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’m running for a seat on the Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC) because no matter the problems we face as a country change starts locally. If we work together, the San Francisco Democratic Party can lead the nation in fighting for progress. That’s the same belief that my parents had when they operated a fruit stand to support our family of five upon their arrival in the United States. My father rearranged the fruit, after each customer, and explained that, neat rows meant more sales -- one box a day fed our family, three boxes a day in a month, paid rent. Orange by orange, box by box, we survived and then thrived. And they sent me to college. I learned from my parents that monumental things have modest beginnings. If we do the work, no matter how small it may seem, it can affect change. DCCC is the most grassroots political organization there is and it CAN be the most influential in the long run. Politically, I want to get people who car about environment and social justice elected. On policies, DCCC should be a leader for the party. On public service, we can advocate for our constituents. Boxes of oranges are how I got here today. And so many of us have our your own boxes of personal stories of hope, dreams and aspirations for a better life. Let’s do the work so that everyone can enjoy the same opportunities just like my parents had.

Q3

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

Sustainability and affordability in housing. We need to re-imagine a San Francisco that can welcome more residents while minimizing our environmental impact. As the housing pressure continues, there will be pitfalls and opportunities for us to think big and to make sure that we develop for the future -- energy efficiency, renewable energy requirements and etc. I am admittedly not an export in sustainability issue. But what I do understand is that SF can play an outsized role in shaping the direction of bay area, the state, the country, and the world. We have seen this happened in digital technology and we can make it happen again but in environmental policies and implementation, green technologies innovation. We must encourage things to be tried and tested here, get it working and export our "product" - be it ideals, policies, service delivery - to protect and advocate for our environment.

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 DCCC can be a political powerhouse to improve the lives of all San Franciscans and the rest of the county. At the local level, it can be the check and balance that holds elected officials accountable. This can be done through the endorsement process and the related campaign spending support/against a candidate/ballot measure. This leverage also allows the CCC to exercise leadership in critical issues facing the city and to ensure environmental champions are elected. At the national level, the party can engage with talented and passionate people who are willing to do the work to elect Democrats across the country but to do it from here. We can pull our weight in San Francisco to ensure candidates who are for racial justice and equity as well as advancing a good environment agenda have the best shot to win even in the most conservative states. As for party building, the party must focus on building the grassroots movement by involving those who are apolitical (currently). Weaknesses - two come to mind: 1) Without a big budget nor authority for policies implementations, many changes can only be achieved indirectly via influencing and partnerships. 2) The current DCCC tends to focus too much on politics ("us" vs "them") instead of problem solving. But these weaknesses can be overcome if we get a more diverse and representative committee that focuses on public service.

Q5

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

We are raising a two-year-old and we are very concerned. During the camp fire in 2018, our then almost one year child had major skin rash and had difficulty breathing. I remembered calling various stores in the city to find a 3M N95 masks. I was desperate. But I also saw goodness in people. Folks were lining up to buy those masks but no one was hoarding. People were in it together. We were lucky and were able to leave town and went to Santa Barbara to stay with our friends. There were so many others who couldn't leave. So this is personal. I know see environmental protection via children's perspectives. I will do a lot to make sure that my child and many others like him can fulfill their potential living a good quality of life.

Q6

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

I believe in the mission of LCV in general that is to turn environmental values into national, state and local priorities. And I agree with SFLCV's means in approach those goals that are 1. Supporting legislation and candidates that promote our goals. 2. Informing the voting public about such legislation and candidates. 3. Lobbying public officials on behalf of such legislation. 4. Creating such legislation itself. Many of those approaches are very similar with what DCCC can do. There are so much synergy that we ought to work together!