

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 for 28 years.

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.**

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Committees/Detail.aspx?id=1378224&view=received>

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

I am running for state Senate. I believe public service is the highest calling. Government, when run well, can make concrete differences in people's lives. For instance, public education has been the pathway to achieve the American Dream. A vibrant public transportation system can transport people efficiently from home to work in an environmentally healthy manner. Government can ensure housing stability and access to healthcare. As a Supervisor, I have focused on these issues. However, real progress, and I mean "real progress" can only be made with a true partnership with Sacramento. These issues are paramount for California and I want to be a part of addressing these issues at the state level as a senator.

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?**

Housing: I push to reform our approach to housing and ensure that we have enough housing for our growing population. I will work in the State Senate to move us toward smarter housing policy and smart growth. On the Board of Supervisors, I obtained significant funding for affordable housing, authored legislation to incentivize developers to increase the amount of affordable housing they include in their developments, and authored legislation to streamline the permitting process for affordable housing. I authored multiple pieces of legislation to allow property owners to add in-law units in their buildings, since in-law units are the most affordable type of non-subsidized housing, as well as legislation making it easier for universities to build student housing and legislation allowing for smaller studios (so-called “micro-units”). I also authored legislation to keep tenants stable in their housing, including a requirement that all tenants receive formal notice before a landlord seeks a permit to demolish their apartments, a prohibition on universities purchasing rent-controlled apartments and converting them to student dorms, and a system making it easier for tenants displaced by disasters to obtain affordable temporary housing while their units are being fixed.

Transportation: I am a leading advocate for investing in public transportation and expanding our transit systems' capacity and reliability. Increasing investment in transit will be a major priority for me in Sacramento. I was named “Most Active Transportation Reformer” by Streetsblog, and the San Francisco Chronicle observed that I “have made a mission of getting Muni on track.” I authored Proposition B, a successful ballot measure that ties transit funding to population growth, and I authored legislation to ensure that developers pay transit impact fees to account for the transportation impacts of their projects. I authored legislation to create a late night transit plan and legislation to make it easier to access car sharing. I work hard to expand bike sharing, improve bike infrastructure generally, and streamline the process to implement bike and pedestrian safety projects. On a regional level, I represent San Francisco on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. I am helping move forward the effort to plan for and fund a second Transbay tube for BART (including 24 hour BART service), modern and electrified Caltrain service, and future high speed rail service. I helped negotiate a regional agreement to ensure that high speed rail extends to the Transbay Transit Center in downtown San Francisco.

Public Education: I work closely with the San Francisco Unified School District and individual public schools to improve education in San Francisco. For example, I obtained funding for after-school programs, improved access in schools to water bottle filling stations, and better support for LGBT students. I consistently support improved school funding and work closely with parents and teachers on a regular basis.

Environment and Open Space: I have made innovative and aggressive proposals to increase environmental sustainability, and I'm proud to have the endorsement of the

California League of Conservation Voters. I will pursue an aggressive environmental sustainability in Sacramento, focusing on smart water policy, clean energy, and transit. I authored legislation to expand the use of Hetch Hetchy clean hydro-electric power in new developments and legislation to require that new developments install water recycling systems and solar panels. I've taken the lead in protecting San Francisco's urban forest and am working on funding solutions to ensure better maintenance of trees, as well as planting more trees. I've authored several pieces of legislation to preserve open space and create new parks.

Supporting Working People: I have a long history working with organized labor to make sure that working men and women can survive and thrive in our city and our region. I have authored multiple pieces of legislation to strengthen our prevailing wage requirements. I am currently authoring legislation to make San Francisco the first city in the country to guarantee all workers six fully paid weeks of paid parental leave. In Sacramento, I will continue to support working people.

Health: I focus extensively on access to healthcare and smart public health policy. I'm a leading voice at City Hall to support people living with or at risk for HIV. I obtained significant funding to avoid HIV funding cuts and expand access to services. I am a member of the Getting to Zero Consortium, which has formulated a plan to end HIV infections in San Francisco. I also work to address the growing epidemics of type 2 diabetes and tooth decay, including links with sugary beverages. I helped lead the effort to adopt a soda tax in San Francisco, with funds dedicated to nutrition, physical activity, and health programs. I authored legislation to increase the tobacco purchase age to 21. I am a vocal supporter of ensuring that children are vaccinated, and I fought efforts by insurance companies to charge exorbitant and unaffordable drug co-pays.

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.

The priorities listed above all impact district 11. District 11, in particular needs strong investment in our public schools, improved after school and summer programs for young people, significantly expanded investment in parks (since district 11 has some of the largest and most amazing, yet neglected, parks in San Francisco), improved transportation connections, more seniors programs, and support for working people,

including expanded paid family leave and affordable childcare and fewer barriers to affordable healthcare. These are all priorities for me.

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)

Support

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

Support

Initiative Ordinance - The Safe Neighborhoods Initiative

Support

I co-authored this initiative because neighborhood policing will have multiple positive impacts: 1. It will allow the police to know the residents of the neighborhood creating more trust between community and law enforcement. 2. As neighborhood police presence increases, property crimes will decrease.

Initiative Ordinance - Promotion of Safe and Open Sidewalks

Support

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

Support

Charter Amendment - Dignity Fund

Support

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

Oppose

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

Support

Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Local Elective Office

Oppose

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

Support

Sales Tax for Homelessness and Transportation

Support

I authored this legislation to create \$150million in new revenue for transportation and homeless services. \$100 million will be dedicated to transportation, specifically, pothole and road repair, buying new Muni and Bart cars, and street safety measures. The other \$50 million will be dedicated to getting homeless people out of tents and into supportive housing.

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

Support

Charter Amendment - Housing and Development Commission

Oppose

Charter Amendment - Department of Police Accountability

Support

Charter Amendment - Non-Citizens Voting in School Board Elections

Support

Charter Amendment - Public Advocate

Oppose

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

After many years of working with Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF), I co-authored this charter amendment with Supervisor Avalos to remove the unfair burden of maintaining healthy trees and safe sidewalks from property owners. The responsibility and liability for trees and sidewalks will appropriately be transferred to the City.

State Measures:

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

Support

Proposition 52: State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds. Initiative Statutory and Constitutional Amendment.

Support

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

Oppose

Proposition 54: Legislature. Legislation and Proceedings. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

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

Support

Proposition 56: Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

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.

Oppose

Proposition 62: Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.

Support

Proposition 63: Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.

Support

Proposition 64: Control, Regulate and Tax The Adult Use of Marijuana Act

Support

Proposition 65: Carry-Out Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute.

Oppose

Proposition 66: Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute.

Oppose

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

Support

