



South Beach District 6 Democratic Club
Election November 4, 2014

Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire Due August 24

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1. What are the three civic or community accomplishments of which you are most proud? If an incumbent, draw from actions through your current office/position. (Max 300 words)

1. Over the last 8 years, I have successfully served on the Board of Education and have fostered a strong and respected working relationship between the City and SFUSD that has increased support, trust and visibility for public education. Through this relationship, we have been able to leverage services and resources that support our students, teachers and parents in our city. Additionally, it has provided us the opportunity to create a joint policy agenda that will help improve our schools, provide greater opportunities and experiences for our youth and invest in our future.
2. I was the lead board member serving as the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee that facilitated the sale of the property located at 1950 Mission Street which will be used for affordable housing in the mission. In partnership with Supervisor Kim, I helped encourage the city to prioritize this project and hope to break ground in the very near future. Also, as the chair, I have served as the lead on several steering committees that has successfully passed bond measures to upgrade school sites and bring them in compliance with ADA and life safety.
3. I helped lead, design and implement the Mayor's Middle Grades Leadership Initiative that garnered a philanthropic investment of over \$5 million dollars and has greatly changed the technology landscape for our middle grades and created a model of investment in our public schools for other foundations and corporations to follow.

2. If elected to this office, what will be your top three priorities and your approach for successful implementation? (Max 300 words)

1. Increase funding for our schools. I will continue to advocate for our public schools and build support and investment in our district so that greater respect and support for our teachers, administrators and staff are felt throughout our city and more private resources and

investment will be made. I will also continue to fight at the local, state and federal levels to increase funding for public education.

2. I will continue to help create learning experiences and opportunities for our students and teachers through innovation and technology and provide professional development for our teachers and staff to help support the delivery of these tools in their classrooms. Providing our students with a 21st century learning experience will serve as support for a successful career and college experience.
3. I will continue to grow the PreK and TK opportunities for our youngest residents. As a former preschool teacher, I understand the importance and value of early education and feel strongly that a preschool experience can lower the chances of the achievement gap even beginning. For every \$1.00 we invest in preschool, we save \$7.00 in additional services and resources later.

3. **Do you support or oppose the following local measures on the November 2014 ballot? (Yes/No).**

- Transportation and Road Improvement Bond - **Yes**
- Population-Based Adjustment to General Fund Appropriation to Transportation Fund - **No**
- Children and Youth Fund; Public Education Enrichment Fund; Our Children, Our Families Council; Rainy Day Reserves—**Yes!!!**
- Retiree Health Benefits for Former Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency Employee - **Yes**
- Minimum Wage Increase - **Yes**
- Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages to Fund Food and Health Programs - **No**
- Pier 70 Development Site Height Limit Increase - **Yes**
- Requiring Certain Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park to be Maintained as Natural Grass - **No**
- Park Code - Children's Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Athletic Fields - **Yes**
- Surtax on Transfers of Residential Real Property Within Five Years of a Prior Transfer - **Yes**
- Affordable Housing Goals - **Yes**
- Policy Regarding Transportation Priorities in San Francisco - **No**

4. **Why is our club endorsement important to you?** As a two-term citywide elected school board member and senior advisor to the mayor, it is important for me to understand the needs of our children, families and residents across the city. I believe that educating our students and preparing them for career and college has great impact on healthcare, public safety and workforce in our city. The South Beach District 6 Democratic Club Endorsement represents a

unique part of our city whose family and child population is growing and a relationship with your membership is important for me to have and respect. Also, as a Democrat in our city and first and only Filipina ever elected in San Francisco, I believe it is important to support candidates that are bold, committed and have a proven track record. I have all of these and believe that your club endorsement will add value and validation to the work I have been dedicated to for the last 20 years. I am respectfully asking for your support and endorsement.