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

Affordable housing - We have seen our diverse communities and families leaving San Francisco at alarming rates over the last decade – and particularly in the last 4 years as the tech bubble has grown. We are losing residents whose families have lived in San Francisco for generations and we must make it easier for these residents to stay in the city and discourage whitewashing of San Francisco’s most diverse neighborhoods by encouraging programs that create more affordable housing and housing for low- and middle-income people.

Economic development – I am proud to see our legislature pass the minimum wage increase to \$15/hour (if you ask me, it should be \$25, but \$15 is a step in the right direction) and we need to increase basic worker support such as paid sick leave and quality childcare for working parents.

Public safety – We need to strengthen relationships between neighbors and our first responders, invest in neighborhood watch activities, collaborate with local merchants on safety issues, and work with nonprofits to provide support and mentorship to those who need some extra help.

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

First and foremost we must increase voter registration in the Latino Community. Over the past 4 years, the DCCC has registered more new voters than ever before, and I’ve been very active in that effort. I want to see us continue to attend community events throughout the city and specifically the Mission, and offer registration outside of naturalization ceremonies. We must not only register new voters but also educate them on the importance of being politically engaged. This means improved communications with the Latino community on candidates and initiatives in upcoming elections and working with neighborhood groups and organizations to encourage participation in the political process. I would like to dialogue with the Latino Democratic Club about ideas to collaborate with other organizations, like Laborers Local 261 for example, to do voter education drives and similar activities. You are best situated to educate us DCCC members on the best way to reach out to the Latino Community.

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

I have served on numerous nonprofit boards throughout the years, and am a tireless advocate for children and their families as former President of Florence Crittenton Services, on the Board of the Children’s Council of San Francisco and as a founding co-chair of the United Way’s Women’s Leadership Council. I have also provided pro bono services for Legal Services for Children and the Homeless Advocacy Project.

I am a lawyer and after years of private practice, I made the career shift to fight for the rights of working people and their families and became the Administrative Officer and Union Representative for the Pacific Media Workers Guild, a union for journalists and other communications and language workers, many of whom are freelance and struggle with job security. Inspired by my work with PMWG, I founded Bay News Rising, a program that trains and mentors college journalism students, with a focus on recruiting students from diverse communities to participate. Working with a team of educators, I developed curriculum for an eight week summer program that provides stipends, payments for published pieces, one-on-one mentoring and the practical experience students need to launch successful careers in journalism. Most of my students are from City College and SFSU.

I am also on the Foundation Board of City College, raising funds for the college and helping to keep the college open and vital.

I am an active member of the City Democratic Club and just was elected President. I am also a member of Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club. I believe strongly in the right and privilege of citizens to engage in the political process and I spend hours of every week encouraging folks to get engaged, to register to vote and to be thoughtful about personal voting processes.

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

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I have not yet met with all the candidates, so I don't have a list. But, I am clear in my public statements that I support grassroots, rank and file activists on the DCCC and not a bunch of electeds and former electeds. Also, I will be supporting my fellow incumbents on the DCCC, if their participation is good and I know they have been doing the nuts and bolts work of the party. So - they need to have missed very few meetings, they need to be actively registering new voters, they need to be helping our chair raise funds at our big and small fundraising events, and they need to be doing more than pontificating at meetings and putting all their efforts into taking over the endorsement process. I am a Democratic activist who believes in working on the values and mission of the party. If I see you doing that, I will support you and I encourage diversity of thought and activity. I believe we need EVERY shade of blue under the big Democratic tent. That's what I learned from my mentors and friends, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Anna Eshoo, Carole Migden, Fiona Ma, and others...

2015 Mayor – Ed Lee

Sheriff – Vicki Hennessy

Board of Supervisors (District 3) – Julie Christensen

Community College Board - Alex Randolph

Do you believe that registered/paid lobbyists should be required to recuse themselves from votes that benefit the industry or organizations that they represent? I would want to know more. Sometimes people register as lobbyists

just to make sure they are covered for one meeting in City Hall - so they aren't really lobbyists; they just don't want to be the target of a witch hunt. Once I had an understanding of a person's real job/real work, if I felt there was a conflict of interest, I would bring it to the attention of the body. If there was a consensus that the person must recuse himself, then that would be stated and we would look to that person to do the right thing. Of course, we must always comply with the law and the bylaws and regulations of the Democratic County Central Committee. No one is above the law. On the other hand, in the absence of a violation, people are free to act. Then the rest of us are free to draw whatever conclusions we want.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kat Anderson
Recording Secretary
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