

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

LAURANCE LEE (HE/HIM), BOARD OF EDUCATION

PART 1: Required Information

1. *Full name and pronouns:* LAURANCE LEE (HE/HIM)
2. *Office running for / ballot measure:* BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONER
3. *Campaign consultant / primary point of contact:* MYSELF
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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:* DEMOCRATIC
9. *Are or were you a member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club? If so, please provide timeframe.* NOT A MEMBER CURRENTLY
10. *Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and / or queer (LGBTQ)?*
NO, I AM AN LGBTQ+ ALLY

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.

I AM AN SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT K-12 ALUMNUS AND A MEMBER OF THE SFUSD CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, GOING ON 2 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE ADVOCATE FOR BETTER PUBLIC SCHOOL GOVERNANCE FOR YEARS.

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

I AM ENDORSED BY CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER FIONA MA, FORMER BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT EMILY MURASE, AND FORMER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER EDDIE CHEN. WE NEED ASIAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION ON THE SCHOOL BOARD, WITH 36% OF THE SFUSD ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AND SO MANY TOPICS OF LARGE CONCERN TO IMMIGRANT FAMILIES.

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 AM AIMING FOR OVER 150,000 VOTES. I HAVE KNOCKED ON HUNDREDS OF DOORS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, ALONG WITH OTHER CAMPAIGNING.

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 OVER \$50,000 AND HAVE THUS FAR RAISED \$20,000. I HAVE A SMALL AND NOT INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF DONATIONS UNDER \$20.

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?

HOMELESSNESS IS AN AVOIDABLE TRAGEDY ESPECIALLY IN OUR CITY. I HAVE BEEN ON THE CIVIL GRAND JURY THAT MADE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE CITY CAN DO BETTER (https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/2023%20CGJ%20Report_Hitting%20the%20Performance%20Bullseye%20-%20Contracting%20for%20Better%20Outcomes%20in%20Homelessness%20Services_062823.pdf). THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF SFUSD FAMILIES SUFFERING HOMELESSNESS AND WE CAN DO A LOT MORE TO GET THEM SHELTER. I SUPPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND EFFORTS TO GIVE FOOD TO FAMILIES THROUGH SCHOOLS AND OTHER MEANS.

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

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY AND HOUSING UNAFFORDABILITY ARE INCREDIBLY TRAGIC IN THIS CITY OF SO MANY RICH FOLKS. I WILL ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO GET THEIR CHILDREN EDUCATED AND PUT ON PATHS TO GOOD LOCAL JOBS LIKE THOSE FROM THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CORPS AND OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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?

LET'S PROTECT ALL RACES AND REDUCE RACIAL INJUSTICE BY MANY MEANS. POLICE BRUTALITY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AND REDUCED, ABSOLUTELY. LET'S HAVE MORE TRANSLATION SERVICES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SUCH IMPORTANT PROGRAMS.

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

I HAVE BEEN A STEADY SUPPORTER OF LGBTQ AGENDA BROADLY AND LGBTQ FAMILIES AND STUDENT SPECIFICALLY. WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE NEEDS OF SUCH FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY IN MENTAL HEALTH, THROUGH THE SCHOOLS AND THROUGH WORKING WITH OTHER GROUPS.

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

I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS FROM THE 1980S AS A STUDENT. I WILL ENCOURAGE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND REDUCED ENERGY USE IN ALL FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION.

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 HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, PARTICULARLY IN TOPICS RELATED TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES. I AM CURRENTLY ENCOURAGING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO KEEP AND GROW LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN THE LOWER SCHOOLS, AS BUDGET CUTS LOOM. I AM WORKING IN ALLIANCE WITH DOZENS OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

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?

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 HAVE CLOSE FRIENDS WHO HAVE A TRANSGENDER TEENAGER. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN ALLIANCE TO HELP GET JUSTICE AND EQUITY TO ALL TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS.

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

I WAS BORN IN THE CITY AND HAVE LIVED HERE MOST OF MY LIFE. REDISTRICTING DID NOT AFFECT MY DISTRICT.

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

I PARTICULARLY SUPPORT THE CLUB'S PLATFORM IN REGARDS TO GOOD GOVERNMENT AND AREAS THAT AFFECT FAMILIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

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

1. What are your top three legislative priorities if elected?
2. What should be increased / decreased to balance the City budget?
3. How should the Board of Supervisors create more transparency from and accountability within the public health department?
4. Do you support expanding transit-only and protected bike lanes in your district?
5. How will you preserve and expand affordable housing in your district?
6. Do you support a navigation center in your district?
7. Who do you support for Mayor in 2024? How will you work with the Mayor to address constituents' issues?
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?
9. If addback funds were available, how would you allocate them in your district?
10. Which of the local governmental bureaucracies is most in need of an audit? Why?

Only School Board Candidates

(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)

1. What is your position on closing public schools in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD)?

WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY NEEDING TO CLOSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS THE STATE HAS SAID WE HAVE NOT BEEN DOING OUR BUDGETING WELL FOR MANY YEARS. WE CAN CLOSE SCHOOLS WITH COMMUNITY AND SENSITIVITY AND EQUITY IN FOCUS. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE USE OUR MONEY WISELY SO THAT WE CAN GROW OUR STUDENT ENROLLMENT.

2. Do you support charter schools in San Francisco? Why or why not?

I SUPPORT THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENT WITH CHARTER SCHOOLS LIKE FIVE KEYS. LET'S TOGETHER FIX OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS SO THERE WILL BE LESS DEMAND FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.

3. Do you support Common Core education standards?

YES

4. What is your plan to address the bullying of LGBTQ students, as well as students of traditionally marginalized communities?

AS AN SFUSD STUDENT WE LEARNED TOLERANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. WE SHOULD DO ALL WE CAN TO STOP BULLYING OF LGBTQ STUDENTS AND ALL STUDENTS. LET'S HAVE MORE ACCEPTANCE AND TOLERANCE FROM ALL ADULTS. LET'S FUND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOOLS AND THE CITY.

5. How will you address the needs of homeless students?

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF SFUSD FAMILIES SUFFERING HOMELESSNESS AND WE CAN DO A LOT MORE TO GET THEM SHELTER. I SUPPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND EFFORTS TO GIVE FOOD TO FAMILIES THROUGH SCHOOLS AND OTHER MEANS.

6. What are your plans to protect undocumented students and their families?

MY FATHER WAS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT FOR DECADES. LET'S DEFINITELY WORK TO KEEP AND PROTECT UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

7. What are the most important actions that you could take in office to support black students?

I HAVE HAD MANY LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH BLACK FAMILIES AND THEY WANT THEIR KIDS TO BE HAPPY IN SCHOOL, LEARNING HOW TO READ AND DO MATH, AND GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS. I WILL MAKE SURE OUR BLACK STUDENTS AND ALL STUDENTS WILL BE GETTING SUPPORT AND PROGRAMS TO GET TO GRADE LEVEL AND ABOVE.

8. Do you support alternatives to a student's suspension in instances of disruption or willful defiance?

YES

9. What attributes would you consider if deciding on a permanent art installation at a school?

I AM OPEN TO WHAT THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS.

10. What do you see as the contributing factors to the payroll system issues? How would you prevent this from repeating with the implementation target for next year?

I HAVE SUPPORTED THE TEACHERS FROM THE DAY THEY PROTESTED THE PAYROLL PROBLEMS BY GIVING THEM FOOD FOR THEIR SLEEPOVER. I HAVE PUBLISHED MANY OF THE POOR CHOICES THE DISTRICT MADE TIME AND AGAIN (<https://beyondchron.org/sfUSD-empower-payroll-look-back-promise-fail-get-rinse-repeat/>). WE NEED TO USE KNOWN SOLUTIONS AND TEST BEFORE LAUNCHING. MY HEART BREAKS AS THIS EPISODE WAS SO TRAGIC AND AVOIDABLE.

Only Ballot Measures

(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)

- 1. Please describe what specific policies or concrete outcomes your proposition would achieve.**
- 2. What would be a) the fiscal impact of your proposition if it passes and b) the fiscal impact if it does not?**
- 3. Who crafted your proposition, and how was it placed on the ballot?**
- 4. Who are your proposition's individual and organizational supporters of note? What are your proposition's primary funding sources?**
- 5. Why do you think the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club should support your proposition?**

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?		
Do you support public funding for workforce programs, specifically for transgender job-seekers?		
Do you support public funding to expand access to PrEP?		
Do you support decriminalizing sex work?		

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

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

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

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

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

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)?		
Do you support expanding your jurisdiction's public financing program to all elected offices?		

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	
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	
San Francisco Propositions	
A - Affordable housing bond	
B - Police officer staffing levels	
C - Transfer tax exemption	
D - Changes to local ethics laws	
E - Police Department procedures	
F - Substance dependence screening	

G - 8th grade algebra	
	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	