

Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club November 2024 Endorsement Questionnaire (July)

PART 1: Required Information

1. **Full name and pronouns:** Moe Jamil (he/him)
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If you are representing a ballot measure, you may skip to the “Only Ballot Measures” section of Part 2 below, and you may then skip the rest of the questionnaire.

8. **Political party:** Democrat
9. **Are or were you a member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club? If so, please provide timeframe.**
No.
10. **Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and / or queer (LGBTQ)?**
No.

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 father immigrated to the City in 1966 from Jordan without much money or education – but with a dream for a better life. My parents were life-long tenants, union members and small business owners who taught me that with hard work you can create a better future for yourself and your family. They worked hard to put me through school. I earned a BA in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley where I participated in a year-abroad program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and learned to speak Cantonese – a valuable skill for the representative of San Francisco's Chinatown.

I served as an economics, history, and forensics teacher in San Jose, California while working my way through Santa Clara University School of Law to earn my JD degree. My children were born in District 3, are being raised here and as a 10-year resident of the District, Deputy City Attorney and committed community leader, I am invested in these neighborhoods and committed to getting things done.

I've been on the boards of several community organizations including Russian Hill Neighbors (current), San Francisco Heritage, and the Union Square Foundation. Additionally, I am the former Chair of the Middle Polk Neighborhood Association and Co-founder of the Van Ness Corridor Neighborhoods Council made up of ten neighborhood organizations along Van Ness Avenue focused on improving outcomes relating to planning, land use, public safety and transportation.

Our best days are yet to come for us and our children, but we need to get back to basics. This neighborhood is my home, and as Supervisor, I will fight every day for the betterment of our city and for accountability in local government.

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

The sole support from the San Francisco Tenants Union is meaningful to me because they recognized my work over the last 10 years as a neighborhood leader standing with tenants in D3 – and across the City – in partnership with other neighborhood leaders and advocates. The endorsement of five-time-elected Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin is meaningful because we share a deep belief in fighting for every neighborhood in San Francisco. View a full list of my endorsers at: <https://www.moejamil.com/endorsements>

3. What is your win number? How many doors have you knocked so far in your race, and how many do you plan to knock?

I need about 20,000 votes to win & I plan on knocking as many doors as possible, in addition to targeting voters through paid mail, phone calls, texts and digital ads.

4. What is your fundraising goal, and how much have you raised so far? What percent of your donations is under \$20?

I plan to raise to the cap. I am proud to be a participant in the city's Public Financing program. We are open to all donations but to date our lowest donation has been \$25.

5. What will you do to end homelessness in your jurisdiction (short- and long-term)? The US Supreme Court recently ruled in favor of allowing cities to enforce bans on sleeping outdoors. Should San Francisco have and enforce such a ban? Why or why not?

We must humanely transition the unhoused off our streets and sidewalks and into care. At the moment, our City lacks the facilities for long-term care of in-need patients. We must use the City's money more efficiently to invest in both short-term shelter and long-term housing – and provide wrap-around services that treat addiction and mental illness. We cannot allow people to perish from overdoses on our streets or cycle in and out of our medical facilities – exhausting our hospitals and staff. The cost of frequent flyers in our hospital systems is already a burden on taxpayer dollars, it's time we use our city's money wisely and invest it where its desperately needed. We need beds in SF, in a med/psych rehabilitation center, to deal with those who repetitively refuse to accept lifesaving treatment. Finally, a sober living community, far removed from the triggers of substance use, needs to be developed to house those who continue to lack decision making capacity despite the best efforts at rehabilitation. Also, it is important that we consult with neighbors and merchants when locating shelters and supportive housing facilities and they must be properly run and managed.

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

I have put in 10 years of service as a D3 neighborhood leader, working in all parts of the district, particularly on land use and development matters. Simply put, San Francisco needs common sense solutions on housing that put neighborhoods and residents first. We must vigorously defend our rent-control laws. Residents should not be paying a majority of their monthly income toward keeping themselves housed. As Supervisor, I will be committed to building and preserving affordable housing, protecting rent control, and helping working San Franciscans move up the economic ladder. I will ensure that any new housing projects are drafted with meaningful community input – and actually house residents. I will fight against the misinformation machine when it comes to housing and development. I will look for allies across the state to both push back on the unfunded housing mandates by all means necessary and prevent the usurping of local land use control by Sacramento.

7. 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 have partnered with advocates fighting development projects that unjustly evicted or bought out monolingual Chinese tenants in Upper Chinatown and North Beach.

In my role as Deputy City Attorney*, I've worked closely with the Assessor-Recorder and the Treasurer & Tax Collector and have experienced firsthand how those offices have successfully implemented the Language Access Ordinance. I've heard individuals from the public express their satisfaction with the services they received and the experiences they have had with those offices.

When city departments have leadership that recognize the significance of appropriately serving multilingual communities, we can ensure individuals are being understood and are receiving the services they need.

The City should work in partnership with our Community Based Organizations who are professionals in translation. By leveraging grant funding programs, the city has the opportunity to improve its outreach efforts by forming strategic partnerships with CBOs that have developed trusted relationships with residents and understand how to best serve these communities.

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

As president of Middle Polk Neighborhood Association, I partnered with the City to study a potential LGBTQ historic district for Polk Street as well as strongly supported legacy businesses like the CINCH.

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

Chief among my environmental priorities is working with stakeholders on sea level rise to ensure that we are prioritizing long term sustainability. I believe that we must fight to preserve and protect existing housing and the associated sequestered carbon rather than demolishing our neighborhoods by loosening demolition controls and rent control protections. I would support the idea of a significant bond measure in the next year or two to directly address the costs of stopping climate change, as outlined by our City's Climate Action Plan.

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

I co-founded two coalitions of neighborhood groups to fight for a community voice in planning decisions. (1) Van Ness Corridor Neighborhood Council and (2) Neighborhoods United San Francisco. Both have made a tremendous impact fighting for the rights of residents and small businesses to give them a voice in City planning.

11. 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 understand that as policy makers we are not experts in all issue-areas and that's why it is essential to maintain working relationships with individuals with lived experience across our city. Good policy is informed policy – so when crafting City laws or city programs related to HIV, I will seek informed perspectives from community directly affected by these decisions.

12. What is your commitment to transgender, non-binary, two-spirit, intersex, and gender-expansive individuals in lieu of Banko Brown's murder and 320 transgender people killed in 2023 (a historically underreported statistic)? How will you ensure justice and equity for all transgender individuals?

I support equal access to healthcare for all people including trans-inclusive healthcare.

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

I've been a resident of San Francisco for 22 years and of District 3 for 10 years.

14. See the Club's platform at milkclub.org/platform. Any disagreements?

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

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

I am running for Supervisor because San Francisco needs common sense solutions to get our city back to basics. My top policy priorities are:

1. Supporting safety, cleaning up our neighborhoods and preservation of our communities
2. Finding real solutions to the unhoused crisis and housing affordability crisis
3. Uplifting neighbor and merchant voices and demanding accountability from our city departments and officials

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

When we hit a budget deficit, the City necessarily must make cuts to the budget and to services. At present, rather than asking fundamental questions to audit our spending priorities, the City asks department heads to cut a percentage from their operating budget without regard to effectiveness and priority. This method is inefficient and does not take a holistic look at where cuts can be made while maintaining the highest level of service to the taxpayer. As Supervisor, I would move the city away from this approach of across-the-board-cuts and toward an approach that gives serious thought to the effectiveness of cuts to find the best way to save money.

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

I support auditing our City Departments to identify what works and what doesn't so we can use our city dollars more effectively.

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

Yes only if done with community support including residents and merchants

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

We do not have a housing crisis – we have an affordability crisis – and the most affordable housing is the housing that we have. Our City must protect our affordable housing stock to support working families and individuals across the income spectrum. Preservation and protection of existing housing, in addition to building new housing, is the City's responsibility.

I support the idea of converting unused office space downtown into housing. As Supervisor, I would support the City dramatically increasing the acquisition of land and buildings for affordable housing for a variety of AMI levels.

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

No. If the community wants it I am open to the discussion but I have not heard it as of yet.

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

Aaron Peskin. I will work closely with whoever is Mayor to represent the needs of my constituents and include neighborhood organizations, representatives, CBOs, issue area experts, etc in that conversation whenever possible.

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?

N/A – not an incumbent. As a Supervisor, I plan to work collaboratively with all my colleagues.

9. If addback funds were available, how would you allocate them in your district?

I will work with community groups and stakeholders most in need.

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

SFMTA. As Supervisor, I will demand strict financial oversight and improved project management of the SFMTA. I would support an audit of the SFMTA to increase transparency and accountability, ensure their budget is being used wisely, and cut down on unnecessary spending like excessive admin costs. I would not support new fees or taxes on City residents and businesses to support SFMTA. I would support relocation and elimination of resources that do not align with my constituents' values.

PART 3: Yes or No Questions

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

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

LGBTQ ISSUES & SEXUAL LIBERATION	YES	NO
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	

TENANTS, HOUSING, AND HOMELESSNESS	YES	NO
Do you support independent oversight of your jurisdiction's agency that is responsible for services to the homeless?	X	
Do you support the split-roll 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	

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ISSUES	YES	NO
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	

RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE	YES	NO
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

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES	YES	NO
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*

*I would very much like to support a national ban on fossil fuel extraction, but we are not there yet with production of alternative energy to make this a realistic or wise national policy.

PUBLIC CORRUPTION & POLITICAL TRANSPARENCY	YES	NO
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

(San Francisco races unless otherwise noted. Please fill in who you support(ed), or whether or not you supported the indicated proposition. If you made / will make a ranked endorsement or voted / will vote for more than one candidate using IRV, please indicate the rankings.)

	2024
	November Election
U.S. Senate	
Mayor	Aaron Peskin
District Attorney	
District 1 Supervisor	
District 3 Supervisor	
District 5 Supervisor	
District 7 Supervisor	
District 9 Supervisor	
District 11 Supervisor	
	March Election
U.S. Senate	
Assembly, District 19	
Superior Court Judge, Seat 1	
Superior Court Judge, Seat 13	
Democratic County Central Committee (if applicable, can indicate slate name)	
California Propositions	
1 - Behavioral health services	Yes.
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	Yes
F - Substance dependence screening	Yes

G - 8th grade algebra	Yes
	2022
Assembly, District 17	
District 2 Supervisor	
District 4 Supervisor	
District 6 Supervisor	
District 8 Supervisor	
District 10 Supervisor	
Board of Education (up to 3 names)	
Community College Board (up to 4 names)	
District Attorney	
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	
	2020
Democratic Presidential Primary	
State Senate, District 11	
District 1 Supervisor	
District 3 Supervisor	
District 5 Supervisor	
District 7 Supervisor	
District 11 Supervisor	
	2019
District 5 Supervisor	

District Attorney	
	2018
Mayor	
District 4 Supervisor	
District 6 Supervisor	
District 8 Supervisor	
District 10 Supervisor	