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 am a lifelong Democrat and running for the DCCC AD 17 seat on the Social Justice Democrats slate. I am running for this office to support the party to better engage marginalized communities to have a voice in local policy and decision making on the issues that impact their lives. San Francisco is working well for some but many people in this City are struggling everyday to have a decent quality of life. I want to work with the party to put forward policies that support all of our communities to thrive.

Q3

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

The most pressing environmental issues impacting San Francisco are the climate impact of the population growth in the Bay Area, conservation of water resources, rising sea levels, and lack of affordable housing. With millions more people expected to move to the area in the next 10-20 years we have to consider our environmental footprint such as greenhouse-gas emissions and congestion from increased automobiles on the road. In terms of water we are dangerously low on our groundwater due to drought and mismanagement. Our lack of affordable housing is causing a health and environmental crisis on the streets. There is more waste and suffering on our streets than ever. Lastly, due to climate change sea levels are rising and San Francisco must respond or the impact would be devastating particularly for low income communities.

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)

I see the function of DCCC as the body that mobilizes Democrats across San Francisco to be civically engaged and active in local elections. It’s strong if there is willingness to work together across political lines among Democrats and members come from socioeconomically diverse backgrounds. The weaknesses is when there is an intolerance toward one another among members and the business of the local Democratic party gets put to the side. In terms of DCCC’s role with environmental issues, I want to connect with local advocates to explore what the role has looked like in the past and the possibilities for the future.

Q5

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

What has happened in Bayview Hunters Point with the Navy and Lennar Corporation is a perfect example of this connection. The environmental protections on this project were shameful and has devastated the Black community near the shipyard and beyond. The residents must be compensated for all the adverse health impacts they have endured from the lack of responsiveness to clean up environmental toxins and pollutants from the shipyards past and recent Lennar construction. I continue to be in support of this effort as I was when the fight began in 2004.Our lack of affordable housing is causing a health and environmental crisis on the streets. There is more waste and suffering on our streets than I have ever seen growing up in the City.

Q6

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

I am very pro-environment particularly pro-environmental justice candidate and have advocated for meaningful change to address the climate crisis especially change that considers the most disenfranchised, low resourced communities.