

Board of Education | 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?

At birth, it is in my DNA.

Priorities

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

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

1. School assignment process

a. In assessing the challenges SFUSD faces, it is clear that equity is the real issue and that has ALWAYS been the case in San Francisco. We need to tackle the overwhelming disparity created by the school assignment process. The type of educational experience a student has in San Francisco is determined by what side of Geary they live on, or go to school in. SFUSD'S STUDENTS SHOULD RECEIVE THE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THEY NEED TO THRIVE REGARDLESS OF ADDRESS. This boils down to resource allocation and we must have an honest dialogue about what that looks like.

2. School discipline procedures

a. The District's current suspension/expulsion policies have a punitive impact on students and are completely ineffective. This process continues to have a disproportional impact on students and families BASED ON RACE AND ETHNICITY. The school discipline process needs to function as an intervention point, not dumping kids who need services on District schools.

3. Curriculum

a. High school students are not offered courses in computer science. This is beyond absurd in San Francisco. This type of curriculum provides multiple pathways for success for college bound students and for students on a vocational track.

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

I do not currently serve on any boards. I previously served on the Symphonix Board of the SF Symphony chairing their Concerts for Kids program. I have been involved with the Red Cross here in San Francisco for 10 years helping to raise funds and awareness for disaster preparedness.

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

None.

Local Issues

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

Do you support the closure of Juvenile Hall?

Yes

No

Do you support renaming schools that are named after slaveholders?

Yes

No

Will you commit to visiting a variety of SFUSD school sites in addition to attending Board meetings?

Yes

No

Did you support the decision to cover the George Washington High School mural?

No. It is unbelievable to me that the entire school board (except for the missed vote) determined that the best solution was destruction. They have one job, educate. And if they cannot figure out how to teach and discuss the perils of this country then they have no business being there.

Pending an administrative staffing ratio audit, what would be your plan to allocate resources toward the classroom?

Being new the race I have not yet untangled this and look forward to sharing my ideas in the coming weeks.

Describe your relationships with charter school advocates like Innovate Public Schools, the KIPP Foundation, One Promise, and others.

Again, being new the race I have not yet untangled this and look forward to sharing my ideas in the coming weeks. I will say now that Life Learning Academy is a model example of how a charter school should function with its District partner.

What do you think needs to happen for SFUSD to close the opportunity gap for Black, Pacific Islander, Native, Latinx immigrant and other students of color, especially those with disabilities?

Opportunity gap means equity to me. In assessing the challenges SFUSD faces, it is clear that equity is the real issue and that has ALWAYS been the case in San Francisco. We need to tackle the overwhelming disparity created by the school assignment process. The type of educational experience a student has in San Francisco is determined by what side of Geary they live on, or go to school in. SFUSD'S STUDENTS SHOULD RECEIVE THE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THEY NEED TO THRIVE REGARDLESS OF ADDRESS. This boils down to resource allocation and we must have an honest dialogue about what that looks like.

November 2019 Election

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 checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" 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 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 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 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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theo Ellington	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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 have dedicated my career to social impact. I have a deep understanding of the transformative power of a meaningful education and the destructive effects of the opposite. I began my CAREER at Legal Services for Children in San Francisco where I regularly saw the NEGATIVE IMPACT AND INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICTS punitive school discipline process - A PROCESS WHICH CONTINUES TO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES BASED ON RACE AND ETHNICITY. As Director of Development and Partnerships at Full Circle Fund, a venture philanthropy firm, I worked closely with partners like The San Francisco Foundation to amplify positive social impact and use both capital and talent to scale organizations like Beyond 12, The Ever Forward Cub, and College Track. Public/private partnerships LIKE THESE work. WE need to bring that type of forward thinking to SFUSD FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF ITS STUDENTS - NOT JUST THOSE WHO LIVE IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS.

In assessing the challenges SFUSD faces, it is clear that equity is the real issue and that has ALWAYS been the case in San Francisco. We need to tackle the overwhelming disparity created by the school assignment process. The type of educational experience a student has in San Francisco is determined by what side of Geary they live on, or go to school in. SFUSD'S STUDENTS SHOULD RECEIVE THE SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THEY NEED TO THRIVE REGARDLESS OF ADDRESS. This boils down to resource allocation and we must have an honest dialogue about what that looks like.

I will be a tireless advocate seeking to combat the challenges we face - equity, segregation, and the overall assignment process. I will not focus on making political statements that grab headlines at the expense of focusing on educational results. I have spent my career focused on delivering results and will do the same if elected to the SFUSD Board of Education.

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