

**Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Democratic Club
Supervisor Candidate Questionnaire**

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I am a registered Democrat.

I identify as Transgender.

History:

1. My intimate knowledge of the workings of the City from the inside. My advocacy for some 30 years working in unions, Democratic politics, women's movement, environmental movement, queer movement and in community groups qualifies me to seek the supervisorial position.

2. I want to see a more concentrated effort in improving environmental qualities; more opportunities for job creation; more housing for low income people while being sensitive to the unique character of San Francisco; more and better transportation systems; better working conditions for all workers, among them city employees; unfettered restrictions on unionization; more accountability by city departments. These are some of the things I would like to accomplish.

3. I was president of the North Mission Association; on the Board of Union Women's Alliance to Gain Equality; member of Labor Neighbor; on the Board of SEIU-Local 400; member of SEIU-Local 790; president of San Francisco Community Recyclers; member of all of Howard Wallace's gay labor organization (now defunct); Board member of San Francisco Tomorrow; on Legislative Committee of Democratic Women's Forum; Board member of Sustainable San Francisco; on Advisory Board of MAGIK, Secretary to the AIDS Awareness Group (Department of Human Services); member of PLAN (a Potrero Hill organization); delegate to the SF Labor Council; member of Coalition of Labor Union Women; Secretary on PRIDE at Work (a gay labor caucus in AFL-CIO). I worked on almost all campaigns, voter registration, door hangers, etc. that were supported by the Harvey Milk Club. I have been a Board member for the past three years.

4. I will maintain all of my activities associated with the Club.

General:

1. When elected, I will propose legislation to create a Resource Recovery Program for all City departments; I will propose legislation to eliminate the ability of new mayors to place their supporters in lucrative specially created City jobs; I will propose legislation that provides consistent untouchable funding for Muni.

2. Top proposal for increasing City revenues: Tax downtown for it fair share; charge City employees for the privilege of parking in City owned or leased property; implement a downtown transit assessment district.

3. Keeping bonded indebtedness under the legal limit: Set priorities; capital improvements first; human needs bonds, such as Laguna Honda, schools, housing, health. Use pension funds for community projects rather than speculate in the stock market.

3. I do not favor capital punishment.

4. No, I will not be appearing on for-profit slate cards.

5. I have no campaign consultant.

6. Moot question.

Queer Specific Issues:

1. Over 25 years ago I proposed a by-law change to SEIU-Local 400 to include sexual orientation (passed). I have worked with gay labor organizations for 25 years. I advocate with the Harvey Milk Club for all its issues relating to the queer community.

2. I will adopt all stands and proposed legislation advocated by the queer community, especially the Harvey Milk Club. I will pursue legislation that stops body searches of any women or man because of their supposed sexual preference or orientation. I will propose legislation to assist transgender persons in their quest for medical treatment or operations.

3. Queer communities of color need equal opportunities in education and jobs. These communities especially need sensitivity to their medical needs and equal access to medical remedies. These communities need unrestricted access to better housing and freedom to travel in all areas of the City. On jobs I would seek out the minority community for job openings in the City and include job training where necessary. I would seek more funding for health care especially targeted to these communities.

4. Definitely on seeking Club's membership views.

5. Yes, I support same-gender marriage.

6. I have supported every L/G/B/T candidate since Harvey Milk including out of state candidates. I even supported Roberta Achtenberg.

Current Issues:

1. No, I do not support "school governing councils". I emphatically support only legislation backed by union members.
2. Yes, I support the Owner Move-in ballot.
3. Yes, I do support the Central Freeway initiative.
4. No I did not support 226.
5. No I did not support 227.
6. Yes, I did support Prop. E vigorously.
7. Yes and No, I had my name in the pamphlet as supporting Prop I but in reality did not. I was bamboozled. Sorry!

Governance:

1. I would supported the Preference elections. I don't support citywide elections and can live with District elections.
2. Yes. I support electronic filing for campaign consultants. Yes, I support additional funding for the Ethics Commission.
3. Definitely support Sunshine Task Force's recommendation.
4. It escaped me but I would support people's budget.

HIV/AIDS and Health:

1. I have been in the AIDS Awareness Group at work for the past 10 years. I volunteer at Open Hand (8 years), I do AIDS walk every year with my department.
2. Yes on contraction funding.
3. Yes, I would support domestic violence funding for lesbians.
4. Yes, I support a woman's right to choose. I have marched and donated to prove it for many years.
5. Residential treatment should be set dormitory style with all services available on premises which would include on-site care for children. They should not be separated.

Youth:

1. I am aware of LYRICc and a few other agencies but the names escape me. I have not been involved with youth groups since I volunteered at Juvenile Hall.
2. Yes, I support full funding for the Youth Commission.
3. Yes, I support programs such as LYRIC to which I donate funds.
4. Housing, schooling, job training, mentoring programs are all necessary for homeless youth.
5. Yes, I support comprehensive health education because ignorance leads to the abyss. Society is the poorer and suffering of youth is unacceptable.

Housing:

Housing issues are critical. I would seek federal funding to increase the program, not defund it. I do not support pass-through of any kind to tenants. I support vacancy control legislation. I support OMI moratorium I support subsidies. I am a landlord and have one tenant but put my feet and money where my mouth is in support of tenants. I do not think GA clients should live in flea infested, tiny room residential hotels. I propose full service housing such as Delancy Street.

Labor:

I support a Union Wage Ordinance. Living wage is a euphemism for a little above poverty wage. Yes, I "stand up and sat down" (genuflected) for the VNH workers and also negotiated with the top brass. Yes, I support card check. Yes, no fighting workers with my tax money or donations. Yes, minimum wage and transition to real jobs at union wage after 6 months.

Transportation:

Gee, I was wondering when you would get to this. I support all good transportation issues and policies. I have worked on every issue you ask questions about. Three priorities for MUNI: secure funding, charge city employees (\$5 to 10 million); use pre-tax dollars for fast passes. The more people of means ride the more complaints the better the service. Need more street dispatchers. Need to change the policy of no-call in sick (that is sick). Transit assessment district.

Environment:

Yes, I support all good environmental issues. I also think we as rapacious consumers and wasters have to rein in our appetites at least until alternative technologies are in place. I

am opposed to growth for growth sake or for speculators and developers to get rich by.
No garages anywhere and especially in parks.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS THE PITS. REMIND ME TO GET INVOLVED IN
WRITING IT NEXT TIME. BREVITY! BREVITY!

A PRIZE TO ANYONE WHO CAN RECITE MY ANSWERS VERBATIM.