

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

PLEASE USE THIS TEMPLATE TO RESPOND ELECTRONICALLY TO
info@sfd11dems.com by **Monday**, August 22, 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?**
Democrat 1981-2001 & 2015-Present

6. **Please list your campaign manager and contact info?**
Jeremiah Jeffries 415-440-0991

7. **What is the major source of your campaign funding? Also, please list your top 3 funders.**
Individuals. Lorraine Sanchez, Karling Aguilera-Fort, Jordan Dey

8. **What office are you running for? Please explain why you are running and what your qualifications are for this specific office?**
SF Board of Education
I have served SF public education for 23 years--seven years as a school teacher, eight years as School Board Commissioner, and eight years as an SFUSD principal. I'm beginning my sixth year as Principal at Cleveland Elementary School, located in the Excelsior.
As the co-founder of Teachers 4 Social Justice and Teachers 4 Change, I have worked to create quality schools for all of our children, and to give a stronger voice to parents and educators.
As Board of Education commissioner, I was one of the main authors of the 2004 ballot measure Prop H (the Public Education Enrichment Fund) that was resoundingly passed, and then renewed in 2015. PEEF provides a \$60 million annual increase in funding for increased student services: librarians, nurses and PE teachers; arts programs; universal Pre-K programs; and other needed services for our district's students. In 2008, as president of the Board of Education, I led the board in hiring Superintendent Carlos Garcia and in passing Prop A, securing to increase teacher salaries and to help make San Francisco more affordable for SFUSD employees.

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?

SFUSD employee housing to slow the hemorrhaging of teachers and others from our school district; competitive salaries for classroom teachers and paraprofessionals; hiring the best qualified superintendent to lead SFUSD.

To boost retention, which is indeed at crisis levels, and has been for some time, we must address housing--and we must address it aggressively. We need to have what amounts to stipends for housing and significant mortgage assistance. But we need to be bold when it comes to brick and mortar housing initiatives. As a city we may not currently have the collective will, but the board of education needs to work with city policy makers, unions and other stakeholders to draw up plans for at least 1,000 units for rental and perhaps a number for purchase. I like what Santa Clara has done. Ten years ago they used private funds to build 70 rental units on school district property. The units will be for educators in perpetuity. Each participant can rent (\$1500 a month, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a garage; not a "dorm" situation) for up to seven years, with the expectation that at the end of the term the city and school district have worked with each educator to find permanent housing. In San Francisco, we need to do much the same, just on a much larger scale.

To obtain competitive salaries for the long term for SFUSD employees and for most school district workers in California, we must find a way to modify Prop 13 so that corporate property is taxed at a slightly higher rate than homeowner property. This would "split roll" of Prop 13 would effectively bring in billions of dollars annually, much of which would be directed to public education.

Regarding our over-testing of students, SFUSD this year has begun to back away from some of the interim assessments that we've ramped up over the past seven years. This is a good first step, as the testing regime in place has alienated teachers, principals, students, and families, and have not led to any real academic growth for our kids.

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.

As the Principal at Cleveland Elementary School, I have first hand knowledge regarding the families in the District 11. More than 90% of our 380 students live within the Excelsior; most of our students are from low income families. I am currently working with the school district and MEDA on a federal Promise Neighborhood grant, that would bring \$30 million over five years to Excelsior/Vis Valley schools to help provide wrap-around family services regarding socio-emotional and physical well being, housing,

and other community needs. As commissioner on the SF Board of Education, I would continue to seek funding for D11 schools.

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

No position

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

No position

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

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

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.

No Position

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

Oppose

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

Support

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.
Support

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.
Oppose