

Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club

ADEMs 2025 Endorsements Questionnaire (January)

Instructions: Please return completed questionnaire to pac@milklub.org.

- If you are completing this questionnaire on behalf of a slate, please answer only Part 1 questions 1 - 6 and Part 2
- If you are a candidate, on a slate, **and** your slate submits a questionnaire, please answer only Part 1 (please leave questions 2 - 6 blank if same as slate), Part 3, and Part 4. If you would like to answer any Part 2 questions differently than your slate, please do so
- Otherwise, please complete the entire questionnaire

PART 1: Required Information

1. Full name (include slate name if applicable) or Slate name (if completing on behalf of a slate): Graham Isom (Grassroots Rising Slate)

2. Campaign consultant / primary point of contact: Wendy Aragón

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6. Campaign website:

7. Political party:

8. Are or were you a member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club? If so, please provide time frame.

9. Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and / or queer (LGBTQ)?

PART 2: Short-Answer Questions

(Please limit responses to 150 words or less.)

- 1. Describe your qualifications for the office you are seeking. Feel free to add anything that you would like for our members to know about you and your candidacy.**
- 2. What are the most important short- and long-term solutions to your district's homelessness?**
- 3. What work have you done to address economic inequality and housing unaffordability in your district?**
- 4. Describe your work addressing racial injustice, economic inequity, and police brutality in your district.**
- 5. How have you supported LGBTQ residents of your district?**
- 6. Describe your work addressing the climate crisis.**
- 7. Describe a time when you worked against an established power structure or entrenched authority to achieve a change. How was this change accomplished?**
- 8. There are approximately 16,000 people living with HIV in San Francisco. 74% are over the age of 50. 1 in 6 are unstably housed, at risk of losing their housing, or homeless. In addition, the #1 cause of death among those with HIV in the city is overdose. The Republicans in Congress are looking to cut Ryan White funding by more than half. Given that San Francisco has a world-renowned reputation for providing the best HIV care in the country, how will you identify candidates who would address potential funding cuts, and will you support them?**
- 9. In the Presidential election, the Democratic Party lost votes in nearly every county in the nation compared to 2020 results, which played a role in former President Donald Trump's victory. Please elaborate on your analysis on why this happened, and what can be done about it.**
- 10. What is your position on the relationship between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people? What do you see as the role of the U.S. in Israel / Palestine? How should local jurisdictions like San Francisco relate to what is happening in Israel / Palestine? Did you support the 2024 San Francisco Board of Supervisors resolution calling for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza? Please explain.**

11. How would you fight to safeguard California and San Francisco's public education system if the Trump Administration dismantled the US Department of Education? If you could wave your wand and permanently fix the US Public Education System before Trump could dismantle it, what would you create?

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

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

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 agencies 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 the city government?	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?	X	
Do you support the creation of a public municipal bank?	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 the 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; or would you have, had you been a California voter)?		X

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES	YES	NO
Do you support dissolving Pacific, Gas, & Electric and replacing it with a publicly-owned utility agency?	X	
Do you support the expansion of local clean power programs partnered with local utility providers?	X	

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

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 public financing to all elected offices?	X	

PART 4: Support of Other Candidates / Propositions

(San Francisco races unless otherwise noted. As applicable, please fill in who you supported, or yes / no for the indicated proposition. If you made a ranked endorsement or voted for more than one candidate using IRV, please indicate the rankings.)

	2024
	November Election
Assembly, District 19	David Lee
Board of Education (up to 3 names)	Matt Alexander Virginia Cheung
Community College Board (up to 4 names)	Alan Wong
BART Board, District 9	Edward Wright
Mayor	Aaron Peskin
District 1 Supervisor	Connie Chan
District 3 Supervisor	Sharon Lai
District 5 Supervisor	Dean Preston
District 7 Supervisor	Myrna Melgar
District 9 Supervisor	1. Jackie Fielder 2. Stephen Torres
District 11 Supervisor	1. Chyanne Chen 2. "EJ" Jones
District Attorney	Ryan Khojasteh
California Propositions	
33 - Prohibit state limitations on local rent control	Yes
34 - Restrict spending by certain health care providers	No
36 - Allow felony charges & increase sentences for certain crimes	No
San Francisco Propositions	
C - Inspector General	Yes
D - City commissions & mayoral authority	No

E - Create task force for changing city commissions	Yes
F - Police staffing & deferred retirement	No
K - Convert portion of Great Highway into promenade	No
L - Community Transit Act	Yes
M - Changes to Business Taxes	Blank
	March Election
U.S. Senate	Barbara Lee
Assembly, District 19	David Lee
Superior Court Judge, Seat 1	Michael Bergert
Superior Court Judge, Seat 13	Patrick S Thompson
Democratic County Central Committee (can indicate slate name if applicable)	Labor and Working Families
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	No
F - Substance dependence screening	No
G - 8th grade algebra	No
	2022
Assembly, District 17	
District 2 Supervisor	
District 4 Supervisor	Gordon Mar
District 6 Supervisor	Honey Mahogany
District 8 Supervisor	
District 10 Supervisor	Shamann Walton

Board of Education (up to 3 names)	Alida Fisher
Community College Board (up to 4 names)	
District Attorney	John Hamasaki
Public Defender	Mano Raju
San Francisco Propositions	
H (June) - Chesa Boudin recall	No
D (Nov.) - Affordable Homes Now	No
E (Nov.) - Affordable Housing Production Act	Yes
I (Nov.) - Access for All	Yes
J (Nov.) - Safe Parks for All	No
M (Nov.) - Vacant residential unit tax	Yes
O (Nov.) - City College funding	Yes
	2020
Democratic Presidential Primary	Bernie Sanders
State Senate, District 11	Jackie Fielder
District 1 Supervisor	Connie Chan
District 3 Supervisor	Aaron Peskin
District 5 Supervisor	Dean Preston
District 7 Supervisor	Vilaska Nguyen
District 11 Supervisor	John Avalos
	2019
District 5 Supervisor	Dean Preston
District Attorney	Chesa Boudin
	2018
Mayor	Jane Kim Mark Leno
District 4 Supervisor	Gordon Mar
District 6 Supervisor	Matt Haney
District 8 Supervisor	

District 10 Supervisor	Shamann Walton
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