



Ballot Forum Questionnaire

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Wednesday, 12/06*

Lily Ho, AD 17

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?

I respect and appreciate the work of ENDC in building community and pushing for infrastructure improvements on the Eastern side of San Francisco. The Eastern neighborhoods have been, and continue to go through so many tremendous changes in population, industry, and demographic shifts and it deserves a club like ENDC to advocate for the needs of the community.

As a member of the Redistricting Task Force, I heard the voices of the emerging neighborhoods and its request to remain a community of interest in order to advocate for infrastructure improvements to meet the demands of population growth. I heard that SOMA and the East Cut need open space, and that Mission Bay needs a new school. I did my best to respect the voices of the Eastern Neighborhoods, and was able to successfully ensure communities of interests in the Eastern Neighborhoods were kept whole.

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

Not only did I support the Board of Education Recall from Day 1 as one of the first signatories in the petition to start a recall, but I was the primary lead in organizing the grassroots outreach across communities in San Francisco to ensure the historic recall was successful. I am a product of the public schools at SFUSD. I first started paying attention to the reopening of schools as a Board Member of Huckleberry Youth Programs (HYP). One of the programs that HYP runs is a youth shelter for runaways and youth in need of transitional housing. Although it was an essential service that remained open 24/7 during the pandemic, the house was empty. This is because HYP's number one referral service to kids brought to our house is Child Protective Services in transitional phases for children (for either uniting with family members or to be placed in the foster care system). And Child Protective Services' number one referral service are teachers from SFUSD. So, while schools remained closed, the safety net for children suffering from abuse was absent. Children of abuse that we would typically be helping were helpless. It was heartbreaking and maddening to see the incompetence of the BOE members.

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

Yes. During the rise of anti-Asian hate, I started a non-profit, Delta Chinatown Initiative, to put up security cameras in Chinatown and to advocate for victims rights. Myself and other leaders of the anti-Asian hate movement initially met with and tried to work with DA Boudin to encourage in-language services to victims, to ensure that victims were provided the proper services for medical, mental, and property recovery and also to ensure that victims were aware of their rights.

After several meetings with Chesa, attempts to work with his office on Asian hate, and months of observations of Chesa's conduct - I found his policies reckless that dismissed victims' rights, allowed organized criminals to exploit our City, and denied the existence of anti-Asian hate.

In the case of Rong Xie Liao, a victim that was violently attacked as he sat in his wheelchair at a bus stop, Chesa went beyond denying Mr. Liao of basic rights, but he fabricated Mr. Liao's statements in court, to ensure the offender, Eric Ramos Hernandez, received diversion. Mr. Liao's and his family were denied justice, respect, and basic rights from the DA.

In the case of criminal justice reform, Chesa sold the voters on a narrative of the desperate need for reform. The reality is that San Francisco overwhelmingly supports criminal justice reforms to make our system more fair, particularly for people of color and low-income communities. For nearly 30 years, San Francisco has been a national example of prison diversion efforts, particularly for youth to stymie the school to prison pipeline that no longer exists in SF. I know this because, as I mentioned, I sit on the board of Huckleberry Youth Programs, and for 25 years, HYP has run the primary juvenile justice diversion program in SF. The program is an international leader in

juvenile prison reform. Chesa manipulated the public into believing a prison pipeline narrative that doesn't exist in San Francisco.

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?*

The 3 core policy issues I care about are:

- 1) Public safety,
- 2) Public education,
- 3) Ensuring a diverse economy of jobs is supported.

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

If elected, I would:

- 1) Endorse candidates focused on solutions,
- 2) Restore civility, professionalism, and dialogue in the local Democratic Party,
- 3) Give a voice to common sense San Franciscans.