

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 I was 18 years old.

6. **Please list your campaign manager and contact info?**

My campaign consultant is Jessica Reynolds 510 388-1306
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Esther Marks 415 665-5417

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

99% of my contributions are from individuals who reside in San Francisco.
My top three funders are Criss Romero, Nicky Trasvina, John Avalos

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

I was born and raised in San Francisco's Mission district. My parents were immigrants from Mexico and El Salvador. They first met in the early 1960's at El Farolito Restaurant on 24th and Florida Streets, where my mother waited tables and my father took his daily lunch breaks while working for the Sunset Scavenger Garbage Company. After separating, my mother raised me on her own while earning a living by working as a domestic worker, and having to rely on public assistance when she could not make ends meet. When I was eight, we moved to the Holly Courts Housing Project located in the Bernal Heights neighborhood. I wanted you to know this information because I wanted you to know about my journey in life and how being raised by a single immigrant mother would be the driving force in my commitment to public service. I know first hand the challenges of working families to survive in San Francisco.

I am running for District 11 Supervisor because I am committed to ensuring that underrepresented communities have a voice in shaping the policies that impact them daily. The diverse communities and the San Francisco values that have made our City a beacon for so many are being stolen by real estate speculators,

and industries, that have raised the cost of living in San Francisco to unbearable levels. People of color, immigrants, queers, our elders and the working people that have been the back bone of our local economy can no longer afford to live here. The workers that are still holding on, live in fear that they will come home to an eviction notice, or that they will no longer be able to keep the homes that they have worked their entire lives to own. I am running for them.

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?

If elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Kimberly's priorities will include:

- creating incentives to build affordable housing, especially for families
- fighting unjust foreclosures, evictions
- supporting small businesses with responsible economic development resources
- prioritizing our parks, open space
- free tuition City College

There are so many priority issues, I cannot limit it to three. For example we have many volunteers at the McLaren Collaborative that do work to take care of our parks. We have one of the highest percentage of children in the City but our parks rank the lowest. Our kids are going into the criminal justice system because they don't have appropriate resources. We also have one of the highest recidivism rates. Our mayor says we have a deficit and that we should balance the budget by increasing fees residents pay for city services. How can families pay additional fees for park and recreation services when they are already stretched thin financially? We need to make sure our commercial corridors are provided with economic development resources to attract patrons and expand. I talk a lot to residents who are struggling to keep their businesses open. They're working 24 hour days. Many of these merchants can't come out because it's hard

I must add the fair distribution of resources citywide is the most important issue facing my District. It runs across every issue. District 11 is not getting its fair share of resources allocated in the city budget. If elected to the Board of Supervisors, this will be the theme of my budget priorities and demands.

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.

Preserving families, children, and home ownership in District 11 must be prioritized. We have all seen what has happened in other parts of San Francisco

where unintended changes have dismantled longstanding neighborhoods and communities. As a mother myself, I fully understand how critical it is to my family's survival that we are housed and able to thrive in a safe and diverse community. As one of the most diverse districts in San Francisco, preservation of families and children must be done intentionally, strategically, and in multiple ways.

As Supervisor, I would push for targeted support for District 11 from all city agencies impacting our neighborhoods. I would seek economic development funding to enhance and increase support for small businesses, home ownership, and low-income housing. I would advocate for targeted support to address the quality of life for families, including children and seniors for family health and wellness programs, including after school, cultural arts, and youth development programs. Coming from many years of work in community based nonprofits, I am a strong advocate of coalitions collaborating and working together to promote a common good. Safe Routes to School is an excellent example of a coalition the San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco MTA, Department of Environment, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, Presidio YMCA Bike Program, and School District Office of Sustainability working with schools to encourage our children to walk and bicycle as a part of life. This great program has not had the funding to carry out this program. My budget priorities will include adequate funding for programs such as this.

I would host monthly technical support workshops where experts in areas of interest to residents would be available to provide on-site practical support on issues impacting them. Finally, to prevent San Francisco from losing any more children, I will work hard to craft legislation aimed at providing City support for families with children.

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)

Support or Oppose

Oppose. End run by realtors to undue Prop C of June 2016. Increases the gross income a household could have to be eligible for affordable housing from 55% to 110% of area median income.

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

Support or Oppose

Oppose. When the Housing Office has funds for affordable housing project, it posts a description of the proposed project on its website and invites developers to submit proposals. Postings describe the criteria used to select a proposal. It is common to have less than 3 proposals submitted. Under this proposition the City could proceed with an affordable housing project only if it receives at least 3 proposals. Another effort by the real estate industry to undermine creation of affordable housing.

Initiative Ordinance: Office Development in Candlestick Point and Hunters Point

Support or Oppose

Support. In 2008, San Francisco voters approved Proposition G to encourage timely development of a mixed use project area in Candlestick Point and most of the former Navy shipyard at Hunters Point. In 1986 San Francisco voters approved Proposition M, which established an annual limit of 950,000 square feet on new office space construction. This measure would exempt new office space in Candlestick Point and most of the former Navy Shipyard at Hunters Point from the City's annual 950,000 square foot limit.

Initiative Ordinance: Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds

Support or Oppose

Support. The City imposes a hotel tax on the rental of hotel rooms. The 14% tax (and 8% base tax and an additional 6% tax surcharge) goes into the general fund and the Board of Supervisors may allocate the money for public purposes. This proposition allocates part of the hotel base tax for arts programs and family homeless services. It would also require the Board to annually allocate the money raised by the base tax: up to 50% Moscone Center, 2.9% the Arts Commission, and 5.8% the War Memorial Complex. It would not change existing hotel tax rate.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. All evidence shows the younger a person becomes involved in the political process, the more likely they will remain participants in civic affairs.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Beginning in 2017, this proposition would replace the current parcel tax with a parcel tax of \$99 per year lasting for 15 years. The funds would offset reductions in State funding and help CCSF to maintain current services. It requires the use of parcel tax funds to fund improvements: attract and retain highly qualified teachers; protect quality academic instruction in core subjects, such as math, science, reading and writing; keep school libraries open; maintain programs that prepare students for the workforce;

provide counselors for students; and keep technology and instructional support up to date.

This proposition prohibits CCSF from using parcel tax funds for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions. Use of funds would be subject to annual review by Citizens' Oversight Committee appointed by the Community College Board.

Prohibiting Candidate-Controlled General Purpose Committees

Support or Oppose

Removed from ballot. Legislation passed to put into effect.

Initiative Ordinance - Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Ordinance

Support or Oppose

Support. A tax of one cent per ounce from the distributors of sugar-sweetened beverages would reduce consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages in San Francisco. Sugar-sweetened beverages are known to create health issues. A 16 member Advisory Committee would be established to evaluate the impact of the tax on beverage pricing, consumer purchasing behavior, and public health.

Initiative Ordinance - The Safe Neighborhoods Initiative

Support or Oppose

Oppose. The Police Department has different units, many of which share responsibility for preventing, investigating and making arrests related to neighborhood crime. This proposition would require the Department to create a Neighborhood Crime Unit when the City has the charter required 1971 full duty uniformed police officers. This measure is playing on people's fear on safety. We need dedication of police department personnel to community policing now.

Initiative Ordinance - Promotion of Safe and Open Sidewalks

Support or Oppose

Oppose. This proposition prohibits the placement of tents on public sidewalks without a City permit and allows the City to remove unauthorized tents. We have all learned we need a comprehensive approach to eliminate our homeless crisis in San Francisco. This is a political media attracting approach to a problem that needs to be addressed in a different way.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Permits the School District to issue up to \$744,250,000 in general obligation bonds to improve, repair and upgrade School District sites and to construct new school

facilities. I would prefer it allocate more than \$5 million to fund construction of below market-rate housing for teachers and other education professionals but this is an important first step.

Charter Amendment - Dignity Fund

Support or Oppose

Oppose. The City's Department of Aging and Adult Services is responsible for planning, coordinating and advocating for services for seniors and adults with disabilities. The DAAS is also responsible for administering the Community Living Fund, which helps funds programs to assist individuals to age in their own homes, assisted living facilities or supportive housing. This charter amendment would create a Dignity Fund to provide guaranteed funding for programs and services for seniors and adults with disabilities. Fund would expire June 30, 2037.

We need a more comprehensive approach in providing for services for seniors and adults with disabilities. This is just a "set aside". I will commit to advocate for this in our budget.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. This would split the appointments to the SF Municipal Transportation Agency Commission to 4 appointments by the mayor and 3 appointment by Board of Supervisors. Mayoral appointments to the SFMTA must be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. Would also reduce from seven to 6 the number of votes needed for the Board of Supervisors to reject the SFMTA proposed budget. And require SFMTA to respond to Board's findings and submit a revised budget if the original budget is rejected.

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

Support or Oppose

Oppose. The City provides a variety of services to homeless people including street outreach; homeless shelters, transitional housing and Navigation Centers, permanent supportive housing, and health and job services. The City Charter also gives the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency authority over the City's transportation system, which includes roads, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, parking, taxicabs and MUNI. This proposition would create two funds, Homeless Housing and Services Fund and a Transportation Improvement Fund. These two major area of City services and departments need specialized attention. This proposition is a "throw everything in a basket approach".

Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Local Elective Office

Support or Oppose

Support. Requires Department of Elections to hold special election when there is vacancy on Board of Supervisors if there is not a regularly scheduled election in 180 days. Requires the mayor to fill the vacancy with an interim appointment within 28 days of vacancy. The interim appointment will not be able to run for that office.

If there is a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, it is important an interim person be appointed quickly so that matters before the board are not weakened or delayed because of lack of full participation of all District Supervisor representatives. Since being on the Board of Supervisors is a full time job, that interim person should dedicate full attention to fulfilling that job. Running for public office to be elected to the position would take time away from time required to do a good job. If person was not permitted to run for the office, it would also enable person to be an independent thinker.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Increases the transfer tax for real estate sales of \$5million or more including leases of 35 years or more. We need to develop alternative sources of revenues to pay for important priority city services

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

Support or Oppose

Support. We need to ban lobbyists from taking over our political processes.

Charter Amendment - Housing and Development Commission

Support or Oppose

Support. Need more transparency over our two departments: Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD).

Establishes a 7 member Housing and Development Commission, 3 appointed by the mayor, 3 appointed by the Board of Supervisors, 1 appointed by the controller. Nominees will be subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. They would serve up to 2 consecutive 4 year terms. This Commission would oversee OEWD and MOHCD.

Charter Amendment - Department of Police Accountability

Support or Oppose

Oppose. The City has an Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC) overseen by the Police Commission. The OCC investigates complaints of misconduct and neglect of duty by police officers, and may file disciplinary charges against officers. The mayor appoints

the Director of OCC from nominees selected by Police Commission and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. This proposition would rename OCC as Department of Police Accountability. The OCC has been limited in their effectiveness because of poor funding and lack of cooperation by City departments, officers and employees. This approach does nothing to address the need to give tools and authority to OCC so they can do effective investigation, oversight, and correction

Charter Amendment - Non-Citizens Voting in School Board Elections

Support or Oppose

Support. Parents with children in public schools have the knowledge of what policies provide effective public education. Parents, regardless of citizenship, should have the right and responsibility to participate in voting for School Board Elections.

Charter Amendment - Public Advocate

Support or Oppose

Support. San Francisco does not have a official or central office responsible for overseeing how City departments interact with the public. This proposition creates the position of Public Advocate, who would be elected city-wide and serve a 4 year term for up to 2 consecutive terms. The Public Advocate would investigate and attempt to resolve complaints from the public concerning City services and programs; receive and investigate confidential whistleblower complaints; review and make recommendations regarding the administration of City programs, management practices and contracting procedures; appoint a Director of Office of Citizens Complaints.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. In November 1992, voters approved authorization of up to \$350 million in general obligation bonds to seismically upgrade unreinforced masonry buildings that are at risk from strong earthquakes. City has issued approximately \$45 million in loans under the Affordable Housing Loan Program and about \$50 million in loans under the Market Rate Loan Program. Approximately \$261 million can still be issued under the 1992 measure. This proposition would allow the \$261 million to be used for loans to acquire, improve and rehabilitate at-risk multi-unit residential buildings in need of seismic, fire, health or safety upgrades or other major rehabilitation; and convert those buildings to permanent affordable housing.

Charter Amendment - City Responsibility for Maintaining Street Trees

Support or Oppose

Support. Currently, property owners are required to maintain trees in public sidewalk area next to their property as well as the sidewalk around those trees. I support transfer of this responsibility from property owners to the City for maintaining trees and sidewalks damaged by the trees.

State Measures:

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

Support or Oppose

Support. California schoolchildren must have school facilities in good repair and equipped to provide students a 21st century education.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. This proposition makes it harder for the legislature to divert these funds from the original intended purposes of supporting hospital care to Medi-Cal patients and to help pay for healthcare for low-income children.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Requires state legislature to approve use of revenue bonds for public infrastructure projects funded, owned, or operated by the state or any joint agency that includes the state, if the bond amount exceeds \$2billion and repayment requires new, increased, or extended taxes, fees or other charges. Legislatively approved projects must be presented on state ballot for voter approval.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Will make state government more open, honest, and accountable. Every bill must be in print and posted online for at least 72 hours before it may pass out of either house, preventing last minute, closed door changes.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Key in maintaining economic recovery and growth in California by continuing the current income tax rates on the wealthiest 2% of Californians established by the voters in 2012.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Increases California's cigarette tax \$2 per pack with an equivalent increase on products containing nicotine derived from tobacco including e-cigarettes. American Cancer Society, American Lung Association and American Heart Association support this initiative because taxing tobacco saves lives by getting people to quit or never start this deadly and costly habit.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Restores the authority of judges, not prosecutors, to decide if juveniles as young as 14 should be tried in adult court, a right judges had until 2000. This proposition will reduce the state prison population and costs by allowing earlier parole of nonviolent felons, with sentence credits for good behavior and rehabilitation or education.

Proposition 58: SB 1174 (Chapter 753, Statutes of 2014), Lara.

[English language education. \(PDF\)](#)

Support or Oppose

Support. Repeals the most restrictive parts of Proposition 227, a 1998 initiative that limited the methods California schools can use to teach English to students who are not native English speakers. This measure addresses the inequity of Proposition 227 and frees parents and their schools to provide the best educational opportunities for all California children regardless of their first language.

Proposition 59: SB 254 (Chapter 20, Statutes of 2016), Allen.

[Campaign finance: voter instruction. \(PDF\)](#)

Support or Oppose

Oppose. Eliminating the corrupting influence of money in our democracy is a vital concern. This vague, poorly drafted ballot measure is not the solution. What we need is broad action to fix our Federal Elections Commission, expanding disclosure laws, overturning California's ban on public financing of elections, and asking a new Supreme Court to revisit Citizens United ruling.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Clarifies and strengthens existing state and federal laws that require condom use by adult industry performances working in California.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Initiative restricts the amount any state agency could pay for drugs, tying it to the price paid by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The measure would apply where the state ultimately provides funding for the purchase of drugs, even if the drugs are not purchased directly by a government agency. Reduces the amount California pays for drugs.

Proposition 62: Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.

Support or Oppose

Support. Will abolish the death penalty, replacing it with life without possibility of parole. Will ensure time in prison is spent in work, with an increased portion of wages going to restitution to victims' families. Families deserve restitution, not endless legal appeals, and closure through knowing these worst criminals will never be released.

Proposition 63: Firearms. Ammunition Sales. Initiative Statute.

Support or Oppose

Support. Proposition 63 would prohibit the possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines and would require most individuals to pass a background check and obtain authorization from the California Department of Justice to purchase ammunition.^[1]

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

Support or Oppose

Oppose. Players in the plastic bag industry spent millions to put this measure on the ballot to create a distraction that could thwart California's efforts to rein in plastic bag waste and litter. This measure is intended to cause voter confusion.

Proposition 66: Death Penalty. Procedures. Initiative Statute.

Support or Oppose

Oppose. Poorly written measure would increase California's risk of executing an innocent person by shortening the time for appeals and limiting the prisoner's ability to present new evidence of their innocence.

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

Support or Oppose

Support. Retains California's plastic bag ban. Keep the 2014 statewide law prohibiting single use carryout bags. Plastic film bags pollute our oceans, pose a deadly threat to marine wildlife, clutter our landscapes, create toxic byproducts when manufactured, and are very difficult to recycle. San Francisco's and other cities and counties' measures are working.