

Mayor | 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?

The summer of 1963 upon my first visit at the age of eleven.

Priorities

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

The endorsement process has just started. I entered the race for San Francisco Mayor on June 10, 2019. I am the only Progressive Democrat on the ballot.

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

I will use my professional and community-based knowledge and skills to implement the following top three issues:

- Dismantle decades-old establishment, status quo, insider, corrupt political machine.
 - Mandate 100% clean public money candidate campaigns.
 - Reinvent San Francisco into the first zero-carbon emissions international city in the world.
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What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?

I have never served on a for-profit board. I have served on several non-profit boards such as San Francisco Tomorrow (1985-1996), Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (1978-1994), Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee (2004-2006), and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 790 (1991-1997). Currently, I do not serve on a non-profit board.

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

I have never served on a state commission or state policy body. I was appointed by the President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as a City and County of San Francisco Environmental Commissioner (Commission on San Francisco's Environment) and served between 1994 and 1997. I currently do not serve on a local commission or local policy body.

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?

No.

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

Yes.

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

I oppose the conversion of neighborhood-serving ground floor retail spaces to office space. I will work to pass and implement law, regulations, and policy changes to protect neighborhood retail spaces.

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 the City?

1. Make San Francisco the most bike-friendly and safest bike city in the United States. 2. Make San Francisco the most pedestrian-friendly and safest pedestrian city in the United States. 3. Make public transit free, clean, safe, and reliable 24/7, with increased capacity, where 75% of the residents of the City will choose not to own a car or truck.

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 will work to significantly increase big business taxes on a progressive basis to reverse the growing economic inequality in the City. With small businesses and small start-up businesses, I will work to exempt them from local business taxes and fees for a five year period with certain conditions.

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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 checked="" 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 checked="" 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 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 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 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)

I am the only Progressive Democrat on the ballot for San Francisco Mayor.

My 200-Word Voter Information Pamphlet Statement follows:

New Transformational Leadership & Fundamental Change is Coming:

I will govern as America's most effective progressive mayor.

34 Years of Exceptional Award-winning Public Service:

- Administrator and Analyst; City and County of San Francisco Airport Commission (1987-2018).
- Department Head Assistant and Aging Specialist; City and County of San Francisco Aging Commission (1981-1984).

Prior Positions:

- City and County of San Francisco Environmental Commissioner
- President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
- Executive Committee Member, SEIU

Accomplishments:

- Recognized safety, security, and risk expert.
- Adopted first landmark City and County of San Francisco Sustainability Plan.
- Received nearly 100,000 votes in local elections.

Education:

- Master in Public Administration; University of San Francisco

Media Characterizations:

- "incorruptible"; "principled"; "honest"; "courageous"; "knowledgeable"; "tough"; "independent".

Platform:

- Dismantle decades-old establishment, status quo, insider, corrupt political machine.
- Mandate 100% clean public money candidate campaigns.
- Reinvent San Francisco into the first zero-carbon emissions international city in the world.
- Expedite full-service public power.
- Make public transit free.
- Defend neighborhood character, diversity, and self-determination.
- Approve best tenant protection laws in the nation.

- End poverty on streets with comprehensive homeless program.
- Reverse growing economic inequality.
- Challenge corporate and tech agendas.
- Empower mass movements.
- Disempower top 1% economic elite.
- Halt Manhattanization.
- Rejuvenate inclusive participatory democracy.
- Convert Presidio into a second United Nations headquarters focused on global warming.
- Create just, livable, flourishing City.

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