SF League of Pissed Off Voters 2020 DCCC Questionnaire

Hello candidates! Thank you for filling out the League’s questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire by 5pm on Sunday, December 1st if you wish to be considered for the League’s 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.

Candidate Info

Need to see the other questions before you get started? Just fill this in. It’s the only section with required answers.

Name *

Bevan Dufty

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *


Phone Number

Website

bevan dufty.com (re-launches 12/15)

Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

It's important we retain a progressive majority on DCCC for endorsements in elections from 2020-2024. I strongly support the work of Chair Campos to advance progressive candidates and ballot measures for endorsement. We cannot allow DCCC to again be captive to big tech and real estate interests. I'm proud to mentor a younger generation of political leaders after 43 years of political & public service including 27 years in San Francisco. Best example is Janice Li's election to the BART Board where I worked day and night to raise money, secure endorsements (TY League!) and hit the streets with this outstanding candidate. I encouraged Janice & Shanell Williams to run for DCCC & am working to support them both. DCCC's 2016 endorsements is another example when Mark Sanchez fell a few votes short of endorsement initially. I used every procedure possible to secure a successful revote and am proud to Mark won this critical endorsement. Early in Supervisor Ronen's tenure, I asked to join me sweeping the 16th Street BART Plaza weekly. This combined effort led to complete restructuring of BART's maintenance & tripled the resources at this Station and we housed a woman who had been left on sidewalk for 3 years.
What are the top three issues you will work on and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner?

I'm running for re-election to DCCC, in part, because it gives me clout on BART and transit justice issues. When Lateefah Simon and I took office, the BART 50% reduced Youth Fare was limited to ages 6-12 (Crazy!). We not only extended this to age 18 but we also insisted that BART establish a low-income fare and we are beginning a pilot w MTC (TY Jane Kim then on MTC) & Golden Gate, Muni & VTA providing 20% discount for riders at 200% of poverty and below. With proposed faster Bay Area ballot measure in late 2020 or 2021 there is possibility of dedicating $100m for low-income fares - this would allow 50% reduction for low-income riders. I want to work through DCCC to develop winning coalition for our riders. #2 Retaining Progressive super-majority on BOS and our candidates for other local offices. #3 Help mentor and support next generation of local leaders.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Janice Li, because we fought tenaciously together for her victory and she is such a rockstar; Hillary Ronen, because we worked so closely together on 16th/Mission and Homelessness and she sought my help on the family sleepover service for families at Buena Vista/Horace Mann where I secured pro bono contractor/construction manager and architect supporting her leadership. I spoke in support of Hillary as Board President at the election last January and worked for both Homeless Services Oversight Commission and Mental Health SF. This month, I hope to endorsed for both DCCC and BART by the three major Labor organizations at BART: SEIU, ATU & AFSCME. I’ve helped to build the first pro-Labor majority in many years on BART Board. I will advice once this is confirmed.

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

I serve on the Mission High School Foundation Board and, for many years, I served on the Board for the Mission HS Athletic Scholar Advancement Program (ASAP). For 5 years I've served as SF Dinner Co-Chair for Equality California (EQCA) fighting for LGBTQI rights.
What local and state commissions or policy bodies do you serve on?

BART Board of Directors (President, 2019); Member, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority; Oversight Board, OCII (Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure), City and County of San Francisco.

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DCCC

Do you pledge to support San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS) fully divesting from fossil fuels within three years and holding SFERS accountable at the ballot if they do not divest?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to support San Francisco purchasing PG&E assets to create public power in San Francisco?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to support the closure of 850 Bryant, jails #3 and #4?

- Yes
- No
Do you pledge to vote to endorse only those candidates that support Abolishing ICE?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to vote to endorse only those candidates that support decarceral criminal justice reform?

- Yes
- No

Do you support the expansion of charter schools? Yes/No (Please explain your answer.)

No.

Did you support SB 50 (Senator Wiener's zoning bill) as written?

- Yes
- No
If not, what amendments would make you support SB 50?

Earlier in the process there were concerns about tenant protections which is of paramount importance to me. BART is now developing housing and specifically affordable housing on unused parcels and parking lots. We talk about developing complete communities and ensuring that we have excellent transit to support denser neighborhoods. It is expected that Senator Wiener will introduce this bill, possibility with new amendments, in January and we will have a presentation in early March outlining changes in the legislation, amendments BART might seek and if there are concerns requesting amendments or a change in our position. I will seek input early next year to understand concerns and/or opposition and raise these with Senator's office.

Do you pledge to endorse only candidates committed to ending homeless sweeps?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you support the City funding community land trusts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you support congestion pricing for the downtown core?

☐ Yes

☐ No
Do you support and would you vote to endorse a Public Bank in San Francisco?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to vote to endorse only those candidates that support Medicare for All?

- Yes
- No
- Other:

Do you pledge to only endorse those candidates that support a full repeal of the Ellis Act and Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act?

- Yes
- No

Do you believe the number of real estate contributions to a candidate impacts their fitness as a progressive candidate?

- Yes
- No
If Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act is repealed, would you work to enact vacancy control in San Francisco?

- Yes
- No

Do you support a baseline percentage of 40% of affordable housing in developments when negotiating the number of housing units?

- Yes
- No

Do you support requiring 100% affordable housing on public land?

- Yes
- No

If not, under what circumstances would you support allowing a percentage or all market-rate housing on public land?

DCCC Policy
Do you support contribution limits for DCCC races?

- Yes
- No

What are your ideas to avoid a corporate takeover of the DCCC?

Contribution limits will benefit progressive candidates who rely on grassroots support and aren't able to compete with big money.

Do you support limiting DCCC ex-officio member voting rights for endorsements?

- Yes
- No

Do you support banning elected politicians from running for DCCC?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge not to resign your seat before the November 2020 endorsement vote?

- Yes
- No

If not, please explain why:
November 2020 Election

Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer in District 1?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Supervisor Aaron Peskin in District 3?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Supervisor Dean Preston in District 5?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to vote to not endorse Karim Salgado or Joel Engardio for Supervisor in District 7?

- Yes
- No
Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Supervisor Hillary Ronen in District 9?

- Yes
- No

Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Former Supervisor John Avalos in District 11?

- Yes
- No

Do you support restrictions on Prop 13 in the November 2020 and future elections?

- Yes
- No

Do you support the proposed commercial vacancy tax?

- Yes
- No

Do you support the Fair Elections charter amendment to prohibit mayoral appointments of candidates 90 days before an election?

- Yes
- No
March 2020 Election

Which candidate will you support in the March 2020 Presidential Primary?

Kamala Harris

Do you support San Francisco Balanced Development Act which seeks to update 1986’s Prop M?”

- Yes
- No

Which candidate will you support for Congress in District 12?

- Agatha Bacelar
- Shahid Buttar
- Douglas Deitch
- Tom Gallagher
- Nancy Pelosi

Which candidate will you support for SF Superior Court Seat 1?

- Pang Va Ly
- Maria Evangelista
Which candidate will you support for SF Superior Court Seat 18?

- [ ] Dorothy Chou Proudfoot
- [x] Michelle Tong

Which candidate will you support for SF Superior Court Seat 21?

- [ ] Kulvindar "Rani" Singh
- [ ] Carolyn Gold

November 2019 Election

Who did you support for District Attorney?

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**November 2018 Election**

Need a refresher of what was on the ballot? Use this link: [https://sfelections.sfgov.org/november-6-2018-election-results-summary](https://sfelections.sfgov.org/november-6-2018-election-results-summary)

Who did you support for Board of Education? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Allison Collins, Faauga Molina, Mia Satya, Martin Rawlings-Fein

Who did you support for D2 Supervisor? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Catherine Steffani
Who did you support for D4 Supervisor? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Gordon Mar

Who did you support for D6 Supervisor? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Matt Haney

Who did you support for D8 Supervisor? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Rafael Mandelman

Who did you support for D10 Supervisor? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Shamann Walton

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

June 2018 Election
Who did you support for Mayor in June 2018? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Mark Leno #1, Jane Kim #2

Did you support June 2018’s Prop C, Tax on Commercial Rent for Child Care & Early Education?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did you support June 2018’s Prop F “Tenant’s Right to Counsel”?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did you support June 2018’s Prop H “Arm Police With Tasers”?

☐ Yes

☐ No
Did you support 2016’s Prop D "Let’s Elect Our Elected Officials" to have special elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Supervisors?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Did you support 2014’s Prop G, the anti-speculation tax?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

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Short Answer Questions

Short Answers Please

Do you identify as an activist?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
If so, please describe specific accomplishments in your activism. What did you get done, and what was your role?

In 1971, my Mom, Maely, moved us to the Bay Area when she accepted a position at Stanford and I was in 11th grade and transferred to Menlo-Atherton HS. When the only African American teacher was laid off (last hired, first fired) I organized a sit-in and take over of the Principal’s office than landed us on TV news and saw the teacher re-hired. I served as Student Body Co-President from 1975-1976 on the Left Alliance Slate that brought into power the most ethnically and gender and age diverse slate in the history of Berkley student government, including electing students who were of African American, Latino, Philippino, Chinese, and Japanese descent. I led the efforts at the Regents for Student Affirmative action and divestment from South Africa. In 1976 I went to work on Capitol Hill for Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY) the first Black woman in Congress and Presidential candidate. In 1979, I became Chief Legislative Assistant to Congressman Julian Dixon (D-CA) and in early 1980’s developed legislation in response to IMF granting $1.3 billion loan to South Africa -- the Congressional Black Caucus blocked replenishment of US IMF funding and we won first sanction that the US had to account for economic inefficiency of apartheid and not support future loans. The Dellums amendment passed the next year. I realize these are many years ago, but I've stayed consistent in my activism.
What communities do you feel you represent in SF and how do those communities hold you accountable?

As someone who is LGBT and Jewish, I work to represent these communities. I grew up in the African American community because of my Mom, Maely’s, activism in the Civil Rights Movement as a Fundraising Coordinator of the 1963 March on Washington, manager of a National Council of Negro Women Voter registration storefront in Harlem in 1964 as NY then required passage of a 9th grade reading literacy test to register to vote and her work in the anti-poverty movement in Harlem from 1968-1971. So I have always felt responsible to have a Black agenda in my hiring of staff, supporting appointment and election of African Americans throughout my life. I hired Naomi Kelly, now our City Administrator, when I was Director of Neighborhood Services (MONS) and London Breed was my Intern. When I moved back to SF in 1993, my first political work was winning appointment of Susan Leal to Roberta Achtenberg’s seat on the Board of Supervisors. Susan was the first Latina and Lesbian of Color to serve and it brought me into close contact the San Francisco’s Latino leadership and these are relationships that have remained strong over past 27 years. I work closely with the Coalition on Homelessness and have many people in my life who were homeless or are homeless. I continue to case manage to help people and families exit homelessness and be a voice and a leader on how our current services system continues to promote failure with overly complex ill-coordinated systems. My cell phone has been on my business card for 25 years and people catch me on the street, social media, whatever works.

Please list specific ways you have shown up for immigrants at risk of deportation.

When David Campos authored Due Process for Undocumented Youth, I immediately co-sponsored and became his 8th vote that overrode Mayor Newsom's veto (Newsom now admits he was wrong). I have helped many people as Director of MONS and Supervisor who were at risk of deportation and strongly advocated for having the strongest principles as a Sanctuary City. And I married an immigrant in 1992 (reported by Chronicle during Mayor's race).
Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

I've reflected on these issues in other answers but the fight against racism, and being unafraid to talk about racism and call it out is a core to who I am. When I ran for Mayor, I campaigned on a Black Agenda for San Francisco. What has happened to San Francisco's Black Community is a great tragedy for our City and speaks to racism, broken systems in our schools, dysfunctional homeless services, rampant criminalization, disappearance of Black businesses and failure of Big Tech to hire Black or Brown people. As a BART Director, I've been in the forefront of reflecting our community in hiring and contracting. We are soon launching an effort to maximize the build out of our new BART HQ using small, local, minority, women-owned, Veteran and LGBT businesses. I've also been outspoken about the lack of Black leadership in Homeless Service non profits and City/Region/VA/State and Federal levels.

Please give us some examples of situations you've encountered where gender and LGBTQ inequity was evident, and what you did or would do to address it?

LGBTQ Homelessness and especially Youth Homelessness have been paramount concerns. My Community is justifiably afraid of most shelter settings. During my three years at HOPE I worked with Supervisor David Campos to get funding and pro bono support to end delays by the City and open Jazzie's Place. I opened the first LGBTQ youth supportive housing in the Castro with Larkin Street that is still operating almost 15 years later. With Brian Basinger I organized first LGBT Homeless Connect bringing together providers with the City at the LGBT Center. I worked with Trans Community leaders, including Gabriel Haaland and Cecelia Chung on funding for the City's first Transgender Employment program and then shepherded a partnership with Jewish Vocational Services and the LGBT Center. This program remains strong and is led solely by the Center. Michael Petrelis was a friend and asset to me as a Supervisor and I've been on the front line around global homophobia, violence and murder of LGBT people in Iraq, Jamaica and Russia, among others. For the past five years, I've attended the Gender Spectrum Conference and am an advocate and leader to ensure the safety and support of Trans and non-Binary youth.
In the midst of a homelessness crisis, how can the City and County of San Francisco improve the effectiveness of our city’s homelessness and supportive housing services?

There needs to be a Homeless Services Commission jointly appointed by Mayor and Board and Board must approve Mayoral appointments. I support there strongest possible Mental Health SF as proposed by Supervisors Ronen and Haney. I applied to serve on the Prop C Oversight Commission because of my concern that we are not scaling resources to the crisis. Programs should be true Housing First and Coordinated Entry should also recognize that prioritizing those homeless the longest should not shut newly homeless persons from rapid rehousing models that show long-term success.

How would you expand checks and balances in regard to Mayoral appointments?

More split appointments. I supported the proposal to split the SFMTA appointments. As a Supervisor, I worked with Aaron Peskin and Sophie Maxwell to require that SFPUC appointments have to receive 6 affirmative votes not the old threshold that required 8 votes to deny.

Do you work for the City and County of SF?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Are you a member of a union?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
If so, how will you balance accountability to union leadership, workers, and constituents?

I'm proud to have helped to usher in the first pro-Labor majority at BART in many years (Dufty, Foley, Li, Saltzman, Simon) and we have changed the tenor and consistently uplifted our front-line employees and others represented by SEIU, ATU and AFSCME. I've had a strong pro-Labor record and work ethic as a Supervisor and now at BART. During this year as BART President we have resolved every major outstanding issue following the 2016 contract extension. I'm supporting Lateefah Simon for BART Board President in 2020 and Mark Foley in 2021 when we have negotiations. I did not seek BART POA endorsement in 2016 and will not for my re-election.

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

I have a rescue blue-nose Pit Bull, Ellie, and a formerly homeless Chihuahua-Italian Greyhound, Buddy. Every morning between 6-6:15 a.m. we walk from the Castro to States Street Mini-Park up to Corona Heights and back taking about 45 minutes. The views are beautiful and give us time to think and smell things. I've been a member of Frontrunners for 38 years. Sid is 13 and applying to HS! We have so much fun time since I'm semi-retired. He will likely be a political activist seeking your support in 20-30 years. Corey, Sid and I play tennis and see lots of plays and musicals.

Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?

#1 because it's the only slate my Partner, Corey Lambert, relies upon. Your endorsement is the best bullshit barometer to not put up with excuses and to take bold actions.
Is there anything else you want to tell us?

A few questions require written answer. I'm open to considering limiting elected from running for DCCC but my concern is that having our elected on the Slate helps elect fellow candidates who aren't well known and balances the financial advantage that business/tech slate will have. I have not seen a proposal about limiting ex officio membership and I would need to see what is being proposed. I've not met with Judicial candidates Ranni Singh or Carolyn Gold and I will be meeting with them this week. I have not endorsed in D11 and would want to see filed candidates before making a decision. I supported Kimberly Alvarenga in 2016.

Thanks for considering me and the Social Justice Democratic Slate. Thanks for endorsing me in 2016 for DCCC and BART. I just got back from a few days in NYC and saw Jagged Little Pill (must see!) and The Inheritance, a 6 hour, two-part play about a group of millennial Gay men and those who came before them. I never take for granted how lucky I am to be alive and to achieve so many life's dreams here in SF (public service, running for office, having a child with a friend, Rebecca and living in SF where our son can thrive).