

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've been a democrat every since I turned 18

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

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

Contributions are capped at \$500. I have received several donations like that – mostly family and people who know me from my democratic activism.

- 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 because I care and it's not just a line. Professionally I'm a public school teacher - the only one on the ballot- with experience as a substitute, paraprofessional, and mentor in our public schools. I also serve on SFUSD's Quality Teacher and Education Act (QTEA) Oversight Committee and is a school ambassador with Parents for Public Schools (PPS-SF). I am also school site representative to the governing council of my public teacher's union - San Mateo Elementary Teacher's Association.

But there are also personal reasons I'm running – namely, my 13 month-old daughter. The District is, understandably, focused on the immediate needs of their parents and students. That's fine, but I want to be the Commissioner who is thinking long-term. We haven't built enough schools for the new families we're welcoming. We have no strategic plan for reaching out and, yes, marketing to potential parents or families that may leave the District for suburbia or private schools. We have abysmal parent communication protocols and even less PR presence.

Aside from my reasons for running I also am a democratic activist with lots of experience bringing people together, organizing communities, and wrestling with policy. You won't just see me every four years to ask for an endorsement – I'll be here, in D11 always.

A qualification I think is particularly important to D11 (besides my extensive work at SF Community School and Denman Middle) is that I bring to the Board of Education a perspective of someone who knows the schools in *all* our neighborhoods. Nobody will be left out and the honest debates that exist between community can be just that. Honest and debates. Right now I think we are not realistically addressing the debates happening in this city of people who feel left out by the Board of Education.

- 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?**

Fix the substitute system

Fix the assignment system

Fix the crisis with teacher recruitment and retention

The first step for a lot of these is metrics. The wrong questions are being asked. We have to examine a substitute system where substitutes can voluntarily opt out from a given days' work which puts teachers in a bind – especially from harder-to-teach or reach schools. Same with the assignment system – sure we all have solutions, but what data are they based on? It drives me crazy that we don't send a simple survey monkey-like online survey to people who have gone through out labyrinthine assignment system and *still* moved out of town or into private schools. Similarly, we face a teacher shortage, yet close to %40 of people who are educators in this city work at those afore-mentioned private schools, often for less money. Who are they? What did they choose independent schools? What were their perceptions about our hiring process and what were the real difficulties in finishing it up? Who knows the talent we're missing but if we're going to be competitive we **HAVE to start making policy grounded in reality with a dash of dream-like hope for a much better future.**

- 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.**

I want to seriously work at transportation issues in our schools. I also want to look equity when it comes to afterschool programs – I've heard from D11

families that they are frustrated by the concentration far from their homes. And I would also like to see what kind of partnerships with the OMI or Crocker Amaazon we may be able to create between SFUSD students and Daly City. Again, as I said before, I'm not going to be a stranger to D11 --- I will be among you, listening to you, and making sure I am help accountable.

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

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

Support

Initiative Ordinance: Office Development in Candlestick Point and Hunters Point

Oppose

Initiative Ordinance: Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds

Support

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

Support

I generally favor kids' suffrage though I also want to make sure we honor the idea that children shouldn't be charged as adults – this *may* make that difficult

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 or Oppose

Initiative Ordinance - Promotion of Safe and Open Sidewalks
Support or Oppose

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

**We absolutely need this. There has been boom in rental prices but not in teacher
compensation**

Charter Amendment - Dignity Fund
Support or Oppose

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
Support

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

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

I like the idea of an ombudsman type figure in city government – but this isn’t well enough crafted for me and I would rather see the Board of Supervisors do what they were elected to do. Other cities have similar “non-political” analysts, I wish the authors of this had done a better job learning from those experiences. Hopefully I can support something like this another day.

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

State Measures:

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

Support

This is near and dear to my heart because it’s actually something I’m talking a lot about in this race – we have to build for a future of success. We need to build more schools and partner with vocational education organizations that will help grow well-paid union jobs available to our graduates.

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.

Oppose

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

Support

Again, funding fluctuation is a big disadvantage for our public schools. This seems like a smart approach and one that really helped San Francisco during the Great Recession

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

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

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

