

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 17

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #1

Ruth E Ferguson

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

No Candidate Statement Submitted

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Candidate #2

Hanley Chan

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

My name is Hanley Chan and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a native San Franciscan and attended public schools in San Francisco. I am a veteran-serving our country in the US Navy and Army National Guard. I have served on the US Selective Service System District Appeals Board and the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I'm also a father and a community advocate. I am the director of public affairs for a veteran non-profit.

I have volunteered for numerous campaigns for Democratic, knocking on doors, phone banking and talking to voters and encouraging them to participate in the electoral process. Change begins on the local level and that is why I am ready to continue my work for YOU and our party as an ADEM.

The priorities which I want the California Democratic Party to pursue are fighting for a strong economy, taking action on climate change and protection, universal childcare, access to affordable healthcare, affordable housing, public infrastructure, supporting and uplifting women's rights, abortion access, equal pay and dignity and justice for all.

I am committed to being an active member of the California Democratic Party delegation and look forward to serving on committees/caucuses, supporting issues and causes that affect you and most importantly being a voice at the table for the voiceless.

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Candidate #3

Tony Delorio

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

Tony Delorio – Delegate for Assembly District 17
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My name is Tony Delorio. I'm running for delegate to the California Democratic Party representing Assembly District 17. I am the Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 665 in San Francisco. As a union official and 26-year Teamster, I have observed first-hand the daily struggles of working people. My initiation as a union member began in my youth watching my father and grandfather provide for their families as members of the Teamsters Union. Those values continued while I put myself through California State University (East Bay) while simultaneously working as a Teamster member in San Francisco's off-street parking industry. Becoming active in my union allowed me to become an organizer and later an executive officer and representative, elected by the membership. As Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 665, I am fortunate to work with dynamic union activists who continue to pursue strategic organizing drives that expand opportunities for union membership to individuals employed in diverse industries throughout Northern California.

The Excelsior and Crocker Amazon district in San Francisco is where I was born. I am proud that these neighborhoods in Assembly District 17 continue to be the place where working families thrive. Our multi-generational/multi-cultural community comes to life on most weekends, in the bustle at stores, community centers, houses of worship, parks and playgrounds.

As both a union leader and proud democrat, the message that I will deliver is that struggles at the job site and the concerns of working neighbors are interlinked: Fair and secure employment opportunities and safe and healthy communities are equally important to workers and their families.

The legislative agenda for working people must include housing policies which prioritize working families, a clean and healthy environment, universal access to healthcare, an end to discrimination in all its forms, and equality for all.

I am and will continue to be an active member of the California Democratic Party and look forward to working with all members of our delegation in expanding voter participation and supporting the legislative agenda that advances the cause of working people in the 17th Assembly District and across the State of California.

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Candidate #4

April P Crawford

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

No Candidate Statement Submitted

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #5

Alicia Bustos Sandoval

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

I am running for Delegate for AD 17, proudly born and raised in San Francisco Mission District, and bilingual. I am a long-standing activist with UFW fighting for a fair wage for farm workers. Locally, I have worked with tenants fighting against evictions as an organizer and counselor for almost a decade.

Growing up in San Francisco, I attended public schools Raoul Wallenberg High School, ISA, Horace Mann Middle School, and Hawthorne Elementary. My community has changed drastically since I was in school. Many families and kids I went to school with have been pushed out due to displacement and gentrification, moving to places outside SF due to the extravagant costs of high rents. I strive to help families and continue to fight against displacement.

I demonstrate my passion for political activism through community engagement, registering voters, and tenant rights advocacy. I am an active Council member of Calle24 and was recently elected as Cultural Affairs VP of the San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club (LDC).

If elected, I will fight to defend the rights of all Californians, including the most vulnerable workers disproportionately affected by the pandemic, from job loss to evictions. As a tenant organizer, I will represent the voice of tenants, monolingual immigrant families, and the most vulnerable communities locally and statewide and engage them in our democratic process by increasing voter turnout in our elections.

I seek your support and vote as a delegate.

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Candidate #6

Sarah Souza

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

I am running as a delegate for the California Democratic Party Assembly District 17 as a proud Local 21 IFPTE member, immigrant rights leader, VP of Chicano Latino Caucus, and the first non-citizen appointed to the CADEM Rules Committee member.

As a non-citizen activist, I have proudly led the historic statewide victory to amend the California Democratic Party's bylaws to allow aspiring non-citizens to get elected for ADEM, promoting inclusive civic engagement in our party. As a result of my leadership in fighting for this significant Civil Rights issue, more than 2.5 million Californians have an opportunity to participate in our Democracy and have a seat at the table.

I will bring my passion and demonstrated commitment to serving our most vulnerable workers, families, and seniors. I am committed to advocating for our unions, workers, and, most importantly, low-income families who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Together we can make a difference.

As Cesar E. Chavez once said, "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

If elected as a Delegate, I will bring my years of advocacy experience to continue pushing for immigrant rights, language access, workers' rights, economic justice, environmental justice, and housing. As a noncitizen/immigrant activist, I have a proven record in grassroots organizing, GOTV, bringing people together, and promoting inclusive civic engagement. During the Congressional Elections, I joined the San Francisco Labor Council and many union members in Nevada for GOTV, as well as made numerous calls to ensure a Democratic majority on both the House and Senate.

I ask for your support to continue fighting for all Californians, regardless of their immigration status.

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Candidate #7

Armie Morgan

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Armie Morgan and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a Bay Area native with deep roots in San Francisco. My parents grew up and resided in San Francisco along with my grandparents. I've been back for 10 years now. My family history is based in the southeastern corridor which is District 17. I am a Union activist, a union representative for the Operating Engineers Local 3. I've been a Union member for 27 years. Over the past years I've fought for living wages, better work conditions and safety along with better healthcare and the right to retire with a decent pension.

My roots are from District 10 and 9 and I truly love these districts. I volunteer to help with CityBuild a pre-apprenticeship program in the Bayview with recruiting and promotions. I also teach a class there on general engineering. I also serve the City by sitting on the Fire Commission.

As a member/leader within my union and a proud Democrat, I have knocked on countless doors, phone banked weeks on end, organized worksite visits and recruited numerous members/activists to get out the vote for Labor friendly candidates. Now more than ever AD17 needs my lens of equity to help balance the needs of the environment and industry groups with the needs of workers.

The top priorities which I want the California Democratic Party to pursue are fighting for a strong economy, taking action on climate by supporting building a green energy economy with a foundation of high road blue-collar jobs, and holding polluters accountable, universal childcare, access to healthcare, affordable housing, public infrastructure, climate protection, Supporting and uplifting women's rights, abortion access, equal pay and dignity and justice for all.

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Candidate #8

Lan Fun Lau

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Lan Fun Lau, also known for my friends as Anita Lau, I am an immigrant from China. I work as a home care provider in San Francisco. I am a member of SEIU 2015 and have been a part of the fight to increase wages and improve benefits for home care workers. I have been working as an IHSS homecare worker for more than 15 years. This is a workforce that is very diverse, including many immigrants like myself who provide care to seniors and people with disabilities in San Francisco. There are many issues that working immigrant families need to continue fighting for. I am a proud Democrat and I'm honored to be a part of this race.

In addition, I have been served as the Board member of Friends of Tenants Association, since 2018, I have been volunteering to deliver community donated protective masks and gloves to the home of hundreds of seniors in San Francisco.

I'm running for Assembly Delegate because I believe in the rights of immigrants and that we need representation for Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the Democratic Party. I will fight to keep labor strong in this state to make this a place where working immigrant families can afford to live. I hope I can count on your vote for me in January 2023.

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Candidate #9

Mario Flores

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

My name is Mario Flores (He/His), and I am running on the Grassroots Community Slate. I came to San Francisco at the age of 12 to reunite with my parents. I'm a proud Queer, Latino who grew up primarily in the Excelsior District and recently reside in the Mission District. Growing up as an ESL, immigrant child in low-income neighborhoods with a broken, underfunded public school system was challenging and it made me realize how important are the decisions made by those in local and state governments.

I attended SF State's College of Ethnic Studies, where I had the opportunity to serve in many leadership roles. I was coordinator of La Raza & The Progressive Coalition. The Progressive Coalition consisted of API, Black, Latinx, Native American & Middle Eastern groups. United we organized to defend and expand Ethnic Studies, programs to access higher education, implemented change on campus and even named various campus spaces after leaders who students would recognize and identify well with.

For over a decade, I worked at SF State as Director of ASI Project Connect Resource Center. Worked serving our youth, promoting access to college by organizing yearly outreach and retention events for low-income and underrepresented communities. Currently I work for a non-profit organization doing workforce development by helping unemployed or underemployed people get sustainable employment. I am also a member of the production team of CarnavalSF, serving as the volunteer coordinator.

My involvement in the Democratic Party includes membership in the Harvey Milk Democratic Club in addition to serving as past officer of District 11 Democratic Club, and also Latinx Democratic Club. I am seeking to become an ADEM delegate because I see the lack of representations of Latinos and BiPOC communities and understand the need to elect more diverse delegates who can advocate for our working-class Californians.

My priorities include continuing the work with queer, people of color, immigrants, the working-class and labor to fight for equitable policies, improve public education, voter engagement, affordable housing, climate change, homelessness and issues that directly impact our low-income communities. As a Queer Latino with multiple intersections, I firmly believe that inclusion is the solution and that we must have everyone in our community involved in the process.

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Candidate #10

Adrienne Sims

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Adrienne Sims. I am a native San Franciscan who grew up primarily in the Lakeview District of San Francisco. I have worked in public safety serving the city of San Francisco for over 20 years and have been a union member starting as a teamster with UPS and now serving as the first woman on the Executive Board of SF Firefighters Local 798. As a mother with children in the public schools here in the city, I have a vested interest in San Francisco's political landscape, values and outlook.

I have organized many of our firefighters and community, participated in voter outreach door hangers and worked on campaigns to support Democratic candidates and issues that are near and dear to me heart, throughout SF.

I also work with the International Association of Firefighters teaching all over the US to encourage union values, leadership and advocacy. Advocating in the labor movement for my Brothers and Sisters who have a right to fair wages, and working conditions with the understanding that supporting one another benefits us and our communities.

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Candidate #11

Robert Sandoval

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

My name is Robert Sandoval, and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a third-generation Teamsters Local 350 member and began my career fighting for working people back in 2014. I hold the titles of Business Representative, Political Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, and Organizer. Additionally, I am an Executive Board member on the San Mateo County Central Labor Council, representing over 85,000 union members in San Mateo County.

Over the past eight years, I have fought tirelessly to represent my members throughout our entire Local Unions jurisdiction from San Francisco to San Benito Counties. By improving the livelihoods of my members with strong health and safety standards, and significant increases to wages, pensions, and benefits, we jointly uplift the area standard for all people in their respective areas. As any good organizer knows, change begins on the local level, so I am ready to continue my work for YOU and our party as an ADEM.

I have lived in the Bayview Hunters Point area for the last three years and truly love my community. I greatly appreciate this entire district and donate time and money to various organizations that better our community. I would be humbled to represent all of AD 17.

As a member/leader within my union and a proud democrat, I have knocked on doors, organized worksite visits, and recruited numerous members/activists to get out the vote for candidates that will give a voice to all working people, and other marginalized communities. Now more than ever, AD 17 needs my lens of equity to help balance the needs of the environment and industry groups with the needs of workers.

The top priorities which I want the California Democratic Party to pursue are fighting for a strong economy, taking action on climate by supporting building a green energy economy with a foundation of good paying union jobs, childcare, access to healthcare, affordable housing, public infrastructure, climate protection, Supporting and uplifting women's rights, abortion access, equal pay and dignity and justice for all.

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Candidate #12

Rick Hauptman

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

Rick Hauptman for AD17 on January 7th

I am a Progressive candidate for the Democratic State Central Committee in Assembly District 17.

For 40 years I've been an organizer for Democratic, progressive, social, environmental justice, Women's, LGBT, and community-based politics and public policy.

I chair the Harvey Milk Education Committee; serve on the Board of National Organization for Women; lead Progressive Democrats of San Francisco; & work with a wonderful group of activists throughout the City, including Living Wage Coalition, SF Tenants Union, ACLU of Northern CA, Cesar Chavez Celebration Committee, SF Committee to End Gun Violence, Community Choice Energy, SF Berniecrats.

I was an Elected Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte and Philadelphia and would like to continue representing our City & District.

I founded and chaired the Computer and Internet Caucus of the State Party where I helped Democratic clubs and organizations get their initial presence on the Internet.

I am a founder of the Progressive Caucus of the State Party whose mission is to bring back to our Party our passion and commitment to justice, equality, and fairness.

I am the founder and chair of the CA Democratic Party Renter's Caucus. We must repeal Costa-Hawkins to allow Rent Control throughout our state. And to stop evictions and end homelessness!

For more information please see RickHauptmanSF@gmail.com .

I look forward to working with you for many years to come on issues critical to Democrats and Progressives, here in San Francisco and throughout our State!

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Candidate #13

Kristin A. Hardy

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

My name is Kristin Hardy, and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a union activist with SEIU 1021, a parent, and a San Francisco Department of Public Health employee. I was born and raised in San Francisco and understand what working people in our city need.

I've been active in the labor movement since 2000 as a carpenter with Local 22. After my second child, I decided to reinvent myself. I enrolled at City College, obtained my degree, and began my current career with the City & County of San Francisco. I've been a City worker for over 11 years.

As a union activist, I have fought tirelessly for livable wages, safe and fair working conditions, and good union jobs for all. I have been active in my union's work on social and economic justice across the region, and currently serve as SEIU 1021's Vice President of San Francisco. I am excited to bring this experience as an ADEM Delegate.

I lived in Lakeview (District 11) for the first 10 years of my life before moving to Westwood Highlands (District 7). I went to Phillip & Sala Burton HS here in San Francisco as well. I volunteer with the SF Foodbank, San Francisco Bomber's youth football, and the OMI community center in my old neighborhood. I have strong family roots in this city and a deep appreciation for this entire district. I know change begins at the local level. As a delegate, I would represent all of ADEM 17.

As a proud Democrat, I have knocked on countless doors, called voters, organized worksite visits, and recruited union members to get out the vote for the candidates who stand with working families and marginalized communities. AD17 needs leadership who sees issues through a lens of equity for workers. I believe I am well-suited for that job.

The California Democratic Party must lead on social, economic, and racial justice issues. We must fight for affordable housing, affordable healthcare, LGBTQQIP2SAA rights, universal childcare, and abortion access as well as equal pay and equity for women at work. We need bold action on climate change and a just transition for workers to a green economy.

As an ADEM delegate, I look forward to actively serving on committees and caucuses, as well as supporting organizing and fundraising efforts and, most importantly, being a voice at the table for my community.

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Candidate #14

Bart Pantoja

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Bart Pantoja and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a parent, a union construction worker and union activist with a deep understanding of what working people in the San Francisco city and county need. I first began in the labor movement in 1996 as a glazier architectural glass & metal worker. Over the past 25 years my family and I have benefited from my union employment with health care and good wages. In the last 10 years I have leaned into the fight for high road jobs with career pathways and the right to retire with dignity. As any good organizer knows, change begins on the local level and that is why I am ready to continue my work for you and our party as an ADEM.

I have lived in San Francisco for the last 12 years and truly love my community. I attend church a few blocks from where I live at St. Paul of the Shipwreck, volunteer at my local community groups working with others to recover from addiction and have strong roots in the great city of San Francisco. I have an overwhelming appreciation for this entire district, and I would act to represent all of AD 17.

As a member and leader within my union and a proud democrat, I have knocked on countless doors, phone banked, organized worksite visits and recruited numerous members & activists to get out the vote for candidates that will give a voice to all working people, and other marginalized communities. Now more than ever, AD 17 needs my lens of equity to help balance the needs of the environment and industry groups with the needs of workers.

My top priorities for the California Democratic Party to pursue are fighting for a strong economy, taking action on climate change by the support of building a green energy economy with a foundation of high road blue-collar jobs, holding polluters accountable, universal childcare, access to healthcare, affordable housing, public infrastructure, supporting and uplifting women's rights, abortion access, equal pay and dignity and justice for all.

I am committed to being an active member of the California Democratic Party delegation and look forward to serving on committees and/or caucuses, supporting organizing and fundraising efforts, and most importantly being a voice at the table for my community.

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Candidate #15

Carrie E Barnes

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

I am Carrie Barnes, and I would be honored to serve Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am President of the Noe Valley Democratic Club, active in local and national political campaigns, and a graduate of the Goldman School of Public Policy at Berkeley where I focused on labor policy. Prior to this, I founded a strategic marketing communications firm, working with mission-driven organizations. I am also a mother and classroom parent to my daughter's sixth grade.

I have lived in Noe Valley with my husband and daughter for nearly a decade. In 2021, I rebooted the Noe Valley Democratic Club. I helped update the club's bylaws, earn rechartering by the DCCC, and rebuild membership, and our club is now among the largest Democratic clubs in San Francisco. I also have experience in citywide politics. In 2020, I helped manage a Board Supervisor campaign for a first-time candidate in District 7. Most recently, I was Field Director for Proposition D, Affordable Homes Now San Francisco on the November 2022 ballot.

After the 2016 presidential election, I switched careers to focus on local politics and pursued a master's degree. While at Berkeley, I concentrated on labor policy, especially wage protection for service workers. I proposed legislative avenues to regulate restaurant service charges in California as a first step to broader equity measures for the restaurant industry. At the onset of the pandemic, I helped workers navigate how to file for federal and state unemployment insurance. The pandemic exposed many fault lines in our community, and I believe my policy work will help me address the challenges facing our district.

As a delegate, I want to advance rights for workers and families, women and children, and fight for the unhoused. California has a homelessness and housing crisis. I would like our party to address the care of all residents by building more housing, offering more mental health and drug rehabilitation services, and continuing to fight for women's equality and workers' pay.

I am running because I believe I can positively influence our district. In my conversations with voters, the one continuous theme is that people want to be heard. They want their voices to matter. They love San Francisco and believe in its promise. As an AD17 delegate, I would ensure their voices are represented.

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Candidate #16

Amber P Baur

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Amber Baur and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am the Executive Director for the United Food and Commercial Workers, Western States Council. Through organizing, I help create a resilient workforce focused on empowering workers and building a more vibrant economy. All Californians deserve to share in the economic value they create and we need to do more to support the workers and their families that power our economy.

In 2008, I became the Political Director for the San Francisco Labor Council where I helped pass landmark progressive initiatives, elect Labor champions, organize workers and build power for our community. I remain an Executive Committee member of the Labor Council, served on the SF Economic Recovery Task Force, and am a SF New Leaders Council Fellow. I have focused on recruiting Democrats to run for office while also raising money and organizing the resources they need to win. I serve my community by electing progressive leaders, organizing workers to have a voice on the job and passing policies that support working people.

Throughout the Pandemic, I led my union in efforts to protect essential workers with critical health and safety protections. I created vaccine priority for essential workers on the Governor's Vaccine Task Force, and helped negotiate historic mandatory paid sick leave for frontline workers. I coordinated expungement clinics focused on giving people a second chance while aligning a progressive criminal justice reform agenda within the labor movement. Through a dynamic workforce program, I've helped create pathways to move people into the middle class.

We cannot meaningfully address income inequality unless we focus on inequity in education, systemic racism, gender economic inequality and solutions to climate change. I am committed to public education and serve on the JBBP PTA at Rosa Parks Elementary where both my children attend school. We must champion environmental justice while preserving good jobs that support middle class families. A union job provides pay transparency and a voice at work, critical for leveling the playing field for all workers.

I am committed to being an active member of the CADEM delegation and look forward to serving on committees and caucuses to address key issues for working families and the next generation.

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Candidate #17

Seth Brenzel

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Seth Brenzel, and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a parent, non-profit executive director, community leader, and professional singer and union member (AGMA, American Guild of Musical Artists). I serve on the boards of the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club and the San Francisco Parent Coalition, and am an active member of the United Democratic Club. I care passionately about our beautiful, complicated San Francisco and want to help represent the city in the statewide Democratic Party.

My husband and I have lived in the Bernal Heights neighborhood since 2000, and we are raising our daughter in San Francisco. I'm originally from the East Bay, and my family has roots in San Francisco. My grandmother immigrated to Angel Island in the 1930s, my mother was born in San Francisco, and my father played for minor league teams in the San Francisco Giants organization. Our family are active members of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, and I have been and continue to be an active volunteer and board member at my daughter's schools.

As an Assembly District Delegate, I want to prioritize more housing, especially affordable housing; equitable and excellent public education for every California student; LGBTQ+ rights; climate justice and a thriving and environmentally sustainable economy; strengthened workers' and labor rights; and increased investments in public infrastructure and transportation. I believe that we need to work together, across our differences, to find solutions to our state's pressing challenges. Our children, our communities, and our planet are counting on us.

I have served as a union shop delegate and a member of our unit's bargaining team. I currently serve as a member of our shop's liaison committee and as a member of the local area committee. I am a proud Democrat, and have supported campaigns of local Democrats in San Francisco through door knocking and flyer distribution, and have phone banked for Democratic candidates, both in California and for the national party.

I am committed to being an active member of the California Democratic Party delegation and look forward to serving on committees, supporting organizing efforts, and being a voice at the table for San Francisco and my communities.

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Candidate #18

Tom Temprano

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Tom Temprano, and as a longtime Democrat and community activist, I would be proud to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am currently the Political Director at Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, and California's only LGBTQ+ civil rights organization working at the local, state and national levels. Before joining Equality California, I worked as Chief of Staff for San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and served as an elected member of the San Francisco City College Board of Trustees for 5 years. During my time in San Francisco I have been deeply involved in our local Democratic clubs, serving as a President, Co-President and PAC Chair of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club and as a member of clubs including the San Francisco Young Democrats and Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club. Most importantly, I am the proud dad of a rescue Chihuahua mix named Valerie.

Having lived in Assembly District 17 for nearly two decades, I am well versed and passionate about addressing the needs of our diverse communities. In my two successful runs for local elected office, I spoke with thousands of residents in neighborhoods from Chinatown to Bayview to Twin Peaks about the issues that impact their lives like housing affordability, access to quality public schools, the need for living-wage jobs and the impacts of climate change. And in my professional life and time as a community volunteer, I have championed these issues and pushed San Francisco to make real progress on addressing them. As a delegate representing our beautiful Assembly District, I will fight to make sure that the California Democratic Party does the same. It would truly be an honor to represent the residents of Assembly District 17 and to work alongside my fellow delegates to ensure that the California Democratic Party has the people power and resources to deliver results for our community.

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Candidate #19

Dyanna Volek

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Dyanna Volek, and I would be honored to represent Assembly District 17 as a delegate to the California Democratic Party. I am a native San Franciscan, proud Filipina American, attorney, and public servant who is deeply passionate about her community and the City of San Francisco. My career in local public service started as a public safety policy analyst in the San Francisco Mayor's Office and then as a Legislative Aide for Supervisor Katy Tang. I now serve as Government Affairs Manager for the San Francisco International Airport and am a member of the San Francisco Municipal Executives Association union. Over the past 10 years, I have fought tirelessly for affordable housing, public safety, and support for small businesses.

My passion for advocating for underrepresented communities and the middle class extends beyond my career. I grew up in San Francisco in the Outer Sunset and now live in the Bayview. I truly love my City - from the westside to the eastside. I attended Holy Name School in the Outer Sunset and Lowell High School. I go to church in St. Emydius, volunteer as a Deputy Marriage Commissioner in City Hall, and have strong family roots in San Francisco. I have an overwhelming appreciation for this entire district, and I would act to represent all of AD 17.

As a proud democrat, I have knocked on countless doors, phone and text banked, hosted ballot education parties, and recruited numerous family and friends to get out the vote for candidates that will give a voice to all working people and marginalized communities. Now more than ever, AD 17 needs my experience, skillsets, and commitment to help balance the needs of all residents of San Francisco.

The top priorities which I want the California Democratic Party to pursue are: fighting for a strong economy; taking effective action on the climate crisis; strongly advocating for universal childcare, access to healthcare, and affordable housing; supporting and uplifting women's rights, and championing equal pay and justice for all. I am committed to being an active member of the California Democratic Party delegation and look forward to serving on committees/caucuses, supporting organizing and fundraising efforts, and, most importantly, being a voice at the table for my community.

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Candidate #20

Cherelle Jackson

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

My name is Cherelle Jackson, I am running for ADEMS to support the underserved, and underrepresented communities. To uplift communities with dignity, and respect. To uphold a sense of decency in leadership. Decent people deserve decent leadership. We deserve strong voices willing to advocate for our communities. As I have served homeless, seniors, elderly, and veterans on the front lines as an essential worker. I have taught countless youth in marginalized communities. I have served the community with the common respect among those who need it the most. Breaking barriers, and bridging gaps continues to be of importance. Bring justice, uplifting vulnerable communities, and ensuring we address key issues from voting rights, civil rights, social and economic justice, education, women's rights, BIPOC& LGBTQ rights, and health care. We know what we need to do. An that's why it's important to have a leader to address it.

I was International Women's Association Influencer of the Year 2020-2021.

In my group I am currently Top 5 on the Miss Jetset 2022. Executive Producer for Rose Milk Podcast. Academics: I have a Masters Degree in Political Science Public Policy Public Administration, Bachelors Degree of Arts in Psychology Sociology. I'm in the process of obtaining Doctoral Degree in Business Administration in Global Business and Leadership

As a member of SEIU 1021 I proudly served as Second Secretary of COPE, Co-Chair of WWDC, Member of Womens Committee, AFRAM, LGBTQ Lavendar Committee, Social Economic Justice Committee, and I didn't stop there. I became Vice Chair of Communications of Veterans Caucus, a member of seniors caucus, CDP black caucus, Director of Communications for Justice Equity Inclusion Committee. I also worked on civil rights issues to help the African American community. As Madam President of Black Voices and Allies Leadership Committee I was able to take a cohort of members to Washington D.C. to raise our voices on issues such as police brutality through the organization of National Action Network.. We also rally in San Francisco, and marched with many other organizations in San Francisco for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmed Arbery. There I would join many caucuses, and advocate at the Democratic Party level. I want you to know that I am ready to continue my work as ADEM, and continue to represent all our communities. Happy Holidays!

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Candidate #21

Vanessa Pimentel

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

My name is Vanessa Pimentel (they/them), and I am running on the Grassroots Community Slate. My parents immigrated from Mexico, and I'm proud to be first generation, bilingual, queer, lifelong San Franciscan from the Bayview. I've lived in the Bayview my entire life and seen the systemic challenges facing my neighborhood, like education disinvestment, public amenity, and safety neglect. Now more than ever, we need more young diverse voices working with our communities to better advocate for transformative policy, challenge the status quo, and fight for our working-class communities.

In high school, I organized with the Youth Movement of Justice and Organizing (Youth MOJO) at the Chinese Progressive Association. I conducted and planned workshops, attended weekly meetings, and developed a deep understanding of the issues most critical to San Francisco. I forged alliances between Latinx and API communities through shared experiences and goals for social justice. As an adult, I have served as a staffer on local electoral campaigns, including coordinated campaigns, and participated in mutual aid organizing alongside my Bayview neighbors and Black community leaders.

I want to be an ADEM delegate because we need to elect more young, diverse, energetic delegates who can advocate for our communities and build bridges among working class Californians. These past few years have revealed how urgently marginalized people need fundamental change and transformative policy. I know from experience that organizing within immigrant and monolingual communities is possible and necessary. But now, more than ever, we need to mobilize and organize our resources to help our most marginalized and targeted communities.

My priorities include working with people of color, the working-class, queer and transgender people, immigrants, young people, and labor to fight for equitable policies, voter engagement, homelessness, affordable housing, climate change, and issues that directly impact redlined lower-income communities of color. As a young person of color and a lifelong San Franciscan, I firmly believe that we can not move onward without having everyone in our community involved in the process.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 17

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #22

Jeremy Lee

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Jeremy Lee, and I'm running for assembly delegate on the Grassroots Community slate. I will be a strong voice for unions, affordable housing, and the Chinese community. I have an unparalleled record of service and delivering for the communities of San Francisco.

I am a proud 3rd generation San Franciscan. I was born at SF Children's and grew up in a strong union household—my father being an airplane engine inspector at SFO, and my mother being a package clerk at UPS. Through my mom's union, she had the flexibility to raise me and my two siblings while working part-time with full benefits. I distinctly remember joining her on the picket lines as a child when her union went on strike for better working conditions.

My lived experience in a working class family helped me better understand the lived struggles of families in Chinatown. In my day job, I work for an affordable housing nonprofit based in Chinatown. No other candidate understands how to advocate for affordable housing at the local, state, and federal level as intimately as I do. Currently I'm working with local and federal housing agencies to refinance a property that will generate \$32 million dollars in funds to rehabilitate aging SRO hotels that house monolingual seniors and low income residents.

Most recently I served as a member of San Francisco's redistricting task force. I stood with community and fought to keep Potrero Hill in D10, to make more affordable housing available to Chinatown residents, to keep TL and Soma together in D6. I witnessed first hand the immense forces of power and influence in city hall. I have dedicated my adult life to speaking truth to power.

As your assembly delegate I will be an advocate for all San Franciscans. I will ensure that corruption has absolutely no place in our city and our state Democratic party. People come first above all else. We need leaders like myself and the Grassroots Community slate with the conviction to make sure our party never forgets that. I humbly ask for your vote for assembly delegate.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 17 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #23

Jorge Garcia

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: Yes

No Candidate Statement Submitted

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #24

Imelda Carrasco

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Imelda Carrasco, and I'm running on the Grassroots Community Slate.

I am a first-generation Mexican American queer identifying woman. I come from a working class family that first immigrated to San Francisco in the 1970's. San Francisco gave my family opportunities they never knew were possible and provided a strong community for them to feel safe in. Years later I am looking to pay forward what my family was given. I bring a unique perspective to ADEMS that isn't always highlighted in spaces of political power. Although there are many working class families like mine, our voices aren't always represented. My candidacy brings diversity in culture, socioeconomic, and intersectionality that fosters different ideas, and approaches to making San Francisco a better place for EVERYONE.

As a former CCSF and SF State student my studies were focused on economic systems that have disproportionately affected BIPOC communities. I have worked for nonprofit organizations like Acción Latina and most recently I ran proposition G, the student success fund, that passed in November. During my time as a campaign manager I was proud to be able to build coalitions with San Francisco residents to make sure that public school students were granted the financial means to succeed both academically and emotionally.

I'm an active member in multiple organizations such as The San Francisco Berniecrats, Democratic Socialist of American, San Francisco Young Democrats, and formally an executive board member of the LatinX Democratic club, I enjoy volunteering my time to organizations that are fighting for immigration reform, economic equity and criminal justice reform, and as a delegate those will be the things I fight for as well. My affiliation with democratic clubs in San Francisco has allowed me to meet other San Franciscans that look to better San Francisco for all communities and work collectively on this mission.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 17

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #25

Celi Tamayo-Lee

OSIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

I'm Celi Tamayo-Lee (they/them) and I'm running on the Grassroots Community Slate. I'm a queer, non-binary, 3rd-generation San Franciscan who still loves this city despite all that it's going through. I was raised by SFUSD, Muni and all the amazing parks and nature-scapes of what is originally the Ramaytush Ohlone Land of the Yelamu people. My grandparents came to SF from China and the Philippines in the 1920's and 1940's.

Growing up in a movement household taught me about the imperative work of fighting for justice - that we as people of color, LGBTQ people, immigrants - would not be here without the legacy of those who fought before us; As Frederick Douglass states "Nothing concedes power without a demand."

I've spent the last 7 years organizing young people to become more civically involved in their communities. I fought to expanded voting rights to 16 and 17-year-old citizens as well as non-citizen parents. I taught social studies in SFUSD for two semesters. I've organized and trained dozens of college student leaders at USF, SFSU and CCSF in outreach. As an organizer with SF Rising, a local grassroots electoral alliance, I've registered hundreds of young voters and driven thousands of immigrant, working class voters to the polls because our government should serve them, too.

I'm deeply concerned by the current wealth inequality and stratification in SF. Too many people take on multiple jobs just to make rent. Gentrification has facilitated a housing market that sustains thousands of speculative projects for "potential buyers" while leaving 7,000 people unhoused each night. The current solutions in our government embolden finger-pointing distractions that generate wedge issues and divide marginalized communities. Let's invest in young people and education, fund life-affirming public systems, and end our reliance on police and the criminal justice system to solve our public safety issues!

As an ADEM Delegate I will work to push the party towards these values, and hold the CA Democratic Party to its existing progressive platform. As a delegate, I will train and support other LGBTQ, working-class, leaders of color in effectively mobilizing their communities to shape the our party's agenda and governance.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 17

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Candidate #26

Jupiter Peraza

SIF

Executive Board Candidate: No

My name is Jupiter Peraza and I am absolutely thrilled to be running to represent Assembly District 17th as a delegate to the California Democratic Party! I am a transgender and immigrant rights activist, DACA recipient, first-generation university graduate, and community leader with grassroots experience in organizing throughout San Francisco—with an emphasis in the Mission and Tenderloin districts. As an undocumented trans Latina, my relationship with labor has always been an integral aspect of my activism. Growing up in Los Angeles in a working class household has served as the foundation for my political advocacy on issues such as housing affordability, a liveable minimum wage, access to healthcare, higher corporate taxes, food insecurity, and equitable transportation access.

I initially moved to the city in 2015 at 18 years old to attend San Francisco State University—graduating with a B.A. in International Relations and a minor in Political Science—and where I am now attending graduate school for IR. I have lived throughout the city, and mostly within the district, in vibrant and dynamic neighborhoods such as Outer Mission, Noe Valley, and Eureka Valley.

As a supporter of countless candidacies of democratic candidates, I've organized and spearheaded a national virtual phone bank in 2020, organized over 1,000 San Franciscans to make calls, send text messages and write letters to swing states for the democratic vote, and traveled to the state of Georgia to cure ballots during the 2021 Senate runoff election.

My top priorities for the California Democratic Party consist of further protections for the transgender and LGBTQ+ community, a pathway to citizenship for DREAMERS and all immigrants, further protections for the working class workers, pay equity for women, access to healthcare, developing climate-conscious public infrastructure, and devising climate strategies for renewable energy over the next few decades.

I am deeply committed to partaking in an active role in the California Democratic Party delegation as part of AD 17th's SF United Labor and Community Slate. I look in being an unwavering voice for all, participating in committees, fundraising strategies and efforts, and above all, ensuring that the California Democratic Party is leading the charge for justice for all communities.