



Ballot Forum Questionnaire

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Wednesday, 12/06*

1. Are you registered as a Democrat? [Yes](#)
2. Are you a member of the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club [No](#).
3. Are you a member of the Noe Valley Democratic Club? [No](#).
4. Why should the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club support your candidacy?

[My commitment to San Francisco's core Democratic values is unwavering. Throughout my career, I've worked tirelessly for Democratic causes, candidates, and priorities at federal, state, and local levels. My experience includes working with Democratic Congressmembers, contributing to significant policy advancements, and actively engaging in community organizing here in San Francisco.](#)

[My campaign for the DCCC has solidified my understanding of and dedication to local issues. My focus has always been on creating a safe, clean, and vibrant San Francisco, which aligns perfectly with the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club's mission. From advocating for public safety and supporting small businesses to addressing homelessness and promoting affordable housing, my priorities resonate with the needs of our city.](#)

My campaign is also deeply rooted in practical solutions and responsible decision-making. I believe in a San Francisco that is accessible and equitable for all, and my approach to problem-solving is both innovative and grounded in our Democratic ideals. My vision for the DCCC includes bringing a fresh perspective, fostering collaboration, and ensuring that our party's actions truly reflect the diverse needs and voices of our communities.

I stand ready to speak out against the entrenched interests that have failed our city. I'm committed to revitalizing our party's presence and effectiveness, particularly in these challenging times when strong, inclusive, and forward-thinking leadership is crucial.

Lastly, representation matters. As a woman of Filipino and Iranian descent, I bring a unique perspective that is currently underrepresented. My diverse background enables me to connect with and advocate for a wide range of communities, ensuring that our party is truly inclusive and representative of the rich tapestry that is San Francisco.

In short, my candidacy for the DCCC is about bringing experienced, balanced, and compassionate leadership to our party's efforts in San Francisco. With your support and endorsement, I am confident that we can work together to address the pressing challenges facing our city and steer our party toward a more inclusive, effective, and vibrant future.

Thank you for your consideration to endorse my candidacy.

5. Did you support the Board of Education Recall? Why/Why Not?*

Yes. Supporting the recall of the Board of Education wasn't a decision I took lightly. It's all about ensuring that our children's education remains a top priority in San Francisco, especially in these challenging times.

The Board of Education's focus had strayed. Instead of concentrating on critical issues like reopening schools safely during the pandemic, improving literacy rates, and ensuring equity in education, they got sidetracked by initiatives like renaming schools. This misalignment of priorities was deeply concerning. Our kids were facing significant learning losses and mental health challenges due to school closures, and the Board seemed to be overlooking these urgent needs.

Additionally, the renaming of schools, while an important conversation to have, should not have overshadowed the immediate needs of our students and educators. It's about striking a balance – honoring our history and addressing present challenges.

The recall was a direct response to the voices of the community, including parents and educators, who felt that their concerns weren't being adequately addressed. We needed a Board that could more effectively navigate the complexities of education in a pandemic, prioritize student welfare, and be responsive to community needs.

So, supporting the recall was really about refocusing on what matters most: the education and well-being of our children. It's about ensuring that our education system is led by those who can prioritize effectively, listen to the community, and make decisions that genuinely benefit our students' present and future.

In a nutshell, it's all about putting our kids first, something I'm deeply committed to. Our children deserve the best education we can provide, and that requires leadership that stays focused on the right priorities.

6. Did you support the District Attorney Recall? Why/Why Not?*

Yes. I supported the recall of the former District Attorney. The reason I stood behind the recall was straightforward: public safety is a top priority for our city, and I felt that the policies and actions of the DA at the time were not aligning with this crucial need. We witnessed an unsettling rise in crime rates, including property crimes and drug-related offenses, which was deeply concerning for residents and small business owners alike. The safety of our neighborhoods, families, and local businesses is something I take seriously.

Moreover, the approach to handling crime under the previous DA's tenure seemed to lack the balance necessary for both justice and community safety. While reform is essential and valuable, it should not come at the expense of the safety and security of our residents. We need a justice system that both protects our community and ensures fair and just treatment of all individuals.

The recall, in my view, was a call from the community for a change in direction, for leadership that could strike a better balance between reform and maintaining public safety. It was about responding to the voices and concerns of the people in our community who felt increasingly unsafe and unheard.

In essence, my support for the recall was rooted in a commitment to ensuring a safe, secure, and just San Francisco for all. It's about finding that equilibrium where we can have progressive reform but also effectively address crime and protect our community. Safety is a fundamental right, and it's something I'm dedicated to upholding for every San Franciscan.

For AD 17 Candidates

7. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the eastern half of the city the most?*
8. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*

For AD 19 Candidates

9. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the western half of the city the most?*

Public Safety: First and foremost, ensuring public safety is paramount. Our neighborhoods deserve to feel safe and secure. This means fully staffing and funding our police force, improving community policing, and addressing issues like property crime and drug-related offenses head-on. We need to balance effective law enforcement with community engagement and support, ensuring that every resident, from our seniors to our children, can feel safe walking our streets.

Supporting Small Businesses: Our local businesses are the lifeblood of our community. They've faced unprecedented challenges, especially due to the pandemic and increasing property crime. My goal is to streamline bureaucratic processes, making it easier and more efficient for small businesses to operate and thrive. This includes creating an over-the-counter permitting system and providing stronger support from the city to help these businesses adapt and grow. Vibrant, thriving local businesses contribute to the health and vitality of our neighborhoods.

Housing for Families and Working People: Housing is a critical issue. We need to work towards making housing more affordable and accessible, ensuring that longtime residents and new families alike can find a place to call home in our city. This involves advocating for the construction of both affordable and market-rate housing, protecting tenants' rights, and addressing homelessness

with compassionate, effective solutions. It's about creating a San Francisco that's inclusive and where diverse communities can flourish.

Addressing critical issues effectively requires a balanced approach, combining immediate action with long-term strategic planning. As your representative, I'm committed to tackling these challenges head-on, ensuring that our side of the city continues to be a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

10. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*

I see public safety, support for small businesses, and housing as critical areas where I can make a real impact if elected.

Firstly, public safety is non-negotiable. My aim is to ensure our streets are safe for everyone. This means fully funding and staffing our police force, and promoting community policing initiatives. It's about striking a balance between effective law enforcement and community trust. We need to be proactive, focusing on high-crime areas and addressing the root causes of crime, like the fentanyl crisis.

Regarding small businesses, they are the heart of our community. I plan to cut through the bureaucracy that stifles their growth. By creating an over-the-counter permitting system, we can make it easier for new businesses to open and thrive. I also believe in supporting existing businesses through clean and safe streets and sensible city policies that encourage rather than hinder their success.

Housing is a cornerstone of my campaign. We're facing a housing crisis, and it's essential to tackle this head-on. I advocate for building more affordable and market-rate housing, streamlining the permitting process, and ensuring existing tenants are protected. We need to challenge the status quo that has led to the current housing shortage and make San Francisco a city where everyone can find a place to call home.

In summary, I envision a San Francisco where everyone feels safe, small businesses flourish, and housing is accessible and affordable. It's about taking practical steps and making bold decisions to guide our community towards a brighter, safer, and more inclusive future.