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 running because I believe that we have a serious pipeline issue in San Francisco politics where our political leaders are becoming less and less representative of the city as a whole. Progressives must be consistently lifting up people who identify as POC, women and LGBTQ into positions of political leadership and as candidates. Even as City Hall has experienced a progressive wave in recent years, our Board of Supervisors is one of the straight, whitest and male boards we’ve seen in a long time. This is a personal issue for me because when I ran in November 2018 for BART Board, the only two winning candidates who won but were refused endorsements by SF DCCC were Gabriela Lopez and me -- two young women of color who had significant and substantive experience for the positions we were running for. So my desire to run is complicated because I recognize I’m taking up space as an elected official already, but I truly believe that the slate of folks I’m running alongside on AD19 are the kind of people who should be representing the Democratic Party. I truly believe the nine others I’m running alongside (Gordon Mar, Faauuga Moliga, Mano Raju, Keith Baraka, Queena Chen, Kelly Groth, Leah LaCroix, Li Lovett and AJ Thomas) are bringing fresh, new voices to the westside and combined, we have decades of experience in the public sector, advocacy, and community leadership.

Q3

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

As I expect you all know, the transportation sector remains California’s largest source of greenhouse gas emissions (40% of the state’s total!). Our reliance on cars, particularly single-occupancy vehicles, is antithetical to our environmental goals, and we must urgently shift to more sustainable modes of getting around. Beyond transportation, decades of vaguely regulating private utility companies like PG&E has led to the mess that we’re in. And while the forest fires rage outside of San Francisco, the impact is felt here as well. Specific to San Francisco though, there are many pressing environmental issues, but none that compare in magnitude and scale than these two: earthquakes and sea level rise. Our ability to seismically retrofit in time for “the big one” is an existential question. Will we make the investments we need and will it be enough to protect the $100 billion of assets and economic activity the Port has estimated along our waterfront? And of course, much of our ability to strategically strengthen the seawall is also tied to sea level rise adaptation on the bay side, but on the ocean side (in my own neighborhood!), we see how our coastline continues to erode, putting critical infrastructure at risk.

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 actually put together a video about that here! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXmjjWVjgZY 1. Make endorsements: They’re obviously most well known for this, but as powerful as this action is, I think it overshadows a lot of the other critical work that SFDCCC should be more focused on. Also as I noted above, I did not receive the endorsement and overwhelmingly defeated the candidate they did endorse. 2. Pass resolutions: SFDCCC passes a variety of resolutions to take positions on policy issues, legislation, et al. I think this is not only important for SFDCCC to be on record, but it also creates a venue for Democrats and the general public to discuss these issues, whether it’s around homelessness, housing, the environment, small business, etc. 3. Charter and support Democratic clubs: SFDCCC could certainly do more to support the growth of more clubs so that we’re engaging more folks on the ground. I also am frustrated at how political engagement and power is centralized on the east side, which is one of the reasons in particular I’m running to build that power/engagement more on the west side. 4. Run and support outreach programs: The Democratic Party is stronger with more voters, and SFDCCC needs to continue doing the work of registering voters, getting people to register as Democrat, and to get out the vote when the time comes.

Q5

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

I’m not sure what this question means. I also find “quality of life” generally a coded term (I’ve spoken about this publicly on the BART board often, given BART uses that term too), so I think there’s a bit to unpack here. When it comes to environmental protection, I really see climate change as the biggest opponent we’re up against, and we should measure our progress by what we’re doing to slow global warming and its devastating impacts. That’s why I supported CEQA reform to stop using vehicular LOS and switch over to VMT. That’s why I’m so adamantly supportive of public transit, biking and walking. How that interacts with quality of life … well I guess that goes back to not being sure what that means. I’ve been clear in my support for harm reduction policies and real solutions that help people find exits out of homelessness rather than attempts to enforce our way out of the problem (that will never work) or criminalize poverty.

Q6

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

First, I am seeking the SFLCV endorsement and want it. I recognize I was not endorsed by SFLCV last year but won my seat on the BART board and have a year’s worth of decisions and leadership to show for it. Whether or not you should endorse, I would ask the club to really look at my body of work, particularly in the last year and a half. What did I say I’d do? Have I done that? Have I been consistent, transparent and accountable? I think my time on the BART Board thus far shows that I stand by what I say yes to as a candidate, and I am transparent in how I reach my decisions. In my year on the BART Board, I’ve supported pro-housing policies, expanded bike access on BART, pushed back against law enforcement, opposed policies that criminalize behavior, and fought for discount fare programs. I have been successful in all of those efforts. Last year, people were not sure of what to make of when someone gets sole endorsed by YIMBY and by Milk Club or when someone gets endorsed by Katy Tang and Jane Kim. In the last year, I’ve shown what that looks like, and it doesn’t mean being underhanded or mean or disrespectful or shady. I think that kind of engagement and independence is what we need in San Francisco politics, and I hope to earn your endorsements this time around.