

Dear Candidate,

As the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club embarks on our endorsements for the June 2018 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) as well as simple Yes/No questions.

Please return the completed questionnaire by 11:59 PM Friday, March 16, 2018. E-mail all questionnaires to our Political Action Committee at pac@sflatinodemocrats.com.

Upon submission of your completed questionnaire, you will receive an invitation to our 2018 endorsement meeting.

Good Luck!

The San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

Basic Information

Name (as on Ballot): *Mark Leno*
Occupation (as on Ballot): *Small Business Person*
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Website: *www.markleno.com*
Campaign Manager: *Erin Mundy*
Campaign Consultant: *SCN Strategies & Jim Stearns Consulting*
Campaign Budget: *\$1.475 million*
Funds Raised to Date: *\$640,000*
Professional Experience: (or please append resume)

My public service career began in 1998 when I was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for four and a half years. From 2002-2008, I served in the California State Assembly, representing the 13th District, which encompasses the eastern portion of San Francisco. In 2008, I was elected to the State Senate, representing California's 3rd Senate District encompassing all of Marin County, and parts of Sonoma and San Francisco Counties. Redistricting then shifted my jurisdiction to Senate District 11, which included San Francisco, Broadmoor, Colma, Daly City and portions of South San Francisco. During my time in the Senate, I was proud to chair the State Senate Budget Committee for six years.

I attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, then went on to become valedictorian of my graduating class at the American College of Jerusalem, where I earned a BA Degree. I also spent two years in Rabbinical Studies at The Hebrew Union College in New York. I am currently the owner of Budget Signs, Inc., a small business I founded in 1978.

Top 5 Political Endorsements:

*Dolores Huerta
San Francisco Tenants Union
United Educators of San Francisco
Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
US Senator Kamala Harris*

Memberships and Latino Organizations Actively Involved With:

I have been proud to work alongside many advocacy groups that encourage, advocate for and support the accomplishments of the Latino/a community. I have attended, as well as been a fiscal sponsor, for many events and fundraisers over the years. I have also been supportive of groups like EMERGE to ensure more Latina women have a seat at the table. During my legislative career, I have opened my office doors to meet with and advocate on behalf of issues

of importance to groups such as Mission Neighborhood Centers, Mission Economic Development Association and La Raza Centro Legal. I have also been honored to serve as the keynote speaker at the Latino Community Foundation and partnered with the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts to host workshops about Covered California.

Latino/as you have donated funds to for political office:

I have supported many Latino/a community leaders and colleagues locally and statewide, including:

*California State Senate Pro Tem Kevin de León
Former California State Assembly Speaker John Pérez
Former California State Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez
State Senator Ricardo Lara
City College Trustee Brigitte Davila
District Attorney George Gascón
City Attorney Dennis Herrera
Former Supervisor Susan Leal
School Board Member Mark Sanchez*

Latino/as you have helped get appointed to Commissions:

During the course of my 18 years in public service, I have written letters of support and made phone calls on behalf many Latinos/as on their path to various public service positions.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What 3 unique challenges do you believe Latino/as face in San Francisco, and how would you work to address those challenges if elected?**

Affordable Housing: Our city's economy is booming, but we have not done enough planning to meet our growing housing needs. Over 10,000 Latinos have been displaced from the Mission in the last 10 years. I have amended the Ellis Act to curb speculators, protected renters from unfair eviction, brought in \$500 million in funding to create 3,300 affordable units and authored our city's original inclusionary housing ordinance. We need to keep those in a home in their home and create more affordable, workforce, and permanent supportive housing. As Mayor, I am committed to addressing our affordability crisis, which disproportionately impacts our communities of color including the Latino/a community. To that end, I will be laser-focused on creating 50,000 units of affordable, workforce, and permanent supportive units.

Access to Higher Education: CCSF is the entry point towards a better future, offering access to a college degree, certificate or workforce training. As Chair of the State Senate Budget Committee, I secured \$120 million in emergency stabilization funding for City College when

enrollment dramatically dropped and the future of our public institution was at risk. As Mayor, I will continue to ensure education is accessible and affordable. I will also be a City College Mayor, and ensure that the funds that voters approved through the passage of Prop W are used as they were intended - to keep City College free. And we must work to make City College free for undocumented San Franciscans too. I look forward to working with LDC to accomplish that.

Employment/Fair wages: I worked with coalitions across the state to author SB 3, which raises the minimum wage across California to \$15 an hour, giving 5.6 million workers a raise. I am proud of our City's culturally and racially diverse workforce and we must continue to open and encourage pathways for employment for all residents, particularly those in communities of color. As Mayor I will focus on a jobs-housing balance that prioritizes local hire, so that we can provide greater economic opportunity for our many unemployed and underemployed San Franciscans and reduce the pressures on our housing and infrastructural needs.

2. What efforts would you initiate or improve so Latino/as are equitably empowered in the political process?

I have been proud to work alongside many of our city's elected and appointed Latinos/as, many strong community leaders who are glass ceiling breakers in their own right. However, we can and should be doing more to ensure that anyone who has been disenfranchised or shut out has a voice and seat at the table.

On a national and state level, almost $\frac{1}{5}$ of our nation's population is Latino, yet they are represented by only 1% of elected and appointed officials in the United States. These facts are alarming and unacceptable. As a City, we must continue encourage Latinos/as to run for office, mobilize support mechanisms, and strengthen fiscal viability to break down barriers to public office.

In my capacity as a state elected official, I regularly wrote numerous letters of support for Latinos/as seeking state appointments, commissions, and positions. I will continue to walk precincts, attend events, help fundraise and support Latino/a candidates for elected office or leadership positions. Supporting and promoting Latino/a leaders for elected and appointed positions at the local level steadily builds a team of candidates for offices at higher levels.

3. Which candidates did you support in the following elections?

- o **2016 CA State Senate District 11** *Scott Wiener*
 - o **2016 Board of Supervisors, District 11** *Ahsha Safai*
 - o **2015 Mayor** *I did not endorse in the race*

PART 2: YES/NO QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer Yes or No for each question.

General Info	Yes	No
1. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat?	✓	
2. Do you identify as Latina/o or Latinx?		✓
3. Are you now or have you ever been a member of LDC?		✓

Tenant/Housing Issues

4. Did you support SB 35, which pre-empts local discretionary land use authority by making approvals of multifamily developments, that meet inadequate criteria, “ministerial” actions, thus bypassing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and public input?	✓	
5. Do you support the repeal of Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act?	✓	
6. Do you support the state density bonus law?		✓
7. Do you support SB-827 which mandates denser and taller zoning near transit hubs?		✓
8. Have you ever been involved as homeowner, buyer or agent in the eviction of a tenant? If so, please explain.		✓

Education & Youth

9. Are you committed to send your children to K-12 public schools?	✓	
10. Did you attend K-12 public schools?	✓	
11. Do you support Charter Schools?	✓	
12. Did you support Proposition N, the Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections Amendment in the November 2016 election?	✓	
13. Do you support lowering the voting age to age 16 for local elections?	✓	

Immigration

14. Do you support allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, including but not limited to school board?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15. Do you support the prohibition of employers from allowing federal immigration agents (ICE) on private business property without a judicial warrant?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16. Do you support or agree with California being a Sanctuary State?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Police Reform

17. Should we arm our SFPD with electroshock weapons aka “tasers”?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Labor

19. Do you support a citywide project labor agreement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
20. Do you support the nonprofit living wage Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO) amendment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
21. Do you support the revenue measure to increase teacher salaries?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Ethics

22. Have you ever crossed a union picket line or violated a union boycott?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23. Have you received more than \$5,000 from lobbyists for your campaign?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24. Have you received more than \$5,000 from market rate housing developers or realtors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Miscellaneous

25. Do you support lifetime term limits for members of the Board of Supervisors?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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