

## **Ballot Forum Questionnaire**

300 words max for each question with an asterisk (\*) To ensure participation in our forum, please return completed copy by 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?

I am running to be an elected member of the DCCC to return the party to one focused on results, not excuses. For too long, we've become accustomed to political leadership in our city making excuses for not building enough housing, for not cleaning our streets, for not supporting our small businesses. We need new leadership that can lead with new ideas, while also collaborating with those we don't always agree with, if we are to ensure forward progress.

Having served previously on the ENDC board, I've seen a model for this type of collaboration before. Together we hosted forums addressing anti-asian hate in Chinatown, led cleanups in the Bayview, toured Indian Basin Park, and discussed

under-represented issues like food insecurity. We were able to do this because we led by listening to our community, and treated all members with respect even when we disagreed. I want to carry forward this model from the ENDC to the DCCC, leading with empathy, intelligence, and heart.

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

Yes. The School Board's lack of prioritization in reopening schools during the pandemic, and gross mismanagement of our budget, bordered on malfeasance. By not focusing on re-opening the schools, the School Board caused irreparable damage to the well-being of our students, with educational outcomes for communities of color affected the most. Recalling the School Board was necessary to make forward progress on educational outcomes in our city.

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

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?\*

*I am focused on addressing the issues of downtown recovery, homelessness, and public safety.* 

To recover our downtown economy, I am proposing converting our downtown into an academic village, with a dozen university campuses, and 10,000 students permanently living here. <u>I started the movement to bring a university to downtown San Francisco</u>, and will continue advocating as such. Transforming our downtown into an academic village will bring patronage to the small businesses and nightlife, employ thousands of local workers, and help keep San Francisco a hub for technology, healthcare, and the arts.

To address our homeless crisis, I will advocate for a <u>Built for Zero System</u> - a data driven public-private partnership that centralizes fragmented government departments into a coordinated effort, and has helped 14 US cities reach a level of functional zero homelessness. The system will use real-time data collection and consolidated support services delivered via Managed Care Hubs - one-stop mobile-shops that bring housing, jobs, and healthcare services to those who need them where they need them. We have the resources, it's time to deploy those resources with accountability so we can finally start to measure results and end the era of encampments.

To improve public safety, we have to solve our staffing crisis. I wrote the <u>SF Chronicle</u> investigation that uncovered that a primary cause for the crisis is that over 20% of police and healthcare jobs are sitting vacant, with over \$500 million going unspent every year because of bureaucratic systems that take 255 days to hire a single first responder. I will push for legislation to fund the expansion of a Continuous Online On-Demand Testing System that has already proven to cut the time to hire to 100 days - enabling us to quickly hire the 1000 police officers, dispatchers, nurses, ambulance drivers we need today.

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

As an elected member of the DCCC, I will seek to use the office to both author resolutions and endorse legislation with respect to the policy areas referenced, while also directly advocating with legislators to build new partnerships to address the issues facing our city.

Over the past year, I have already been collaborating with city and state officials to advocate for a downtown university, and leveraged the media to raise awareness for our public safety staffing crises. Through the DCCC, I will continue to help advocate and collaborate with private and public sector leaders to develop holistic solutions to these problems, while working to ensure any relevant legislation is endorsed by the DCCC to accelerate its mandate and progress.

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