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 *

Cynthia (cyn) Wang

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *


Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

San Francisco made it possible for my parents to achieve their version of the American dream. I believe it’s my turn to give back and bring the depth and breadth of my experience as a former assistant city attorney to several Bay Area cities, a small business owner, former U.S. diplomat, and mom to a public school kindergartner to the Democratic party as we face a president who is dismantling our democracy and an affordability crisis.
What are the top three issues you will work on and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner?

(1) affordable housing - protecting existing affordable housing stock, building housing inventory, updating zoning, streamlining approvals; (2) small business - making it easier and less costly to open and operate a small business in SF; (3) register and engage voters to join the Democratic Party, particularly those in parts of the city historically neglected by voter outreach, such as immigrants/non-English speakers. Support and advocate for candidates and measures that support these policies, stay informed and build consensus, cultivate community partnerships that help effectuate these policies.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

not yet ready to announce

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

United Democratic Club

What local and state commissions or policy bodies do you serve on?

n/a
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.)

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

- Yes
- No

If not, what amendments would make you support SB 50?

Yes, with the latest round of amendments, such as demolition protection, extending time for low-income communities to implement localized upzoning with greater focus on affordability.

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?

I support 100% where viable on a smaller scale on public land. In places where major capital is needed to fund infrastructure and the choice is 100% affordable or nothing, I support building market rate housing to cross-subsidize and pay for the affordable units.
Do you support contribution limits for DCCC races?

- Yes
- No

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

Elect grassroots candidates like me, stricter campaign contribution limits, prohibition on rolling over campaign contributions from other campaigns, ban on PAC and dark money, disclosure requirements on largest corporate sponsors.

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
- [x] No

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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?

Warren or 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 Bacela
- 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
- Michelle Tong

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

- Kulvindar "Rani" Singh
- Carolyn Gold
Who did you support for District Attorney?

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Who did you Support for D5 Supervisor?

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

Need a refresher of what was on the ballot? Use this link: https://sfelections.sfgov.org/june-5-2018-election-results-summary

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

London Breed

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

Past Elections

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

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?

Organized and ran one of San Francisco's first conferences for young women while still in high school; led and organized many counter-Operation Rescue protests and was a regular volunteer at Planned Parenthood. Was named the "voice of young feminism" in a NOW brochure and awarded the Key to Choice award by Planned Parenthood Golden Gate & Speaker Pelosi for these efforts.

What communities do you feel you represent in SF and how do those communities hold you accountable?

Small business owners, queer & api communities, parents

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

Provided legal counseling on individual cases and, where needed, referrals
Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

My lived experience every day involves combating racism and white supremacy. In my professional life I have been very proactive about leveraging all available opportunities to champion and forge partnerships with communities of color and the organizations that advocate for equity, such as the Urban League, Univision, and the Greater LA African American Chamber of Commerce.

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?

While serving in the U.S. Foreign Service, my spouse and the same-sex partners of other diplomats were denied the same benefits opposite sex spouses enjoyed. I worked with our LGBTQ affinity group to advocate for equal benefits and shared our story externally to push for awareness of unequal treatment.

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?

Better coordinated entry and services, shelter bed for everyone, open up public spaces, expansion of behavioral health services

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

I believe there are already many checks and balances in place
Do you work for the City and County of SF?

- Yes
- No

Are you a member of a union?

- Yes
- No

If so, how will you balance accountability to union leadership, workers, and constituents?


Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

Fitness (muay thai, core 40), live music (hip hop, indie), ride bikes and play ball with my daughter in Golden Gate Park and at recreation centers, see movies, build community
Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?

I have long been a pissed off voter, and I believe this organization does very compelling work distilling information and guidance to voters.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my story and to be considered for endorsement.

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