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# 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](mailto:TheLeagueSF@gmail.com).

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## When did you first fall in love with San Francisco?

Well, fell in love with a 5th generation San Franciscan in 1989 (together ever since!), so that was the start of it all. Then I moved out here in 1993, hopped on the 21 Hayes to head to law school, looked out the bus window over the city at Alamo Square, and that was pretty much it. Had never seen a city so beautiful.

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## Priorities

## Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

I don't know HOW I can only choose three but here goes: San Francisco Tenants Union (sole endorsement) Sierra Club (sole endorsement) Democratic Socialists of America (sole endorsement) Please see the full list at [www.votedean.com](http://www.votedean.com)!

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

Affordable housing and tenants rights. I have been a tenant attorney and affordable housing advocate for 20 years and it's work I will continue to do for the rest of my career. We will ensure full implementation of Prop. F, the right to counsel measure I wrote and passed last year; create 10,000 units of affordable housing using an innovative social housing model; and hold developers accountable as I've done for years to ensure we maximize affordable housing, not just luxury condos in this town.

A Green New Deal for San Francisco -- We can create green jobs to help keep our city clean and green. We can divest from PG&E and focus on clean energy through public power and a public bank. And we can do a Prop C to fix our failing MUNI system. A fast, on-time and comfortable world-class public transportation system means fewer people will choose to drive or take TNCs. We also need to stand up to Uber/Lyft and the privatization of transportation and our streets.

Homelessness - We need to do everything we can to implement Prop C, which is something I fought HARD for on the 2018 ballot. I support navigation centers in every district. I oppose sweeps.

Time is of the essence for all three of these issues.

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

Affordable Divis, steering committee

Arch Community Fund, co-president/trustee

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

None

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## 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?

Well sure, in theory any bill can be turned upside down, gutted and amended, but the reality here is that Senator Wiener is the wrong author and the bill is by and for developers. Equity advocates have put forward numerous proposals of what it would take to make SB 50 acceptable and Senator Wiener has no interest in these changes. Fundamentally, Sen. Wiener's top priority with the bill appears to be giving developers a windfall in gentrifying cities, and he will not make changes that result in a net benefit to vulnerable communities in gentrifying communities.

As applied to SF, among the changes that are needed: require a higher rate of affordable housing and transit investments in exchange for the value given to developers, and leaving intact meaningful opportunity for community review and comment on things that happen in people's neighborhoods.

In contrast to SB 50, AB 1279 (Bloom) would achieve some of the development goals while taking care to protect vulnerable communities from displacement. That's bill presents a far better vehicle for responsible development.

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

Yes, but it should be done locally in SF, with community meetings for impacted areas, not from Sacramento. The difference is that SF voters overwhelmingly want affordable housing, transit investments, and an end to developer giveaways. In Sacramento, the real estate lobby reigns supreme, so rezoning SF from Sacramento only makes sense if you are a developer, or Scott Wiener.

I favor and for years have called for zoning public land that's developable for 100% affordable housing. We should prioritize these sites for social housing. I'm also wide open to increasing height and density in exchange for meaningful affordability, transit investments, and other community benefits. That was the heart of the Divisadero Community Plan, developed in D5 through community meetings and the participation of over 500 neighbors, and ignored by the Planning Department and Planning Commission in approving luxury condos on Divisadero.

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

Neighborhood businesses are struggling. City Hall has bent over backwards to accommodate massive corporations, including those whose business models violate SF law, while all but ignoring the neighborhood businesses that are part of the fabric of our communities and power our local economy. I am committed to changing this unfair dynamic. I'm a former small business owner myself. I've worked for years to protect small neighborhood businesses, including being one of the early leaders in the struggle to prevent chain store proliferation in SF, conducting outreach for the Small Business Protection Act in 2006, and being an early backer of the city's 2014 Legacy Business ballot measure.

I have been convening meetings with merchants and will soon release our small business platform. Among other proposals under consideration: Vacancy tax to provide a disincentive for prolonged commercial vacancies, and strict timelines when landlords do seismic/soft-story retrofits that displace small businesses and mitigation for impacted businesses.

I'm not aware of a specific proposal to limit conversion from neighborhood retail to office, but am interested in learning more about strategies merchants and neighbors would like to consider on this front.

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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](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?

Firstly, Vision Zero needs benchmarks and accountability -- including immediate improvements & long term thinking. We need to do whatever we can from crossing guards at dangerous intersections in District 5 (especially the ones near senior homes) to bulbing curbs, speed bumps, and protected bike lanes along Oak, Fell and Divis.

I'm also all for separated bikeways, car-free streets, and expanded car-free space in general, whether that's larger, safer bike lanes or expanding Golden Gate park closure to cars.

Another thing we can do to protect cyclists, pedestrians, other motorists, and frankly the planet, is making MUNI more appealing than ride shares. Ride shares account for a TON of accidents and congestion and we should be looking to make our bus and train trips shorter, less crowded, more frequent and eventually free for citizens.

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## 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?

Big corporate interests and billionaires have been doing great -- too well -- in San Francisco and beyond. We can tax them and they still won't be taxed anywhere near the level they were taxed at before Trump took office.

I support Gordon Mar's IPO tax and the Haney/Ronen proposed CEO tax for mental health SF, both of which could be on the 2020 ballot. I've also been calling since 2015 for a vacancy tax on commercial and residential properties. My understanding is Peskin is considering moving forward with that and I look forward to playing a major role in that important effort. Last but definitely not least, I want to champion a major 2020 transportation ballot measure, basically a Prop. C for Transit, that will raise over \$300m annually to invest in MUNI infrastructure/service/operators, reduce fares and put us on a path to Free MUNI, and fund bike/pedestrian safety projects.

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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 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 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 checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Dean Preston    | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 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"/> |

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## 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 type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Richie Greenburg | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Jane Kim         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mark Leno        | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Jessica Ho     | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Trevor McNeil  | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Arthur Tom     | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Lou Ann Bassan | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mike Murphy    | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Tuan Nguyen    | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Adam Kim       | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## Who did you support for D6 Supervisor?

|                   | 1st                              | 2nd                   | 3rd                   | Unranked endorsement  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Matt Haney        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Christine Johnson | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sonja Trauss      | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input 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 type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Tony Kelly         | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Asale Chandler     | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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## Final Question

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

First an edit: I supported Jane Kim/Mark Leno for 1st place for mayor but the questionnaire only gave me a rank 1/2.

But more importantly:

Our campaign is fundamentally about this concept: Rethinking what is possible in San Francisco. This is the commitment of our campaign, of our movement, and we have no time to waste.

We cannot continue electing political leaders backed by the corporate interests that are profiting off the misery of our community. Whether its traffic caused by unregulated TNCS that snarl bikers, transit, and pedestrians, real estate speculators that make their living evicting low-income tenants, or PG&E whose neglect has cost lives and homes across Northern CA, we need leaders independent of the big money that too often controls city hall.

I've been a voice for tenants, neighbors, and working people for two decades. I'm not the candidate in this race that the landlord association, the developers, and Ron Conway's minions are supporting. In fact, we know they will come out with PACs attacking me. My history, and the movement I'm part of -- tenants, workers, neighbors, democratic socialists -- is a threat to their interests. If I'm elected, we will have a mandate for change and bold ideas. I am so excited to see what we can do together.

I'm proud to have championed big ideas like Prop F, which I authored and passed last year, Prop C of which I was an early backer and our campaign did all the phone banking and mobilizing in District 5 for that, saving rent control when landlords tried to abolish it in 2008, fighting for Ellis Act reform, Costa Hawkins repeal, and a local speculator tax, and most recently proposing social housing, a public bank, free and expanded public transit, and public power by municipalizing PG&E.

And while we fight big, and we will always fight big, for the policies at the citywide, statewide and national levels, we can't forget about fighting big in our local communities, fighting for our neighborhoods, standing up to evictions, speaking out when our local businesses are being pushed out of our communities, helping fire victims, fighting to save Midtown, establishing a navigation center in the Haight, finding a permanent home for the Homeless Youth Alliance, a serious commercial vacancy tax for all our shuttered storefronts, fighting for affordable housing on Divisadero, not luxury condominiums, and so much more.

I appreciate the League's principled endorsement when I ran against an established opponent in 2016, as well as the tireless work of many League members on my campaign and other

progressive races. I've stood at BART stops and MUNI stops handing out the Pissed Off Voter Guide many times and I hope to do that again. I'd be honored to have your support in this race.

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