



Ballot Forum Questionnaire

300 words max for each question with an asterisk ()
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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? Yes
3. Are you a member of the Noe Valley Democratic Club? No
4. Why should the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club support your candidacy?

Like you, I've noticed that the city has deteriorated a lot in recent years. Eighteen months ago, I rolled up my sleeves and got to work. I volunteered with some great organisations, including Positive Directions and Code Tenderloin, and learned a lot about the nature of addiction and the success of current solutions. I've seen firsthand the harsh realities of addiction and life on the streets. I learned in my time with these organisations that this life-changing work is messy and offers no simple solutions. I want to position the conversation to one of "and, not or" and find more resources for treatment, not just the disproportionate share of money to harm reduction. I'm under no illusions: the problems we are trying to tackle are systematic and require hard work, care and sacrifice to move the needle in the right direction.

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

I am a proud graduate of San Francisco's public schools, including Lowell High School and SFUSD has played such an important role in my own life that I want to ensure its continued excellence. San Francisco's school board became too politicized to function properly, which led to the recall of three board members. I became an advocate for

district policies and school board candidates who put students first, and I also joined the board of the Lowell Alumni Association as the Treasurer. I will not allow our children's future to be sacrificed at the altar of ideology.

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

I believe we can have criminal justice reform as well as enforcing our existing laws for repeat offenders. I do not support criminalizing homelessness or drug usage, but I became convinced that abstinence-based treatment programs are the best path forward for our city's drug addiction issues. Most treatment programs have low success rates, but Positive Direction does much better. Everyone who works at Positive Directions are sober themselves, so they serve as role models representing real hope for their clients. They have convinced me that accountability can work, and that the opposite of addiction is not only sobriety but also connection, community and love. They welcomed me into their family of choice, and I am a better person for the experience.

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 believe the three core issues are public safety, access to a quality public education and access to housing. My volunteering is focused on finding a long-term solution to combat the drug addiction impacting our homeless population; abstinence-based treatment programs are the best path to help our most vulnerable population. I personally believe tackling the homeless issue through treatment will lead to lower property crime and safer streets in the long run. We also need to build more housing, specially building higher density units in transit corridors and more affordable housing units. Lastly, I continue to advocate for our children so they can get a quality public education in San Francisco.

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

If I am elected, I will focus on finding common sense, competent candidates for our city, candidates who will offer practical and workable solutions to the city's problems, candidates who choose action over ideology. In fact, I have a new acronym for the DCCC: we deserve common sense competent candidates. Let's build this new DCCC together.