

DCCC Sheriff Candidate Questionnaire

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this questionnaire and bring 45 copies with you to be distributed just prior to your interview appointment on Saturday, August 13th, 2011.
- ****IMPORTANT**** Please send an electronic copy in Microsoft Word or PDF format to Emily Lowe, Elowe@sfdemocrats.org by **5:00 PM on Monday, August 8th, 2011.**
- **With the possible exception of a Democratic candidate filing to run after the questionnaire due date, only candidates who return a completed questionnaire electronically by the due date will be allowed to present before the committee.**
- At the time of the interview, you may also provide 45 copies of up to 4 pages of information attached to your questionnaire for distribution to SFDCCC members (materials are not to be passed out during the meeting).
- If you have not heard from the committee by August 12th, please contact Emily Lowe at Elowe@sfdemocrats.org to schedule a specific time slot at the Endorsement Interview Meeting on August 13th, 2011.
- While it may seem that some of these questions do not apply to the office you are seeking, they represent Democratic Party Platform principles and since many people run for higher office where they will be called upon to answer these questions, we would like them addressed.
- We will distribute the questionnaires at the event and post them on the DCCC website for the public to view.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Yes.
2. I registered in 1985, and have never changed.
3. Obama, Kerry.
4. I plan to donate to and vote for President Obama.
5. No.
6. I am the most qualified candidate for Sheriff. I am a 15-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department. I have been promoted in rank four times by Sheriff Michael Hennessey and now currently serve as a Captain. I've performed just about every function in the Department, including managing budgets and personnel. I've been a commander at the Maximum Security Jail, worked with offenders going through detox and assisted with educational programs at the Five Keys Charter School. This experience and preparation for the job earned me the near-unanimous support of the San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs' Association. That in itself is an important consideration. For the first time in 32 years, there is a competitive race for Sheriff and the men and women who run the department have made a strong and clear statement about who they want to be their next boss.

7. I have consistently voted for Democratic Party candidates.
8. 1) Ensuring the reintegration of individuals from our custody into our community.
 2) Continuing Sheriff Hennessey's approach to balancing the policies of Secured Communities and the Sanctuary City Status of San Francisco by not turning over innocent undocumented residents to ICE and facilitating collaborate with the federal, state, and local agencies to pursue the most dangerous criminals in our communities.
 3) Re-examining the organizational structure of the Sheriff's Department to ensure efficiency in continuing Sheriff Hennessey's legacy on successfully carrying out our city chartered mandated duties.

ISSUES QUESTIONS

1. I personally oppose the death penalty but have taken an oath to enforce state law.
2. Yes.
3. Yes, I support legally applicable provisions yes.
4. Yes.
5. I oppose privatization and outsourcing.
6. Yes I do.
7. Yes.
8. Yes.
9. Yes.
10. Yes.
11. Yes.

SHORT ANSWER ISSUES QUESTIONS

- A. Much of the operation of the Sheriff's Department is going smoothly. There are significant changes that will be required due to state realignment of prison services. Specifically, I want to expand the Five Keys Charter School to include college credit classes. I will also be much more aggressive in fighting in Sacramento for our share of the dollars to increase capacity and to ensure the legislative formulas for releasing those dollars aren't biased against San Francisco.
- B. I believe the role of the Sheriff Department is appropriate right now for the unique form of government in San Francisco. Our specialty in rehabilitation and preventing recidivism is second to none. But I am eager to work with the Police Department in reestablishing old partnerships to help keep residents safe despite dwindling resources.
- C. I don't have any specific recommendations on changes to San Francisco's housing policy.
- D. I believe that a flourishing economy and society requires growth and development; however, that growth must be checked and tempered by responsible planning. The Sheriff's Department's duties include serving civil evictions, and so we established the Eviction Assistance Program to make sure evictees are treated fairly. Systems to encourage development but counter displacement must be developed in collaboration with property owners, tenant associations, City planners, and environmental advocates.
- E. I do support the pension reform put on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors, as opposed to Jeff Adachi's measure. I believe any changes should be negotiated in good faith just as previous contracts were. It is always important to have management and labor collaborate together.
- F. I believe this is a matter for the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to determine; however as a father of 5, I have a personal interest in seeing safety prioritized first. Services and resources should also be maximized for everyone in the community: families and residents young and old.