

D5 | League of Pissed Off Voters November 2019

Questionnaire

Hello candidates! Thank you for filling out the League's questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire by midnight on Friday, July 19th if you wish to be considered for a League endorsement. Please use THIS FORM rather than formatting it into a Word document or PDF. If you have any questions, you can contact us at TheLeagueSF@gmail.com.

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When did you first fall in love with San Francisco?

I moved here as an artist in 1985, and immediately fell in love with the sense of community. San Francisco, at its core, is a place where people come to feel accepted and free to push the boundaries of what's possible. Through my work as a neighborhood activist and in City Hall, I'm proud to have been part of a lot of groundbreaking legislation that other cities across the nation have since adopted.

Priorities

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

Former State Senator John Burton, Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Sandra Fewer

What are the top three issues you will work on, and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner? (1250 character limit)

Housing: I'm protecting renters & building new affordable housing—creating choices for people to live, raise families & grow old in D5. I secured \$40M for the Small Sites Acquisition program. I've saved the homes of tenants at 520 Shrader. I co-sponsored 'Affordable Housing Production & Preservation Fund.' I'm advocating for November's \$600M Affordable Housing Bond.

Homelessness: I'm committed to Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Navigation Center to D5. I created SF's new Vehicle Navigation Center & Safe Parking Program to provide for vulnerable people living in vehicles. I was a vocal supporter of Prop C & passed legislation to create a community-led oversight committee to guide programming of Prop C funds. Upstream, I expanded the SF Working Families Credit. I established Universal Legal Aid in District 5, & funded a new Tenants' Rights Ombudsman to assist to D5 renters.

Clean & Green SF: I passed a new Checkout Bag Ordinance to phase out single use plastic produce bags & raise the bag fee from 10¢ to 25¢. I'm a primary co-sponsor on legislation to mandate commercial spaces over 50k sq. ft. to use 100% renewable energy by 2030. We're rebuilding playgrounds, planting gardens & 100s of new trees, & improving streetscapes.

What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?

I volunteered for the Mo' Magic program in the Western Addition for over 5 years. I founded the Lower Haight Neighborhood Association in 2002. I also helped organize the Lower Haight Merchants Association which eventually merged to become the Lower Haight Neighbors and Merchants Association "LOHAMNA".

What local and state commissions and policy bodies have you served on -- currently or in the past?

Transit Authority
Golden Gate Bridge Transportation District

Local Issues

Some of the things pissed-off voters are watching right now!

Do you support congestion pricing for the downtown core?

Yes

No

Did you support the local implementation of SB 1045, mental health conservatorship?

Yes

No

Did you support SB 50 as written?

Yes

No

If not, are there amendments that would make you support it?

I proposed a specific set of specific amendments to the Board of Supervisors to submit to SB50's author Sen. Scott Wiener:

The ability to deny demolition permits to any SB50 project that involves the demolition of existing residential units;

The right to increase inclusionary zoning requirements on SB50 projects, including projects of 10 units or less

Allowing San Francisco to have a say in the boundaries of 'sensitive communities' that should be given extra time to rezone and amending rent control and eviction laws to protect tenants in those communities.

Increasing the bill's protections for existing renters, while ensuring we can build new apartments on underused sites.

Giving the West Side in San Francisco time to come up with an area plan.

Allowing a neighborhood that already has a specific Area Plan that meets or exceeds the requirements of SB50 to be exempted from SB50.

If a project is receiving financial incentives under SB50, developers shouldn't be able to double dip by also receiving the State's density bonus incentives.

Ensure that SB50 results in a net increase of units and prevent the construction of 'monster homes'.

Would you propose any rezoning or other policy changes to increase housing -- particularly affordable housing -- while protecting against displacement of current residents?

There's not a magic bullet to solving our housing crisis -- we need to fight on multiple fronts. I believe that we need to rezone, especially in the west side of the city, so we can increase our low- and middle-income housing stock. We also need to build more affordable housing units: In addition to 730 Stanyan (the former McDonald's site in the Haight), I'm looking at 4 other sites in my district for 100% affordable housing developments.

Increasing density in the outer neighborhoods will lower the cost of living in San Francisco, but we need to go further to protect our existing residents, especially tenants, who are fighting against the forces of displacement. Here's how I'm addressing this issue:

As a legislative aide, I crafted the City's Neighborhood Preference policy, which allows 40% of new affordable housing units to be prioritized for people already living and working in the neighborhood.

This year, I legislated and funded a District 5 Tenants' Rights Ombudsman to provide counseling and mediation for tenants to solve problems before an eviction notice is sent and a lawyer ever needs to be involved.

I'm a co-sponsor to Mayor Breed and President Yee's \$600 million Affordable Housing Bond that will appear on the November 2019 ballot.

I successfully expanded the Displaced Tenant Preference to include tenants whose rents will increase to 40% or more of their income, due to the loss of government-issued affordability restrictions.

Brought an equity lens to the root causes of housing inequality and displacement - I co-authored legislation with Supervisor Fewer that would mandate SF's very first Office of Racial Equity, which would examine the advance racial justice and work to eliminate racial disparities in the City, especially in housing and employment.

I co-sponsored the 'Affordable Housing Production and Preservation Fund' to collect money to build new affordable housing units or buy existing market-rate housing and make it affordable. \$40 million will be added to the Small Sites program to buy at-risk rent controlled buildings, saving the tenant's from Ellis Act evictions.

What's your plan to prevent the conversion of neighborhood retail spaces into office space?

Generally speaking, I don't think office space is a good or appropriate use of our precious neighborhood retail space. Well tailored neighborhood commercial zoning is crucial to the health of our neighborhoods, and so it's vital that it be heavily informed by neighbors and merchants. As I did when working with Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, I will work with residents and merchants in our neighborhoods to consider the current zoning and determine with them where zoning controls need to change to limit or prohibit conversion of retail to office.

Would you support legislation to implement the Budget Analyst's recommendation to adopt a more efficient weekly staffing schedule for the SFPD? (Recommendation 2.2 here:

https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/BA_Report_PA_of_San_Francisco_Police_Department_061218.pdf

Yes

No

What are your top three priorities for bike and/or pedestrian safety improvements in District 5?

In 2019 there have been over a dozen deaths from vehicle collisions with pedestrians and cyclists. It is tragic and unacceptable. We must all work together to implement Vision Zero, along with the SFMTA, SFPD, and the State of California.

I worked for ten years to see Masonic a more safe street, with a lowered speed limit of 25MPH and a designated bike lane. I've continued to push for protected bike lanes throughout the district, specifically on streets like Fell and Oak — thoroughfares more akin to mini highways than city streets. Facilitating safe, walkable, bikeable streets in the City has been and will remain one of my highest priorities as Supervisor. When people complain to me about the loss of a parking spot in order to create better visibility, I tell them that it's a matter of saving lives. We cannot allow these preventable deaths to keep occurring. As we ask people to consider other modes of transportation like walking and cycling in this critical time for our climate and environment, we must ensure that it is absolutely safe for them to do so.

What are your priorities for the proposed November 2020 ballot measure to revise the City's business tax structure? How do you propose to increase the total revenue from business taxes to fund City priorities?

I support and am a co-sponsor of the CEO Tax Initiative and am disappointed that it will not be on the November ballot. However, I am excited to work with the co-authors to strengthen this initiative when it is presented to voters on the March 2020 ballot. I feel similarly about the IPO Tax.

I'm a co-sponsor of the Uber/Lyft tax. Concerns about traffic and congestion are one of the biggest issues my office deals with every day. Approx. fifty percent of the increase in traffic in the last few years is due to the deluge of Uber and Lyft cars. The proposed tax is a traffic congestion mitigation tool that will generate \$30 to \$35 million dollars a year for improvements to public transit and will reduce congestion which will ultimately benefit the economy.

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Do you support the Juul ballot measure that would override the vapor products ban ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors and add restrictions on the sale?

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support the ballot measure “Sunlight on Dark Monday Initiative”?

Yes

No

Do you support the proposed tax on net rider fares of TNCs, autonomous vehicles and private transit services vehicles?

Yes

No

Do you support the proposed additional tax on businesses with disproportionate executive pay?

Yes

No

Who are you supporting for Mayor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
London Breed	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Robert Jordan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wilma Pang	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paul Y. Robertson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Joel Ventresca	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ellen Lee Zhou	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for D5 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Vallie Brown	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ryan Lam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nomvula O'Meara	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dean Preston	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for City Attorney?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Dennis Herrera	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for District Attorney?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Chesa Boudin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leif Dautch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Suzy Loftus	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nancy H. Tung	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Public Defender?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Manohar Raju	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Sheriff?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Paul Miyamoto	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ronald Terry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Treasurer?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
José M. Cisneros	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
William Carduner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jenny Lam	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Yi Quan Guo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ivy Lee	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Past Elections

Did you support 2018's Prop C "Our City, Our Home" tax on gross receipts of businesses to fund homeless services?

Yes

No

Who did you support for Mayor in June 2018?

	1st	2nd	3rd
Angela Alioto	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Michelle Bravo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
London Breed	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Richie Greenburg	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jane Kim	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mark Leno	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amy Farrah Weiss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ellen Lee Zhou	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D2 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Catherine Stefani	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nick Josefowitz	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schuyler Hudak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
John Dennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D4 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Gordon Mar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Jessica Ho	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Trevor McNeil	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Arthur Tom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lou Ann Bassan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Mike Murphy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Tuan Nguyen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Adam Kim	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D6 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Matt Haney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Christine Johnson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Sonja Trauss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D8 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Rafael Mandelman	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lawrence "Stark" Dagesse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D10 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Shamann Walton	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tony Kelly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theo Ellington	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Uzuri Pease-Greene	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gloria Berry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asale Chandler	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Final Question

Is there anything else you want to tell us? (3000 character limit)

In order to make real change, you have to be able to find common ground with those you disagree with. In the year I've been in office, I've passed over two dozen pieces of legislation on a diverse range of complicated issues including homelessness and equity, protections for workers, climate change and the environment, and on issues particularly important to women and families. We cannot lead by being divisive, and I'm running my campaign with the same mindset – listening to the needs of the community and organizing them to come together to accomplish these goals.

I've seen firsthand that the best ideas come from the community, and it's my job to make it happen. As a neighborhood activist for years before working at City Hall, I know what it feels like to have the powers that be say what's best for a community, without input from that community – It's a top-down approach that won't work and never has. So when I was asked to come into City Hall to work as a legislative aide, I knew it was the perfect opportunity for me to make a difference and raise the voices of our neighbors inside the halls of power. My experience as a legislative aide and working on affordable housing gives me the knowledge and experience to get things done without making promises to the community I can't keep.

Lastly, as a legislator and woman of Native/Indigenous heritage, I understand the importance of women not just having a voice, but also having a seat at the head of the table. It's imperative that our government reflects the people it represents; the composition of my campaign team and City Hall staff reflects the need for this diversity and equity. It's troubling to me that San Francisco is comprised of more than 50% women, yet we are only represented by 4 out of 11 members on the Board of Supervisors. As the adage goes, if you are not at the table, you may be on the menu. Without enough women leaders on the SFBOS, we lose crucial traction on these key issues that most matter to our entire community.

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