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)

We have a president focused on dismantling our democracy and a Republican party enabling him. On a local level, we are one of the most prosperous regions in the world but we are paralyzed by an affordability crisis. I believe a strong Democratic party is our best firewall against another Trump win and that new leadership is needed within the local party to resolve San Francisco’s most pressing issues. I am a queer, API native San Franciscan, small business owner, former U.S. diplomat and assistant city attorney to several Bay Area cities, and mother to a kindergartner in the SFUSD. Today, I work with my family business in the Sunset District.I bring strong local roots and depth and breadth of experience in policy, law, and a strong history of consensus-building to my candidacy.

Q3

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

I believe our housing crisis is the biggest threat to San Francisco's sustainability. Our failure to build housing to keep up with surging demand has caused an outmigration of families and catalyzed the super-commuter phenomenon, where those who work in San Francisco can no longer afford to live here. Many are pushed to the periphery and forced to commute hours each way, causing massive carbon emissions and congestion. As a passionate urbanist, I believe in building homes for people at all income levels and also in investment in public transit and micro-modal transportation. People should be able to live near good schools, transit, local shops, and parks - and increasing density near transit hubs would play a major role in mitigating our carbon footprint.

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 sets local party priorities and endorses candidates and policy positions. In recent years, party insiders have converted this body from a once respected institution to one where existing and former elected officials consolidate power, build campaign slush funds, reward friends, and punish enemies. Addressing the housing crisis and investing in transit - issues I believe are central to reducing our CO2 emissions - are major policy priorities for me and I would focus on candidates and measures that align with this.

Q5

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

The Bay Area's natural abundance is one of its key attractions and reasons we have a high quality of life. It is imperative we continue to protect it and to support policies that are ecologically responsible. Moreover, our thought leadership here on environmental issues has been a vanguard for the rest of the country. When I was assistant city attorney for South San Francisco over a decade ago, I drafted one of the first bills banning the use of polystyrene/styrofoam containers in restaurants. This, along with plastic bag charges, and other forward leaning environmental regulations, have become models for other local governments around the country.

Q6

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

As an avid environmentalist and promoter of conservation and environmental justice, it would be an honor to have the endorsement of an organization who shares these values.