



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

Name as It Will Appear On the Ballot:	Leah LaCroix
Campaign Contact Info:	ycleahlacroix@gmail.com
Website:	(No website at this time)

	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 am running for DCCC because I want to see San Francisco's Democratic Party reflect the vast experiences of its residents. I am the daughter of an immigrant mother, who came to the United States at 19 years old in search of better opportunities. As a first generation Afro-Caribbean American, and growing up in a low-income, single parent household, the challenges many San Franciscans face are not lost on me. As a member of the DCCC, my policy priorities include; 1) improving voter registration and civic engagement through building support for neighborhood, issue, and identity focused club so said clubs can grow their membership, 2) supporting initiatives that promote affordable housing availability, transit affordability, and economic opportunity for low and moderate income San Franciscans, and advocate for family preference in the affordable housing selection process, and 3) supporting environmental justice centered proposals.

I am honored to have received the following endorsements (partial list);

- Harvey Milk Democratic Club
- New Avenues Democratic Club
- Richmond District Democratic Club
- SF Women's Political Committee

Black Young Democrats of SF  
Latin@ Young Democrats of SF  
San Francisco Bay Guardian  
American Federation of Teachers Local 2121

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

- 1) Housings Affordability - targeted displacement is rapidly underway in our communities of color, but none more than our predominantly latin@ neighborhoods like the Mission, Excelsior, and OMI. Similarly affordable housing is scarce in comparison to market rate housing and luxury condo development. And often the affordable housing selection process excludes those in most need (families in need of 2-3 bedrooms, or who don't meet the income requirements).
- 2) Economic Security - access to meaningful employment and business ownership is essential to a thriving community.
- 3) Pathways to Citizenship - undocumented San Franciscans are some of the most marginalized in terms of access to housing, education, and employment, especially our undocumented youth.

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

Through connecting with the existing Latin@ democratic clubs (LDC and LYDSF) and the greater latin@ community about their needs, and discussing how they would like to see their needs addressed at the party level.

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

My political advocacy began while I served on the San Francisco Youth Commission, where I successfully advocated for the Free Muni for Youth program. Following my term ending in 2012, I had the honor of serving as an elected delegate (CD14) to the 2012 Democratic National Convention. I also have had the honor of serving as a delegate to the California Democratic Party convention since 2012 (AD19).

Locally, I serve as a founding board member of the Black Young Democrats of San Francisco, and have participated in a number of community meetings of various organizations on the issue of transportation and housing.

Specifically, most recently, I was appointed to the Geneva Harney Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study Citizens Advisory Committee for the SF County Transportation Authority.

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

2016 SF DCCC  
The SF Reform Slate

2015 Mayor

Sheriff

Board of Supervisors (District 3)

Community College Board

**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? Yes**