

San Francisco District 11 Democratic Club
Questionnaire for Candidates – November 2016 Candidates

PLEASE USE THIS TEMPLATE TO RESPOND ELECTRONICALLY TO
info@sfd11dems.com by **Wednesday**, August 17, 2016 by 11pm.

Our PAC meetings are scheduled for Saturday, Aug.27 & Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016 from 10am-5pm each day. If you have a preferred time to schedule, please contact info@sfd11dems.com. Otherwise, you will receive time an email to sign up for timeslots using google docs.

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5. What is your political affiliation? How long?

I have been a registered Democrat since 2008.

6. Please list your campaign manager and contact info?

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7. What is the major source of your campaign funding? Also, please list your top 3 funders.

Much of my funding comes from organized labor, progressive organizations, and individual grassroots donors. My top three donors are California Teachers Association, California Nurses Association, and Political Action for Classified Employees of California School Employees.

8. What office are you running for? Please explain why you are running and what your qualifications are for this specific office?

I'm running for State Senate District 11 to fight to keep the region affordable for the very people who make the Bay Area the place everyone wants to call home. I represent a compassionate vision--one that believes we must do more to lift families out of poverty and to protect families struggling to stay ahead.

Housing the homeless, building more affordable housing, creating good paying jobs, relieving traffic gridlock, and providing educational opportunities are all statewide issues. The communities of San Francisco, Colma, Daly City, Broadmoor, and South San Francisco deserve aproven advocate in Sacramento. And my record demonstrates that I am an effective and committed legislator.

I am committed to advocating and legislating for the diverse communities and neighborhoods that make up State Senate District 11. I currently represent one of the most diverse districts in San Francisco. I represent the poorest residents of San Francisco, as well as the current wealthiest zip code in San Francisco.

I have endeavored to bring our diverse communities together and empower our constituents to advocate for their neighborhoods, involving residents in every step of the legislative and government process. In addition, I am focused on proven solutions to make our neighborhoods safer, healthier, and stronger, focusing on investing and building infrastructure, and strengthening neighborhood organizations whose impact will continue long after I leave office.

My qualifications include serving on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representing District 6, as well as serving as President of the San Francisco Board of Education. On the Board of Supervisors, I have served on the Rules Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, and Land Use Committee, and I currently Chair the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. Prior to serving on the Board of Education and Board of Supervisors, I worked as a civil rights attorney at Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and as a youth and family community organizer at Chinatown Community Development Center for 6 years.

9. Identify the three most important issues for the position you seek? What are the solutions you see for these specific issue areas or how will you work to tackle them?

Three key issues I will address if elected to Sacramento are housing affordability and homelessness, jobs and education. These issues all share the same end goal--we need to make real progress in each area so we can address the tremendous inequalities that are hollowing out our middle class and making it hard for working families to succeed.

Housing Affordability & Homelessness:

I have been the strongest proponent for acquiring and building affordable housing on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. I challenged San Francisco to make the City more affordable by setting the goal that 33% of all new housing that is built should be

affordable for low- and middle-income households. In addition, I established the forward thinking standard that 40% of housing that is built on public land should be affordable to these same households. Most recently, I negotiated with the San Francisco Giants to achieve this goal on one of the largest vacant public parcels remaining, getting the Giants to increase the percentage of affordable housing from 33% to an unprecedented 40%. And I negotiated two large private developments (5M and 160 Folsom Street) to up 40% affordable housing. 54% of all of San Francisco's affordable housing is being built in the district that I represent. Furthermore, I have stood up for tenant's rights, passing the boldest tenant protections ordinance in the country to counter frivolous and profit-incentivized evictions.

In addition to building more affordable housing, addressing homelessness is one of my top legislative priorities. After personally going through the shelter reservation process and spending a night at one of our shelters, I have been pushing for a greater public health focus in addressing chronic homelessness. I worked with the Department of Public Health to complete a mental health assessment of all shelter residents and conduct homeless outreach to shelter residents in night. I funded four full-time nurses to rove our shelters and the opening of a 24 hour medical shelter for homeless residents who are sick on our streets. My legislative priority for the upcoming year is to address housing homeless children and their families. We have a limited window of opportunity to end the cycle of poverty for the next generation, and it must include stable, safe, and clean housing. If we do not address this now, we guarantee that the homeless child today suffers chronic homelessness and intransigent poverty as an adult. I am actively partnering with the mayor as well as experts in the arena of housing, finance, and family homelessness to fully implement a roadmap to end the family homelessness by 2019.

If elected to the State Senate, I plan continue fighting for tenant protections and more affordable housing by reforming the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act and the Ellis Act, and I plan to declare a statewide emergency on homelessness, so the state can pool together all of its resources and all California cities can work together to end homelessness in California.

Creating Jobs and Raising Family Wages:

I have been a leading voice to close the income gap. In 2014, I authored the ballot measure to increase San Francisco's minimum wage to \$15/hour. This is the strongest minimum wage ordinance in the country and was passed overwhelmingly by San Francisco voters in November 2014. I also authored and negotiated the "ban the box," which prohibits employers and public housing landlords from asking an applicant about his or her conviction or arrest record without first having a live interview. I also authored

legislation to make City College free for all San Francisco residents so that everyone can have access to job training and higher education courses that will help them earn higher-paying jobs. The Free City Program would use funding from a modest tax on luxury houses of \$5 million or more to cover tuition and provide financial support for students, regardless of socio-economic background.

If elected to the State Senate, I will continue fighting for the working and middle class, fighting to keep the Bay Area affordable for everyone, and fighting to provide free job training (through community colleges) and family wage jobs.

Education:

Education is a top priority in California and has been a central part of my policy and advocacy work. SFUSD is roughly 50% Asian Pacific American and over 70% students of immigrant families. I have led the way to ensure that San Francisco is increasing resources and money for its schools, an important priority in our immigrant community. In 2014, I was the lead author of the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF), which allocated \$81.76 million in city funding for fiscal year 2014-2015. These funds have proven to be a tremendous investment in our schools and youth. We have a responsibility to invest in the education and success of our youth. California currently ranks 46th in per pupil spending--with only Texas, Nevada, Idaho and Arizona trailing behind--and that is unacceptable. In addition, as mentioned above, I have authored legislation to make City College free for all San Francisco residents, regardless of income, age, or GPA requirements.

If elected to the State Senate, I plan to reinvest our money in public higher education (our California State University system, our University of California system, and our community and junior college system).

10. District 11 has more children, more ethnic diversity and more homeowners than any other district in San Francisco. These are just a few of the unique features of this district. If elected, describe the priorities of your office for District 11.

At a time when voters are worried that low-income and middle-class families are being priced out of San Francisco, I will continue to fight for the Bay Area. I have and will continue to fight for more affordable housing opportunities, stronger schools, and higher wage jobs and pathways to those jobs. Over my career as a Community Organizer, School Board member and Supervisor, I have demonstrated my commitment to serving diverse communities.

Please see my answer to #9 above, incorporated by reference.

11. We would like to know your position on the following ALL of the Measures, please circle or clearly mark your preference. In addition, please add short comments to your top 5 issues on why you believe this measure or proposition is of critical importance this election:

LOCAL Measures:

Initiative Ordinance: Affordable Housing Requirements for Market-Rate Development Projects (Resubmitted)

Oppose

Initiative Ordinance: Competitive Bidding for Affordable Housing Projects on City-Owned Projects (Resubmitted)

Oppose

Initiative Ordinance: Office Development in Candlestick Point and Hunters Point

Support

Initiative Ordinance: Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds

Support

Charter Amendment- Sixteen and Seventeen-Year-Old Voting for Municipal Elections

Support

San Francisco Community College District November 8, 2016 Parcel Tax Election

Support

Prohibiting Candidate-Controlled General Purpose Committees

Support

Initiative Ordinance - Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Ordinance

Oppose

Initiative Ordinance - The Safe Neighborhoods Initiative

No endorsement. This ballot measure has been introduced at the Board of Supervisors as an ordinance and will be voted on by the Board in the Fall. I did not support this measure being submitted to voters.

Initiative Ordinance - Promotion of Safe and Open Sidewalks

Oppose. Homelessness has reached crisis levels in San Francisco, as well as throughout the State of California. This ballot measure will do nothing more than make illegal what is already illegal. It is cruel and inhumane to take away a person's only shelter without offering long-term or permanent shelter and a pathway out of homelessness. While we all agree that homelessness should end, this ballot measure is not the way to end it. It is simply a bandaid. Instead, I have introduced legislation that will help people escape homelessness. The City cannot take away a person's tent unless the City has long-term shelter to provide them and a pathway to permanent housing, as well as other services, such as mental health and drug addiction services. And the City must report progress back to a board overseeing this program.

Resolution Ordering School Bond Election in an Amount Not to Exceed \$744,250,000 and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith

Support. This School Bond is of critical importance for this election because included in this bond is the Mission Bay K-5 public school. San Francisco and the Bay Area are losing working- and middle-class families due to the high cost of living. Lack of quality neighborhood public schools is also contributing to the the flight of San Francisco families. Mission Bay, for example, is full of families with babies, toddlers, and young children, yet there is no neighborhood public school for them. If we don't provide quality neighborhood public schools for Mission Bay families, they will continue fleeing our city. This School Bond is critical for keeping families in San Francisco.

Charter Amendment - Dignity Fund

Support

Charter Amendment - Municipal Transportation Agency- Appointments to Board of Directors and Budget Process

Support

Charter Amendment - Homeless Housing Services Fund; Transportation Improvement Fund - Budget Set-Asides

Oppose

Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Local Elective Office

Support

Initiative Ordinance - Increase Real Property Transfer Tax on Properties of At Least \$5,000,000

Support. Working- and middle-class families are being squeezed out of San Francisco and the Bay Area, and this ballot measure will ensure that those who are doing very well, those who can afford to pay a little more, pay a slight increase on homes that sell for \$5 million or more. This will generate on average about \$44 million each year, and I am proposing that half of that money goes toward making City College free again for all San Francisco residents, regardless of age, income, or any GPA requirements, so that all San Franciscans have access to job training and general education college courses. This ballot measure is crucial for helping to ensure that San Francisco remains affordable for everyone to live and work here.

Initiative Ordinance - Restrict Lobbyist Gifts, Campaign Contributions and Bundled Contributions

Support

Charter Amendment - Housing and Development Commission

Support

Charter Amendment - Department of Police Accountability

Support

Charter Amendment - Non-Citizens Voting in School Board Elections

Support

Charter Amendment - Public Advocate

Support

General Obligation Bond Election -Amending Earthquake Loan Bond Program to Finance Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing

Support

Charter Amendment - City Responsibility for Maintaining Street Trees

Support

Prop X - Preserving Space for Neighborhood Arts, Small Businesses and Community Services in Certain Neighborhoods

Support. I did not see this ballot measure on your list, so I'm adding it here. I authored it, and it will require new developments in the South of Market and Mission District to partially or fully replace the existing spaces occupied by arts, blue-collar businesses, and nonprofit community services when new projects would demolish or replace those spaces. There has already been almost 1 million sq feet of space lost over the last 5 years. The City's Chief Economist estimates this initiative will save existing jobs and create new one. We have waited years for the City to protect these artists and workers. They haven't. And we can't wait any longer.

State Measures:

Listed below are the state ballot measures that are my priorities.

Proposition 51: School Bonds. Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities. Initiative Statutory Amendment.

Support

Proposition 53: Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Oppose

Proposition 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

Support

Proposition 57: Criminal Sentences. Juvenile Criminal Proceedings and Sentencing. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Support

Proposition 58: SB 1174 (Chapter 753, Statutes of 2014), Lara.
English language education. (PDF)

Support

Proposition 59: SB 254 (Chapter 20, Statutes of 2016), Allen.
Campaign finance: voter instruction. (PDF)

Support

Proposition 60: Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.

Oppose

Proposition 61: State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.
Support

Proposition 62: Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.
Support

Proposition 63: Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.
Support

Proposition 66: Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute.
Oppose

Proposition 67: Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags.
Support