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 *

Gordon Mar

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *


Why are you running for this office?

I want to contribute accountable progressive leadership for the SF Democratic Party and strengthen progressive forces on the Westside.

What are the top three issues you will work on and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner?

My top three priorities are aggressively expanding affordable housing for low to moderate income residents, significantly expanding public transit service especially on the westside and accelerating reduction of greenhouse gas emissions locally through building decarbonation, reduction in vehicle emissions and greater carbon sequestration through expansion of our urban canopy and greening. I am currently focused on these issues in my role as District 4 Supervisor and will work towards aggressive objectives and accomplishments each year.
What three endorsements are you most proud of?

For my Board of Supervisors campaign, I was proud of endorsements by San Francisco Labor Council, SF Rising Action Fund and League of Pissed Off Voters.

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

I currently do not serve on any nonprofit Boards. In the past several years, I have served on the Board of Directors of National Jobs with Justice, Causa Justa Just Cause and Young Workers United.

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

In addition to serving on the SF Board of Supervisors, I serve on the County Transportation Agency, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Association of Bay Area Governments.

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DCCC

Do you pledge to support San Francisco Employees' RetirementSystem (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 decarcelal criminal justice reform?

- Yes
- No

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

No. As a parent and longtime labor and community organizer, I have a track record opposing expansion of charter schools because they undermine and divert resources from public education.
Did you support SB 50 (Senator Wiener’s zoning bill) as written?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

I was the lead sponsor of the Board of Supervisors resolution opposing SB 50 unless amended. I am currently working on a new resolution specifying the amendments needed to make SB 50 acceptable. These include respect for community based planning, funding to expand transit service to accommodate increased usage, and verification of tenancy through a rental registry.

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?

Organize and build coalitions and a broad based progressive movement that focuses on DCCC elections and ongoing functioning as part of overall strategy to expand political power.

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?
Sanders and Warren

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
- Michelle Tong

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

- Kulvindar "Rani" Singh
- Carolyn Gold

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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.

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

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

Mar

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

Haney

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

Mandleman

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

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

Kim and Leno

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?

I’ve been a progressive community and labor organizer for nearly 3 decades and served as Executive Director of Jobs with Justice, Chinese Progressive Association, Northern California Citizenship Project, and Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative.
What communities do you feel you represent in SF and how do those communities hold you accountable?

District 4 / Sunset District, organized labor and working people and Chinese community. As an elected official, I am held accountable through the electoral process. Additionally, I maintain ongoing relationships and communication with my key constituencies.

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

As director of Jobs with Justice, I built labor movement support for immigrants at risk of deportation in the workplace and communities and broader immigrant rights struggles.

Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

Similarly, JWJ built labor movement support for the Movement for Black Lives through our Black Lives Matter at Work project and through JWJ issue based campaigns such as Close the Gap Coalition focused on education justice issues.

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?

JWJ played an active role in supporting the domestic worker organizations and coalition to win the statewide Domestic Workers Bill of Rights.

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

I am the lead sponsor of the Fair Elections Charter Amendment proposed for the Nov. 2020 ballot.

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?

I have a long history of work with the unions and the labor movement as well as with worker centers and non-union workers of color. Support for working people and their organizations is central to my political work and activism.

Last questions...we promise.
What do you for fun in San Francisco?
Biking with my family and attending diverse cultural events.

Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?
The League’s endorsements are well respected and influential.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

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