



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:	Frances Hsieh
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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 have 20 years of electoral and political campaign experience supporting democratic candidates and issues, from field work on local ballot initiatives to strategic direction for candidates for local and state office. For the past 7 years I have been a Legislative Aide for Supervisor John Avalos. Previously, I was the Deputy Director of Public Affairs for NARAL Pro-Choice California, educating voters and advocating on behalf of pro-choice legislation and candidates; and a District Representative for State Senator Carole Migden.

Currently, I am the Co-President of the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, one of the largest political women's organization in San Francisco and President of the Coalition of Asian American Government Employees, which provides training and leadership opportunities for Asian employees working in the public sector in San Francisco.



I have been endorsed by John Avalos, London Breed, David Campos, Jane Kim, Eric Mar, Aaron Peskin, Brigitte Davila, Rafael Mandelman, Thea Selby, American Federation-Teachers Local 2121, Bernal Heights Democratic Club, District 8 Progressive Democrats, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, Latin@ Young Democrats of San Francisco, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 21, San Francisco Bay Guardian, San Francisco Women's Political Committee.

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

Affordable housing/livability: The Mission District has been at the heart of housing and displacement crisis, where longtime businesses and residents have been forced out of their community and homes. The City has not moved quickly enough nor placed adequate measures to protect our communities from the real estate speculation and illegal activities that are driving the housing crisis.

Police/law enforcement accountability: Violence disproportionately affects our City's black and brown communities and those charged with protecting our communities are the worse offenders. Without policies in place to guide police use of force and hold officers accountable for their actions, we will not see justice in our communities of color.

Immigration/Due Process: Although San Francisco is a Sanctuary City and we have since expanded these protections, our law enforcement still does not follow their own policies and have abused the system to separate families and unfairly detain individuals.

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

If elected, I plan to proactively work with our democratic clubs to engage more deeply throughout San Francisco. I would like to see DCCC members "adopt" a set number of clubs and be liaisons to make sure that there is direct engagement between the party and democratic clubs. I would also like to see the DCCC have meetings and events in every district, collaborating with all the clubs to put on these meetings and events. Our democratic clubs are already doing this important engagement and party building work in our communities and the party should meet them in that space, providing support and resources.



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

Yes. As Co-President of the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, I am active in the women's community, mentoring young women leaders and supporting candidates and measures that benefit women and families in San Francisco. As President of the Coalition of Asian American Government Employees, I work to provide networking and training opportunities for Asian public sector employees seeking leadership opportunities. I am also active in the District 11 community - volunteering at my children's schools and supporting local non-profits and neighborhood organizations.

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

2016 SF DCCC

AD17- Tom Ammiano, Alysabeth Alexander, John Burton, David Campos, Petra De Jesus, Bevan Dufty, Jon Golinger, Pratima Gupta, Jane Kim, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Aaron Peskin, Cindy Wu

AD19- Brigitte Davila, Sandy Fewer, Hene Kelly, Leah Lacroix, Eric Mar, Gabriel Medina, Myrna Melgar, Norman Yee

2015 Mayor - Amy Farah Weiss, Stuart Schuffman, Francisco Herrera

Sheriff - Ross Mirkarimi

Board of Supervisors (District 3) - Aaron Peskin

Community College Board - Wendy Aragon

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?

I believe this should be taken on a case by case basis, with a higher standard in consideration of the type of vote - for an endorsement on a ballot measure versus a vote on a non-binding resolution, for example. In all cases they should be required to disclose the relationship so that everyone who is participating in the discussion understands the potential conflicts.