



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**

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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.**

As a full scope women's health care doctor including being an abortion provider, mother of a toddler and triathlete, you can guarantee that I have endurance, tenacity and discipline. Besides acting as the medical director of St. James Infirmary, an occupational health and safety clinic for sex workers and their families, I serve on the City's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. I also serve on the board of directors of the California Family Health Council, the San Francisco Medical Society's delegation to the California Medical Association, and as Secretary to the Lower Haight Merchant and Neighborhood Association. All of these experiences have helped me realize my desire to influence change and advocate for my community on a larger level by running for public office. I am also in the current Emerge California 2016 class and understand the importance of getting more women at the decision making table.

Endorsements:

- Bernal Heights Democratic Club
- Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
- District 8 Progressive Club
- San Francisco Bay Guardian
- City Democratic Club
- San Francisco Women's Political Committee
- California Medical Association
- San Francisco Medical Society

Congressman Ami Bera

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

I believe in poverty mitigation and asset building via fair pay and improved job opportunities are the most pertinent issues for the Latino community in San Francisco. As a working mother, I will work towards ensuring quality and affordable childcare and preschool and on-site options if feasible for our families. The Coalition on Homelessness in San Francisco recently wrote a comprehensive and well researched 5 year Roadmap/Plan to address the homeless problem in San Francisco. We need to collaborate with this organization which has demonstrated expertise and strategy in addressing the housing crisis in San Francisco. In addition to providing transitional housing for San Francisco families who are financially struggling, and requiring more affordable housing to be constructed, we must also make efforts to prevent families from becoming homeless in the first place. Our administration and planning commission need the oversight so that they are committing to keeping our community in SF diverse and healthy. The DCCC has a responsibility to grow and support the Democratic Party in San Francisco and ensure that the voice of ALL party individuals is heard and incorporated into the decision making process- especially that of underrepresented minorities whose needs and voices are often ignored.

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

Through my many years of medical training and practice, I have cared for many people from the Latino community. I am fluent in Spanish and have led medical missions in Ecuador, Peru, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. One of the challenges that the Latino community in SF faces is understanding that we are a sanctuary city and that no one can be prosecuted for seeking health care irrespective of their documentation status. I like to work with my patients to create a roadmap about how to achieve a healthy family. I like to continue to do regular check-ins with my patients to explore their path, their strategy, and allow them to stray as long as they continue to keep their end goal in sight. I sincerely believe that the only way we are going to achieve equality is that we must pull each other up with us as we achieve a milestone. We must be our own support network.

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

Transgender health advocacy has long been a passion of mine. Throughout my career as a physician and community advocate, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that all patients have access to the same high standards of care, regardless of sexual orientation or other self-identifying factors. I will use this same passion to advocate for other aspects of equality within the transgender community, including discrimination within employment, anti-violence laws, privacy and identity issues, and concerns specifically facing our transgender youth. I have been the volunteer medical director of St James Infirmary for 9 years and helped start a transgender clinic at Kaiser Permanente, so I have collaborated with and for transgender individuals from a

wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. I also am the volunteer medical director of St James Infirmary, an occupational health and safety clinic for sex workers and their families. In addition, I have helped thousands of women in the Bay Area with their pregnancies- no matter what they outcome. Whatever the best decision was for them and their family, I have helped women with terminations of pregnancy and deliveries.

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

2016 SF DCCC

The reform/progressive slate- in particular:

David Campos, Hene Kelley, Frances Hsieh, Cindy Wu, Brigitte Davila, Sandy Fewer, Jane Kim, Bevan Dufty, Myrna Melgar, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Alysabeth Alexander

2015 Mayor – Amy Weiss

Sheriff – Vicki Hennessey

Board of Supervisors (District 3)- Aaron Peskin

Community College Board- Tom Temprano and Wendy Aragon

**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- I believe that all with a conflict of interest should recuse themselves from a vote. It is distressing to learn that the Democratic party is losing membership, and I believe the function of the County Central Committee is ensure the reversal of this trend. The DCCC has currently reached a critical level of divisiveness which will only result in our opponents succeeding- we must focus on the issues that make us Democrats and support the city of San Francisco to be great.