

**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 turned 18.

**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.**

The major source of my campaign funding will be individual contributions from local San Francisco donors. I have raised the most money thus far in this race, by far, from the most individual donors.

My top 3 funders are:

1. Individual, San Francisco donors
2. SF Labor Council and affiliated unions
3. SF Building and Construction Trades Council and affiliated unions

Feel free to forward additional questions to my Fundraising Director Emily Gittleman at *emily@50p1.com*.

**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 re-election of San Francisco School Board. Over the past four years serving on the Board of Education, I've visited all 113 of our elementary, middle and high schools here in San Francisco Unified School District - partnering with students, parents, and educators to fight for a school system in which all of our children can fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

From authoring the landmark "Safe and Supportive Schools" policy which helped cut school suspensions by 50% to extending computer science education to all students and all schools, from securing funding and support for the country's first LGBT Studies course to helping raise the graduation rate to its highest level ever, we have made tremendous progress together. I have worked to make our schools more

supportive, healthy and equitable, to enhance relevant and engaging 21st century learning opportunities, to build a healthy, sustainable, student centered school district, and to support and empower our educators, students, and families.

All that I have seen and learned has only deepened my commitment to our schools and students. I still believe that San Francisco can and should do a better job of providing opportunity to all of our children. There is so much potential and prosperity in this city—our future should be one in which San Francisco’s young people are not just included in it, but leading it.

I hope to have the opportunity to continue serving our city and students, at this critical time of transition for our school district, as we seek a new Superintendent and continue the progress and momentum that we have seen in recent 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?**

**The affordability and housing crisis that is squeezing our educators and families is the number one challenge facing SFUSD.**

We have to pay our teachers and staff more and give them the support they need to be successful. It is impossible for us to have a world-class public education system if our teachers cannot afford to live here.

It is critical that SFUSD stand on the side of our educators, and advocate in solidarity with them. The current reality where teachers are being evicted, and being forced to double up, commute from hours away, and live in constant fear of losing their housing, is totally unacceptable and unsustainable. We should be outraged. I believe we need to repeal the Ellis Act and maintain our existing stock of affordable, rent control protected housing. We need to build new affordable housing and expand the percentage of required affordable housing when market rate developments are built. We should shame and call out serial evictors and speculators. We need to tax speculation, better regulate AirBnb, and ensure access to eviction defense. I do not believe that simply building luxury, “market rate” units is going to solve our challenge—we need to build housing that teachers can afford, and we need to protect rent control units.

I also believe that SFUSD can play a more proactive role—by using our own land, in partnership with the City, to build housing specifically for teachers. I think in the future, as we look to build new schools and expand sites, we should also look at ways that we can add housing for educators. We can partner with the City to increase down payment assistance, and expand support to include rental subsidies for educators. I have consistently advocated for all of these measures during my time on the Board of Education.

I also think that SFUSD can provide more direct support to educators—in supporting them when they face evictions and in providing housing resources to educators. It is also important that our School Board stand on the right side of the broader fight for affordability in our city. For that reason, I supported Prop G to tax speculation, Prop F to regulate AirBnb and I supported Prop I to put a moratorium on luxury housing in the Mission. I came to the Board of Supervisors to speak in favor of the legislation that would prohibit no fault school year evictions of educators, and co-authored a resolution at the Board of

Education to support this initiative. If re-elected, I'll continue to fight alongside educators for an affordable city.

**What I've done and will continue to do:**

- Advocated for a three year salary and wage increase for all staff - the highest increase given by any school district in the state.
- Fought for innovative solutions to address the impact of the affordability crisis on SFUSD staff, including building providing housing subsidies for teachers, ensuring access to affordable housing for teachers, stopping teacher evictions, and building teacher housing.
- Co-authored SFUSD's first "Local Hire" policy for school construction, leading to millions of dollars being spent to employ local workers and local businesses. The Local Hire policy also funded and launched a new construction trades internship program and jobs pathway for SFUSD students.
- Authored SFUSD's first policy to ensure that the district will abide by San Francisco's minimum wage ordinance now and in the future, leading to wage increases for San Francisco's lowest paid workers.
- One of two Commissioners to oppose and vote against teacher layoffs in the 2013-2014 school year.
- Advocated for the development and adoption of SFUSD's first "Family Academy," modeled on Boston School District's "Parent University," which will provide extensive, sequenced courses and workshops in parent/family empowerment, engagement and leadership.
- Working to reform Prop 13 to increase funding for public education
- Fought to include funding for teacher housing in our November 2016 Facilities Bond.

**Our schools must be safe, supportive and equitable for all of our students.** Building schools where students and staff are valued, supported, and safe has been my top priority on the Board of Education. We shouldn't be sending students out of class and out of school, but rather providing our staff with the support and training they need to serve all students in our classrooms by investing in tiered behavioral and academic interventions, restorative practices, and positive school climates. The racial opportunity gap remains the biggest, most urgent challenge facing San Francisco Unified. Our schools must identify and deploy the necessary resources and proven strategies to support the schools and students with the highest needs and value the brilliance of all of our young people.

**What I've done and will continue to do:**

- Reduced unnecessary suspensions and stopped the school to prison pipeline as the author of the landmark "Safe and Supportive Schools Policy. As a result of this policy, SFUSD has invested millions of dollars in tiered behavioral and academic interventions, restorative practices and positive school climates.
- Co-author of our district's first "African American Achievement and Leadership" policy, which set out a plan to close the gap between black students and all other students over the next six

years by making black student achievement a core commitment and a guiding criteria in all allocation of physical, financial and human capital in our schools.

- Supported the rollout of “Multi-Tiered Systems of Support,” which greatly increased the number of centrally allocated staff positions, including nurses, counselors, assistant principals, social workers, reading and math coaches, to schools where there is the greatest needs.
- Increased staff coordination and support for unaccompanied immigrant minors, including streamlined access to legal, health and mental health services.
- Led charge to have SF Unified take the strongest stand of any school district nationally against gun violence, by sending home information about the dangers of guns and how families can rid their homes of guns, adding curriculum about gun safety and gun violence prevention, and increasing support for students and schools who have been exposed to violence.
- Pushed forward a sweeping, first in the nation policy to enhance supports, curriculum, training and data to help our schools better serve students with incarcerated parents.
- Fought for stronger support and enhanced funding to serve homeless students and students living in SROs, including innovative approaches to access housing for families, and joined with Supervisor Jane Kim to fight for bolder action to end family homelessness in San Francisco.

**All of our schools must have relevant and engaging 21<sup>st</sup> century learning that prepares all of our students for a college and/or career:**

It is crucial that our schools provide all of our young people with the skills, knowledge and experiences they need to thrive in the 21st century. As our city, country, and world change, so must our schools. We urgently must innovate and adapt as a school district by investing in educational technology, pathways in science, technology, art, engineering and math, culturally relevant curriculum and pedagogy, and project based real world learning opportunities at all levels.

**What I've done and will continue to do:**

- Moving forward “SFUSD Vision 2025”, which created a new graduate profile of the knowledge and skills students will need to compete and thrive in the 21st century world, a re-imagined classroom, and a strategic vision to serve as a guiding force for the District's priorities, programs, and partnerships.
- Authored SFUSD's groundbreaking “Computer Science For All” policy, which will extend courses in coding and computer science to all students and all schools.
- Secured funding and a school site for the nation’s first LGBT Studies class at Asawa School of the Arts, and working to expand the course to additional schools, and integrate LGBT inclusive curriculum into all social sciences/humanities courses in the District.
- Helping lead efforts to launch SFUSD’s first language programs in Vietnamese and Arabic.
- Supported the expansion of Ethnic Studies courses to all high schools in SFUSD.

**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.**

My priorities for District 11, and the rest of the San Francisco school district, revolve around making schools more supportive, equitable, and sustainable institutions, to integrate relevant and cutting edge 21st century learning opportunities, and to assist and empower our educators, students, and families. We urgently need to do everything in our power to keep and attract quality teachers and to preserve and strengthen the culture and bonds of the highly diverse, family-oriented communities like those in District 11. We also should target our resources in an equitable way, to high needs schools and high needs students, which include many of the schools in District 11.

**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**

**Hugely important opportunity to give our youth a voice in the governance of our city, something they deserve. It will make our city more representative and accountable to communities like those in D11.**

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

**Oppose**

Initiative Ordinance - Promotion of Safe and Open Sidewalks

**Oppose**

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

**Support**

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

**Support**

Charter Amendment - Department of Police Accountability

**Support**

Charter Amendment - Non-Citizens Voting in School Board Elections

**Support**

**Many of our school families are immigrant families who are unable to have a voice on who represents them on the school board. This is wrong. We need to give all of our families a voice. It will make us more accountable and representative of SFUSD families and our entire SF community.**

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**

**State Measures:**

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

**Support**

**I am a Co-Chair for this measure, it will bring critical funds to renovate and modernize our schools, and build the schools our kids deserve.**

**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**

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**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

**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

**This is a critical opportunity to reform our broken criminal justice system and roll back mass incarceration. I am heavily involved with this proposition.**

**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**

**We need to eliminate the death penalty—it is unethical, racially biased, and arbitrary--this is our opportunity.**

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**