

# Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club November 2024 Endorsement Questionnaire (April)

## PART 1: Required Information

1. **Full name and pronouns:** Julian Enrique Bermudez
2. **Office running for:** San Francisco District 9 Supervisor
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8. **Political party:** None
9. **Are or were you a member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club? If so, please provide timeframe.** Never been a member
10. **Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and / or queer (LGBTQ)?**  
Yes

## **PART 2: Short-Answer Questions**

*(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)*

### **General Questions**

#### **1. Describe your qualifications for the office you are seeking.**

My qualifications are my leadership and my problem-solving abilities.

I learned leadership from the teachers which helped me overcome the fear of educating myself. I learned via the hardship of training and playing various sports. During my time in service, I took a step back from leading and let myself be led. I felt like it was a different way to grow leadership skills from the triumphs and faults of the soldiers who led me.

I earned my problem-solving abilities from the many years I spent working with my grandpa at Rancho Grande Appliances. From when I was able to comprehend simple mechanics, My grandpa has taught me the ins and outs of home appliances. Growing up in a service-based-small business our mantra is "If you can get it done"

#### **2. Specify key endorsements you have and why they are meaningful to you.**

None

#### **3. What will you do to end homelessness in your jurisdiction (short- and long-term)?**

Short term, establishing Rent control on every unit in San Francisco. Adding benches, bathrooms, more trash cans, and shade throughout the district. Public water fountains and charging stations. Converting some vacant buildings into "transition shelters" where residents can live and be helped to find housing around the Bay Area.

Long Term, is my Golden Gate program based on a three-step process that creates a symbiosis between all types of work in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area. Also, starting to work on Universal income for San Francisco Residents.

#### **4. What work have you done to address economic inequality and housing unaffordability? If elected, what will you do to address them?**

When I am doing my jobs around the city I always inform my customers about their rights as tenants and refer them to tenant advocates to make sure their landlord isn't taking advantage of them. Every tenant is a new story and new information that I can spread through the city. If elected, I want to push for city-wide rent control and help push other initiatives like landlord licensing.

#### **5. How have you addressed racial injustice and police brutality? How will you work to ensure Limited English Proficient (LEP) community members have access to government services?**

I openly addressed racial injustice and police brutality a lot during my time in the Army. I am an Infantryman and this community is very right-leaning so being left-leaning in any way was met with opposition and sometimes hostility. What many see online was my everyday. After a while, I earned the title of "The only trustworthy liberal" One accomplishment is I gave a few soldiers a new perspective on things away from the norms in the Army. Even Though it started by mocking me by stating the injustice that happened in the subject of the day.

To ensure the LEP community has access to services to make sure schools and organizations are properly funded to provide access to those services or something as simple as making sure all printed information is in several languages.

**6. How have you supported LGBTQ residents, and how will you if elected?**

First is my patronage of the many bars and restaurants in the Castro district. Right now I am playing for the SF Fog Rugby team. I know it doesn't seem as heroic as other advocacy work, but I have seen how my participation and effort in the team inspire people around me. I am part of SF LGBTQ history by continuing on the legacy of an organization that would have teams forfeit because they wouldn't play a "gay" team. There are little well know queer athletes and even fewer of them are cis-males. I spent my life in "the old boys' clubs" of sports and was labeled as "weird". With my athletics, I want to inspire those other "weird" kids in other sports teams to be who they are.

**7. Describe your work addressing the climate crisis, and what specific steps you will take to confront climate change and environmental injustice.**

To combat climate change, I want to make San Francisco the leader in renewable energy research. The winds in the Portola are a perfect area where a few wind-powered generators could be placed, or the underside of both bridges and use the coastal winds to provide us energy.

**8. Describe a time when you worked against an established power structure or entrenched authority to achieve a change. How was this change accomplished?**

Aside from the given, the adversity I've faced because of my attributes and who I am in American society. My running for this seat on the board of supervisors is the best example of my working against the established power. I am not a career politician, but I am capable of taking this role. My everyday politicking comes to show people that I am a politician, while other politicians struggle to prove that they are one of the people. My journey is a tough one and regardless of the outcome, I want my effort to motivate other people to run for office. To help people get over the fear of running for office, and to spark a new moment of leaders throughout San Francisco.

**9. Among San Franciscans with HIV, overdose is the #1 cause of death, 1/6 are homeless (or at-risk), and new infections are increasing. 50% of HIV-related federal funding is at-risk. How will you address this and involve HIV communities directly in your decision making? Will you support housing subsidies, fully funded HIV programming, and decriminalization of substance use? Why / why not?**

I want to push rent subsidies for all elder residents in San Francisco, an Uber/Lyft allowance where they can take rideshare for free to places where public transit or other services can reach. This will also be based on your income level and the severity of the resident's health at the moment. I do want to end drug testing in general.

**10. How long have you lived in your jurisdiction? Explain any effects of redistricting.**

I've lived in my district my whole life. Aside from going to college, the military and financial reasons.

**11. See the Club's platform at [milkclub.org/platform](http://milkclub.org/platform). Any disagreements?**

I have no Disagreements

## **Only District Attorney Candidates**

*(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)*

**1. What is your vision of a successful public safety system in San Francisco? How will you be a leader in ensuring that all of our communities are safe?**

**2. Do you think San Francisco's drug overdose crisis is best solved through a public health lens or a criminal justice lens? Please explain your top policy proposals?**

**3. What have you done to support victims of crime, and victim services?**

**4. The Office of the District Attorney has faced operational challenges. What are your proposals for addressing this?**

**5. How have you supported marginalized communities that have been disproportionately impacted by violence in San Francisco, such as the Black, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and LGBTQ+ communities?**

**6. In what ways will restorative justice play a role in your office?**

**7. Describe your relationship with the San Francisco Police Department. Are there things you wish they would do or approach differently?**

**Only Supervisorial Candidates**  
*(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)*

**1. What are your top three legislative priorities if elected?**

Fix the streets. Rent Control. City beautification.

**2. What should be increased/decreased to balance the City budget?**

I don't think we need to increase or decrease anything around the budget. We need more transparency and accountability on where our money is going. \$14 billion, Just don't disappear.

**3. How should the Board of Supervisors create more transparency from and accountability within the public health department?**

No Answer at this moment

**4. Do you support expanding transit-only and protected bike lanes in your district?**

Only if it's planned in a way where it does not interfere with the status quo for example the Valencia Street biking, but adds value to the street which is implemented in

**5. How will you preserve and expand affordable housing in your district?**

To change our property tax to a "land use" tax type, incentivizing developers to build certain types of buildings depending on the needs of the area.

**6. Do you support a navigation center in your district?**

Yes, I do

**7. Who do you support for Mayor in 2024? How will you work with the Mayor to address constituents' issues?**

No one at this moment

**8. Who do you currently see as your closest allies on the Board of Supervisors? How will you work with other supervisors when disagreements arise?**

At the moment I don't know who would be disagreeing or agreeing with what I do, and who I would be disagreeing or agreeing with.

**9. If add-back funds were available, how would you allocate them in your district?**

I will allocate them mostly for building infrastructure that helps improve people's quality of life, for example, public water, fountains, somewhere to sit, shade, and other amenities like

**10. Which of the local governmental bureaucracies is most in need of an audit? Why?**

Police department, and department of Public Works

**Only District 9 candidates:**

**11. What is your stance on the Valencia Street bike lanes? What will be your solutions to addressing the concerns of cyclists, residents, and small businesses?**

I stand with the residents and local businesses that want it removed and back to the 3 lines with the middle turning lane. I've talked about my plans for the mission local. I want to move the bike line to Capp St because there's less traffic than in Valencia and it is already blocked.

**12. What is your stance on the future of street vendors on Mission Street? How will you balance supporting vendors and ensuring public safety?**

I have been standing in unity with the Mission Street Vendor Association.

“their proposed solutions of; Phased Reintegration, Resource allocation, respectful dialogue, and temporary relocation if necessary. As a leader, I know the best approach to this is to include the options of who this Ban affects the most.

I propose to make it into an official daily farmers market” with a permanent stage for performances and events. First, I want to build in an area for a bungalow, where city officials can expedite permits for vendors on Mission Street. Then, add more trash cans, seating areas and portajohns, water fountains, and shaded areas. Next, adding paint and infrastructure to designate where vendors can sell. Lastly to build a stage-like area, on the 24th street BART area, where community organizations can plan events and performances.”  
-Julian Bermudez Mission Local 2024

## **Only City College Board Candidates**

*(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)*

- 1. What specific experience do you have with the City College of San Francisco?**
- 2. What is your plan to address the bullying of LGBTQ students, as well as students of traditionally marginalized communities?**
- 3. How will you address the needs of homeless students?**
- 4. What are your plans to protect undocumented students and their families?**
- 5. Did you support the recent City College staff layoff? What is your stance on future faculty and staff layoffs?**
- 6. Do you support the current chancellor? How would you describe their tenure?**
- 7. Do you support the Workforce Education and Recovery Fund that dedicates permanent funding for non-credit classes at City College?**
- 8. Who do you currently see as your closest allies on the City College Board?**

### **PART 3: Yes or No Questions**

*(Please "X" Yes or No for each question.)*

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Have you ever sought elected office before?		X
Have you previously sought a Milk Club endorsement?		X

<b>LGBTQ ISSUES &amp; SEXUAL LIBERATION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Do you support codifying various relationship structures as a protected class; e.g., a law that would prohibit discrimination against people in consensual non-monogamous relationships in employment, housing, education, and healthcare?		X
Do you support public funding for workforce programs, specifically for transgender job-seekers?	X	
Do you support public funding to expand access to PrEP?	X	
Do you support decriminalizing sex work?	X	

<b>TENANTS, HOUSING, AND HOMELESSNESS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Do you support independent oversight of your jurisdiction's agency that is responsible for services to the homeless?	X	
Do you support the split-role repeal of Proposition 13?	X	
Do you support the repeal of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act?	X	
Do you support the repeal of the Ellis Act?	X	
Have you ever evicted a tenant?		X
Do you support requiring the consent of homeless encampment residents prior to their displacement by your jurisdiction's city government(s)?	X	
Do you support the public acquisition of hotel rooms for permanent shelter and / or supportive housing for the homeless?		X
Did you support Measure D, the vacant property tax, in 2020 (or would you have, had you been a San Francisco voter)?	X	
Would you support a licensing system for landlords in your jurisdiction?	X	
Do you support a public municipal bank in your jurisdiction?		X
Did you support the proposed real estate transfer tax in 2020 for properties valued at or over \$10 million (or would you have, had you been a San Francisco voter)?	X	

<b>IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Should the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement be abolished?		X
Do you support sanctuary cities?	X	
Do you support due process protections for immigrant youth accused of crimes?	X	
Do you support allowing the undocumented to serve on city / state boards and commissions?		X
Do you support increased funds for immigrant defense services?	X	

<b>RACIAL &amp; SOCIAL JUSTICE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Do you support the death penalty?		X
Do you support the use of tasers by law enforcement?	X	
Do you support requiring an independent investigation of all police officer-related shootings?	X	
Does your campaign accept contributions from law enforcement associations, unions, or organizations?	X	
Should your local Police Officers Association be disbanded / have its political influence severely curtailed?		X
Do you support qualified immunity for police officers?		X
Do you support reparations for Black people?	X	
Do you support the implementation of overdose prevention sites?	X	
Do you support extending voting rights in local / state elections to currently and formerly incarcerated people?	X	
Have you ever crossed a union picket line or ignored a union boycott?		X
Do you support the right for public sector employees to go on strike?	X	
Do you support repealing California Proposition 209?	X	
Did you support California Proposition 22 (App-Based Drivers Regulations Initiative)?		X

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Do you support dissolving Pacific, Gas, & Electric and replacing it with a publicly-owned utility agency?	X	
If you have a local clean power program partnered with your local utility provider, do you support its expansion?	X	

Would you support a plan to provide free public transportation in your jurisdiction?	X	
Would you support a national ban on fossil fuel extraction?		X

<b>PUBLIC CORRUPTION &amp; POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Did you support the Sunlight on Dark Money measure (Proposition F) on the November 2019 ballot (or would you have, had you been a San Francisco voter)?	X	
Do you support expanding your jurisdiction's public financing program to all elected offices?	X	

**PART 4: Support of Other Candidates / Propositions**

*(Please fill in who you supported, or whether or not you supported the indicated proposition. If you made a ranked endorsement or voted for more than one candidate using IRV, please indicate the rankings.)*

	<b>2024</b>
U.S. Senate	Barbara Lee
State Assembly, District 19	
Superior Court Judge, Seat 1	Begert
Superior Court Judge, Seat 13	Thompson
Democratic County Central Committee (if applicable, can indicate slate name)	
California Propositions	
1 - Behavioral health services	No
San Francisco Propositions	
A - Affordable housing bond	yes
B - Police officer staffing levels	no
C - Transfer tax exemption	no
D - Changes to local ethics laws	yes
E - Police Department procedures	no
F - Substance dependence screening	no
G - 8th grade algebra	yes
	<b>2022</b>
CA State Assembly, District 17	Did not vote, Transitioning out the Army At the time
San Francisco District 2 Supervisor	
San Francisco District 4 Supervisor	
San Francisco District 6 Supervisor	
San Francisco District 8 Supervisor	
San Francisco District 10 Supervisor	
San Francisco Board of Education (up to 3 names)	

San Francisco Community College Board (up to 4 names)	
San Francisco District Attorney	
San Francisco Public Defender	
San Francisco Propositions	
H (June) - Chesa Boudin recall	
D (Nov.) - Affordable Homes Now	
E (Nov.) - Affordable Housing Production Act	
I (Nov.) - Access for All	
J (Nov.) - Safe Parks for All	
M (Nov.) - Vacant residential unit tax	
O (Nov.) - City College funding	
	<b>2020</b>
Democratic Presidential Primary	Bernie sanders
CA State Senate, District 11	
San Francisco District 1 Supervisor	none
San Francisco District 3 Supervisor	Peskin
San Francisco District 5 Supervisor	Dean
San Francisco District 7 Supervisor	none
San Francisco District 11 Supervisor	Avalos
	<b>2019</b>
San Francisco District 5 Supervisor	Dean
San Francisco District Attorney	Boudin
	<b>2018</b>
San Francisco Mayor	Leno
San Francisco District 4 Supervisor	none
San Francisco District 6 Supervisor	none
San Francisco District 8 Supervisor	none
San Francisco District 10 Supervisor	none