

2020 SF DCCC

Endorsement Questionnaire

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Instructions

Please complete this questionnaire and send an electronic copy to info@sfdemocrats.org and Zoe.Bishop@sfdemocrats.org by close of business on **Monday, July 6th, 2020**.

The 2020 endorsement interviews for Supervisor candidates will take place during a special meeting on **Saturday, July 18th, 2020 from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. The exact time will be communicated to you as soon as you return your completed questionnaire. Due to COVID-19, the interview will be held via the ZOOM Video Call. We advise those that have not familiarized themselves with this application to do so and, if assistance is needed, to contact the DCCC endorsement committee prior to **July 11th, 2020** via email at karima.lynch@sfdemocrats.org . The SF DCCC's endorsement vote will occur during the meeting of the SF Democratic Party on **Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020 at 6:30pm**.

Only candidates who return a completed questionnaire electronically by **5pm on Monday, July 6th, 2020** will be interviewed by the committee. While it may seem that some of these questions do not apply to the office you are seeking, they represent important Democratic Party principles. As you may run for higher office where these questions will be relevant, we would like them addressed.

We will distribute the questionnaires to the DCCC members and post them on the S.F. Democratic Party's website (at <http://www.sfdemocrats.org>) for the public to view.

PART 1 - General Questions

1. Are you a registered Democrat? Yes.
2. When did you first register as a Democrat? 1992
3. Have you ever voted for or endorsed a non-Democrat in an election? No.
4. Please list the organizations and elected officials who have endorsed you.
State Treasurer Fiona Ma
Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen
State Senator Scott Wiener
Assemblymember David Chiu
Mayor London Breed
Assessor Carmen Chu
Sheriff Paul Miyamoto
Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Former Supervisor Katy Tang
Laborers Local 261
Plumbers Local 38
United Democratic Club

Short Answer Questions (No more than 200 words per response)

1. Please provide a brief summary of your qualifications for this office.
I have both government and community experience ranging from working at the State, Federal, and Local levels of government to organizing neighbors in my own neighborhood. My first job was for the late Congressman Tom Lantos, I then worked on Capitol Hill then came back to California to work as Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff in the Gray Davis Administration. I've worked on Presidential campaigns as well as in field, fundraising, and communications for Democratic candidates at varying levels of government. I served in the SF Mayor's office for 19 months. I have run two small businesses - one professional services firm and a neighborhood art studio and gift shop. I have organized neighbors around community events (neighborhood Halloween Festival, Spring Festival, merchant street fairs), and co-founded our local merchants association (Balboa Village Merchants Association). I take a hands on approach to community work as well as in my professional work and would bring that same passion to the role of Supervisor.
2. Please describe your contributions to the Democratic Party at the local, state and or/national level in the last 4 years. I have worked to elect and support Democratic candidates like Mayor London Breed and have registered voters both in the neighborhood and also new citizens.
3. If elected, what are the three top issues you will work to affect?
Rebuilding our economy and communities post-COVID, homelessness, housing.

4. What have you done to mentor women and people that are not White in your field? As a small business owner, I have actively sought out women and people of color to train and mentor in different areas. I also support organizations such as Ignite and Emerge which train the next generation of women leaders.

5. Define affordable housing.

<https://www.votemarjan.com/long-form-pieces/affordable-housing>

6. As Supervisor, how do you plan to push for and ensure racial equity in San Francisco's neighborhood planning and individual project development process and ensure that we are building more deeply affordable housing and other community assets (ie. childcare, parks and open space, grocery stores and small businesses) are distributed more equitably throughout San Francisco?

Racial equity in San Francisco's neighborhood planning can only be achieved through dismantling the racist system of zoning designed to segregate BIPOC communities. You can read more about my platform on housing here

<https://www.votemarjan.com/long-form-pieces/affordable-housing>

7. Did you support Rich Hillis for Planning Department Director and if so why? If you did not support, please explain who you would have supported otherwise and why?

I support the democratically given right of the democratically elected Mayor (who is a Democrat) to hire her department heads, especially when they are also lifelong Democrats, as Rich Hillis is.

8. Do you support the split roll amendment to Proposition 13 that would tax commercial property but not residential property? Yes.

9. What are your top district priorities and what would be your process in addressing these issues with the community? Rebuilding our economy and communities post-COVID, homelessness, housing. It is critical that our communities are involved in the process - we have started this conversation in our campaign by calling for a neighborhood summit
www.votemarjan.com/neighborhoodsummit

10. What specific policy changes would you propose to address the issue of chronic homelessness in San Francisco? Answer can be found here:

<https://www.votemarjan.com/long-form-pieces/homelessness-covid19>

11. We recognize that the affordability crisis and evictions has caused gentrification and widespread displacement. How do you plan to address preserving long-standing communities? What have you done to address the displacement of low-income communities in San Francisco?

12. As Supervisor, what plans would you have to protect existing co-ops in your district? Do you believe this model should be expanded?

13. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing public housing tenants in San Francisco? What concrete plans would you implement to better serve these households?

14. In a recent hearing conducted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, it was found that African-Americans disproportionately experience lower hiring rates for Civil Service jobs, are the lowest paid of all ethnicities in SF's Civil Service classifications, have the highest terminations rates, and their claims of hostile environments such as harassment, threats, and bully-tactics persist. What steps have you taken (or will you take) to address these disparities? How would you recommend legislation be drafted so that the Office of Racial Equity is able to take action on department heads who perpetuate systemic racism?

15. San Francisco faces a \$1.7 billion dollar deficit over the next two years. Which ballot measures proposed by BOS members and by the Mayor that are designed to generate revenue do you support? What kinds of taxes or revenue generating measures do you think are the most equitable? The economic impact of this pandemic will dwarf any revenue generating measures - I await the Controller's report on the current measures before making a decision on this.

16. Have you accepted donations from any police officers, police officer associations, police unions, sheriff's associations, correctional officers unions or the Prison Industrial complex?
No - I will not accept donations from the POA or any law enforcement organizations or unions.

If No, will you accept any such donations in the future? I will not accept donations from the POA or any law enforcement organizations or unions.

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain why.

Part 2 - Issues Questions

Please only mark whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE each position.

QUESTIONS SUPPORT OPPOSE

1. Do you support or oppose affirmative action?

Support

2. Do you support or oppose privatization of essential government services?

Oppose

3. Do you support or oppose expanding rent control to post-1979 buildings?

Support.

4. Do you support or oppose San Francisco's sanctuary city policy.

Support.

5. Do you support or oppose the Mayor's statement of intent to divert police funding to support Black Communities?

Support

6. Do you support a Moratorium on Rent, Mortgage payments and evictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Support

7. Do you support the emergency action of securing hotel rooms and shelter homeless San Franciscans from COVID-19?

Support

8. Do you support calling for economic relief to support undocumented workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Support

9. Do you support calling on the United States Senate and Congress to enact legislation to extend immediate financial relief and support including hazard pay, for all unemployed workers, and increased family benefits for essential workers and health care workers?

Support

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10. Do you support acknowledging systemic racial inequities and calling for a coordinated response to support the Black community during the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Support

11. Do you support the call directing the small business administration (SBA) to eliminate discriminatory eligibility requirements to access needed support?

Support

12. Do you condemn anti-Asian racism and xenophobia and urge stronger Governmental response to prevent and address attacks of the Asian American Community?

Support

13. Did you support or oppose the proposal to close juvenile hall permanently?

Support as long as individuals in our care have a place to go for support.

14. Do you believe that public transit should be free?

Yes, if financially feasible.

15. Do you support the creation of a local municipal bank in San Francisco?

Yes, if financially feasible. Recent studies show the creation of a municipal bank would cost the City billions before it becomes sustainable.

16. Do you support expanding affordable child care to low- and middle-income families?

Yes

17. Do you support “ban the box” legislation statewide to ensure that the formerly incarcerated are given an equal opportunity for housing?

Yes

18. Do you support the Black Lives Matter Movement?

Yes

19. Would you support overturning Costa Hawkins to support the right for localities to pass rent control laws?

20. Would you support overturning the Ellis Act?

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21. Should there be a moratorium on market rate housing in communities that have experienced elevated rates of displacement? No

22. Do you believe that surplus public lands should be prioritized for 100% affordable housing?

Yes

23. Do you support civil or criminal penalties for people sleeping, sitting, or lying on the streets?

No

24. Do you support the practice of forced removal and relocation of homeless encampments or homeless “Sweeps”?

25. Do you support expanding Navigation Centers throughout the city? Yes

26. Do you support expansion of the rental subsidy program?

27. Do you support teachers and professional staff earning commensurate wages? Yes

28. Do you support banning natural gas in all new residential and commercial construction projects, including single family homes? Yes

29. Do you support the City's recently passed conservatorship policy which expands the City's legal authority to seek court supervision of those it deems unable to help themselves? Yes

30. Do you support expansion of new charter schools?

31. Do you support employee rights to organize and collectively bargain and support enforceable organizing agreements? Yes

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32. Will you support Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for non-profit organizations that hold contracts with the City?

33. Do you support or oppose the California App-Based Drivers Regulation Initiative to repeal AB 5? Oppose

If you need to add further explanation or qualification to any of your support-or-oppose answers above, you may do so here: **Please refer to the attached policy document from our campaign for more information.**