

South Beach District 6 Democratic Club
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Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire

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1. What are the three civic or community accomplishments of which you are most proud? If an incumbent, draw from actions through your current office/position. (Max 300 words)

Helped forming 5 different Community Benefit Districts serving District 6 community. From serving on their steering committees, incorporating their non-profit entity, serving as a Board Member, or help with their community outreach, and helping with their re-establishment of their Districts and expanding their boundaries. The process for expanding a Community Benefit or forming a District takes a few significant steps, including: 1) a survey of property owners, 2) determining the level of support, 3) setting boundaries, 4) determining priority special services, 5) development and adoption of a services plan that lays out special benefits services to be funded and the costs of those services per parcel, 6) a petition drive endorsing the plan, and 7) a mail ballot vote of the property owners to establish the district.

Help relocating and securing the funding of the Tenderloin Police Station to a more accessible location for everyone including adding a community room for community use (something lacking in the neighborhood).

Establishing a the Northeast Community Federal Credit Union branch in the Tenderloin advocating for the formation of the first financial institution assisted in targeting their services to the low-income neighborhood of North of Market. The Northeast Community Federal Credit Union operates outside the Chex System and opens accounts for everyone in the community. In addition to opening the account, the credit union has helps with credit by providing small loans. Additionally, the credit union provides direct deposit. It is a credit union that fits the Tenderloin community perfectly. Everyone in the Tenderloin on fixed income should bank at the credit union. They provide good service at low cost.

2. If elected to this office, what will be your top three priorities and your approach for successful implementation? (Max 300 words)

Retain small business in District 6, by offering micro loans and providing assistance and technical support to new small businesses to move into the vacant storefronts. Have yearly reports from the Small Business Commission detailing the needs of to retain business in District 6. And holding merchant town halls in District 6 coordinated by my office staff and other city departments to provide the needed tools and assistance.

By implementing the San Francisco Downtown Plan the vitality, job and housing density, retail activity and overall character of the downtown have improved dramatically. The Planning Department will continue to monitor these trends so that land use policy adjustments can be

made as required to maintain and enhance a successful Downtown and Plan and avoid unintended consequences.

Making sure the 2012 Seniors and Adult with Disabilities in SRO's: Survey and Recommendations report are reviewed and implemented and provide future funding to enhance additional services not yet being provided.

3. Do you support or oppose the following local measures on the November 2014 ballot? (Yes/No).

- Transportation and Road Improvement Bond **YES**
- Population-Based Adjustment to General Fund Appropriation to Transportation Fund **YES**
- Children and Youth Fund; Public Education Enrichment Fund; Our Children, Our Families Council; Rainy Day Reserves **YES**
- Retiree Health Benefits for Former Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency Employee **YES**
- Minimum Wage Increase **YES**
- Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages to Fund Food and Health Programs **YES**
- Pier 70 Development Site Height Limit Increase **YES**
- Requiring Certain Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park to be Maintained as Natural Grass **YES**
- Park Code - Children's Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Athletic Fields **NO**
- Surtax on Transfers of Residential Real Property Within Five Years of a Prior Transfer **YES**
- Affordable Housing Goals **YES**
- Policy Regarding Transportation Priorities in San Francisco **YES**

4. Why is our club endorsement important to you?

Since 1993 have dedicated myself to many District 6 improvements projects a few of them are listed below. It's time to be recognized for my community work and get the support of my fellow District 6 residents to provide even more resources and opportunities for those in District 6.

Promoting family owned businesses:

- Established several entities including the North of Market Business Association that promote merchants and assist with their permits and regulatory requirements.

- Preserve transportation access, services, and advocated for enhancements for a transit dependant neighborhood which lead to the Tenderloin-Little Saigon Neighborhood Transportation Study, a community-based effort to identify high priority transportation needs and develop conceptual designs for transportation improvements to the Tenderloin and Little Saigon neighborhoods.
- Advocated for maintained and enhancing postal services for postal patrons.
- Sat on an advisory committee that opened a community credit union in the Tenderloin which has no other regulated financial institutions. Northeast Community Federal Credit Union acts as the only mainstream financial service provider in the area. Welfare recipients and other residents of limited economic means are easy prey for makeshift financial operations, which regularly charge exorbitant fees for their services.
- Organized yearly educational forums on ballot measures and candidate debates in partnership with the SF Elections Department, San Francisco League of Women Voters, and several community-based organizations since 1999.

Promoting Safety:

- Relocating and centralizing the Tenderloin Police Station for better community access.
- Working to secure regular foot patrols in Tenderloin, Southern and Mission Police Districts.
- Working to reduce noise pollution by reducing the use of sirens and air horns from emergency vehicles.
- Helped establish two community benefit districts for North of Market and Central Market area and numerous neighborhood improvement organizations such as United Merchants and Residents of Polk and advisory committees creating the Tenderloin Pedestrian Safety Plan, San Francisco Safe City Report 2006; San Francisco Community Policing Report 2006; SF Safe Summer 2007 Report, San Francisco Violence Prevention Plan 2008-2013. TNT The New Tenderloin, co-organized a 5,000 signature petition to city decision makers to improve safety policies, advocated the establishment of 22 safe haven locations, lobbied for a safer bus stop at Hyde & Turk Streets, organized public testimony at the San Francisco Police Commission and Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee.
- Created and operated a national crisis hotline for 15 years.
- Reduced promotion of alcohol sales in a neighborhood riddled with alcoholism: Helping in the establishment of North of Market Special Use District, the passage of Deemed Approved Ordinance, 2008 Good Neighbor Agreement with off-sale liquor establishments, mitigating the effects of new liquor licenses, organizing numerous safety forums, monitoring off-sale permits, successfully stopped a large supermarket and several pharmacies from alcohol sales in crime ridden neighborhoods.
- Advocated for cigarette restrictions in apartment buildings, workplace and taxis and prohibiting cigarette sales in pharmacies.

Promoting a cohesive, connected community:

- Created and maintained an online message board which started to document the community activities that impact the lives within our district and promotes communication, news, and community updates to nearly 3,000 members.
- Helped establish a neighborhood newspaper with a circulation of 20,000 residents, and sat on its editorial board for the last fourteen years.
- Produced, edited, and published various community resource guides from business directories to specializes non-profit services listings.
- Advocated for more access to multicultural and diversity services for youth, disabled, and seniors; co-founder of Larkin Street Youth Services and Youth Networks.
- Creating community groups and forums to educate and empower community members to become future leaders such as being a guest presenter at Tenant Leadership Trainings and inspiring others through his achievements a support of the community.

Promoting quality of life in the Tenderloin district

- Advocates for more community open space in high density neighborhoods
- Planting trees
- Sat on several advisory committees that preserved over 530 units of housing, and will build 106 units of new affordable housing.
- Provided forums that discussed revitalization of the central business districts and gentrification of residential neighborhoods.
- Worked on the legislation establishing community courts; landmark tree ordinance, sprinkler ordinance, electrical rewiring of SRO campaign, San Francisco Noise Ordinance, and Fringe Financial Service restriction use district.

I ask South Beach District 6 Democratic Club to consider rank-choice endorsements as to inform the voters of District 6 who are the democrats running for Supervisor. I thank you for your consideration.