



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:	Gary McCoy
Campaign Contact Info:	Gary McCoy – 415-845-3263
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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 been actively involved in the HIV & AIDS, homelessness, substance and alcohol recovery, and LGBT communities for many years. Having experienced chronic homeless in the mid-2000s, I have consistently given back to my communities and engaged them to be actively involved in local politics and the Democratic Party. I was appointed by Supervisor Avalos to serve on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, then later by Supervisor Wiener when I moved into District 8 and served as Vice Chair. Most recently, I have been appointed to the SF Shelter Monitoring Committee. Having benefit from second chances and opportunities, I am a strong advocate for providing the same opportunities for others. I have been endorsed by folks from both sides of San Francisco Democratic divide – from Senator Mark Leno, to Assemblymember David Chiu, Supervisor Scott Wiener, to City College Board President Rafael Mandelman. The majority of the endorsements that I am most proud of have come from the HIV & AIDS and LGBT Rights communities.

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

Fear of displacement, retaining community and culture, and public safety. I've seen many similarities over the years with many of our tight knit

communities throughout San Francisco, and these are what I now to be important issues. These are all issues I relate to as a member of the LGBT community.

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

It is critical the DCCC do everything it can to support our locally chartered Democratic Club – with outreach, expansion, social events, and fundraising. It is our locally chartered clubs that in many ways are the face of our party, and do the direct work with the neighborhoods and groups they represent. Encouraging folks to get out and vote is also important – especially for those that don't feel like they have a voice. Democracy matters, and we should be reaching out to every Democrat.

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

In addition to my response in question 1: I have been on the Advisory Board for the Castro Country Club, a clean and sober space providing resources to those in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse, for several years. I also visit San Bruno County Jail twice a month to bring 12-step meetings to the Recovery and Veterans pods. I am active with the San Francisco Shelter Monitoring committee, and do unannounced site inspections at shelters several times per month.

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

2016 SF DCCC – As a grassroots candidate, I support grassroots candidates that have the time to put in the work necessary to register and engage voters, and fundraise for the party.

2015 Mayor – Ed Lee

Sheriff – Vicki Hennessy

Board of Supervisors (District 3) – Julie Christensen

Community College Board – Alex Randolph

- 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?**

It is definitely something that could be discussed, though having worked in City Hall, I think there would have to be some clear guidelines on what defines a lobbyist. At the City & County level, requirements are strict – requiring anyone that meets with a Supervisor that isn't a city employee to register and sign a log. I think there exists more of a conflict of interest with sitting members of the Board of Supervisors that also hold a seat on the DCCC. The DCCC should not be an extension of the Board of Supervisors.