Q1

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Q2

Why do you want to be a member of the County Central Committee of your party? If you are currently a member, why are you seeking another term? (Please Limit your response to 250 words)

I believe that the San Francisco Democratic Party has lost its way. It's controlled by a narrow set of interests that would prefer San Francisco be locked in the past than build a sustainable future. Rather than welcoming newcomers into San Francisco, where we have some of the lowest carbon emissions of any city, they are content to force workers into three-hour megacommutes that emit literal tons of CO2 into the atmosphere. It is imperative to the sustainability of our region that we build more housing in San Francisco and other job centers in the region. This can only happen when the party has the political will to change our laws to make it easier and cheaper to build more housing. And that can only happen when grassroots activists reclaim the DCCC from the incumbents who only seek to get themselves reelected. I'm an activist, not a politician. I've been organizing for more housing in San Francisco for just over three years now and I'm running because the Democratic party must change. The single biggest source of CO2 emissions from people is from driving. Our laws that limit new housing in San Francisco mean that we're choosing CO2 emissions from private vehicles over dense housing & electrified public transit. The second largest source of emissions is electricity, and since residents of San Francisco use so little compared to other regions due to our climate and small homes, our city government is again choosing increased CO2 emissions by default. We must change.

Q3

What do you see as the city's most important environmental issue, and why? (please limit your response to 250 words)

There is no issue more important than housing. San Francisco already has extremely low CO2 emissions per capita, but our refusal to build more housing means that we force people into areas that are not nearly as environmentally friendly. In addition, because we make it so hard to build new dense housing in existing urban areas, what new housing \*does\* get built is out in greenfield areas -- also known as sprawl. We know that sprawl is the least environmentally friendly kind of development so our choice is: do we accept the status quo and force new residents into mega-commutes from former farmland & fire-prone areas or do we build more housing in San Francisco. I say it's time we build more homes where we're lucky enough to live.

Q4

What do you see as the function of the County Central Committee? What are its strengths and weaknesses? What role does it play with environmental issues? (please limit your response to 250 words)

The primary role of the DCCC is to grow the party. This means registering new residents of San Francisco, young people who have just turned 18, and ensuring that the party is responsive and accountable to the public. As a young worker and new resident of San Francisco, no one ever reached out to me to register to vote. No one reached out to any of my friends in similar situations. Where was the Democratic party? We need to be actively recruiting young people and new residents into the party, and not be content with them registering as No Party Preference. Registering new voters is a huge weakness of the current DCCC. The secondary role of the DCCC is to endorse candidates running for office. As a member of the DCCC I would prioritize housing and environmental issues when considering my endorsement vote. I don't believe in litmus tests, but a candidate must have a coherent and progressive vision for the future to earn my vote. The current DCCC does not give enough importance to housing or any other environmental issues. It is only concerned with keeping the same people in charge. It must change.

Q5

What relationship do you see between environmental protection and the quality of life in San Francisco? (please limit your response to 250 words)

San Franciscans have clean air and clean water due to the hard choices we made in decades prior, but as the last few fire seasons show it's time to make some new hard choices. We have pushed people into fire-prone areas and underfunded our public utilities which combined disastrously into huge infernos and region-wide power outages. If we want to preserve our healthy air, we must make room in San Francisco where the risk of fire is low. We must stop prioritizing private cars over public transit. A single electric bus can prevent tons of CO2 from being emitted and reduce congestion at the same time. We must make the hard choices to make driving and parking more expensive. The default choice for all San Franciscans must be to take public transit, and that means we need to invest a lot more in a better MUNI and BART system. Not only are these choices good for the environment, they're good policy for a healthy and vibrant city.

Q6

Why do you want the SFLCV's endorsement? (please limit your response to 250 words)

My vision for San Francisco aligns with yours: a sustainable, prosperous, and growing city that welcomes new residents instead of pushing them into sprawl. The more people who can live in San Francisco, the less CO2 emitted. I believe in a robust public transit system that serves all residents while being clean and reducing private vehicle ownership. We can only accomplish this with dense new housing and the political will to make it happen. I believe in a future where we have fixed the political problems that caused suburban sprawl, one where we protect the wilderness and get people and dangerous power infrastructure out of fire-prone areas. I believe we must take bold action to fight climate change. I am seeking the SFLCV endorsement because I want us to be on the right side of history, together.