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 *

Honey Mahogany

Campaign Contact *


Email Address *


Phone Number

Website

none

Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I was appointed to the DCCC two years ago and have really enjoyed learning more about San Francisco politics and what it means to be a democrat in SF. In my time on the DCCC, I have come to realize how incredibly important representation is on that body, especially when it comes to taking stances on policy issues. I believe that my background of work and intersectional identity (as the child of political refugees who moved to San Francisco from Ethiopia, someone who moves through the world as a gender-non conforming person, as a visibly black person, small business owner, and advocate) give me connections to a variety of communities who are extremely underrepresented in politics.

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

On DCCC, I have worked on the Internship Program, been an active participant in mobilizations for candidates we have endorsed.
What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I'm proud to have the endorsement of my other Social Justice Democrats slate members, but hope to gain the endorsement of grassroots progressive groups and democratic clubs.

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

Previous President of Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club, currently serve as an ex-officio member. Currently serve on SFDCCC. Currently serve on the advisory board for the Compton's Transgender Cultural District.

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

none.

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. I think that charter schools unfortunately take resources away from those children who need them most and have lead to continuing and deepening educational disparities.
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 will only support the legislation if there are very strong affordable and public housing requirements included in the plan.

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?

I think that democratic clubs and groups can play a large role in preventing the corporate takeover of DCCC, and should work with grassroots and progressive candidates to make sure that we have representatives who will serve the people who voted for them. Limiting funding contributions is another way, but not everyone has committed to this.

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

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March 2020 Election

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

Elizabeth Warren

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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?

- Kulvinder "Rani" Singh
- Carolyn Gold
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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.

Ivy Lee

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

Catherine Stefani

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 Mandleman

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

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

Mark Leno, Jane Kim

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?

Founder of Compton's Transgender Cultural District; helped launch Prop-E to get funds for Arts and Culture in San Francisco; organized along with a collective of folks to help Save the Stud (SF's oldest LGBT bar) by forming the first cooperative LGBT nightlife venue in the country;

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

Trans community, LGBT community, black community, immigrant community. I am most closely tied to both the trans and LGBT community. I am connected to LGBT folks across the city from a variety of backgrounds because of my background as both a performer and a social worker and advocate. I check in regularly with my community through in person conversations, engaging online, and through various forums and panels on what is important to my community. My purpose for running is to serve them.

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

I have written letters of support for people in an official capacity (submitting my passport for verification etc). I have also held fundraisers for people, attended abolish ICE demonstrations, and connected people to legal resources.
Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

Beyond existing as a black trans person, I continue to be very vocal about ways in which white supremacy and racism play out in progressive circles. People may not always agree with me, or like what they hear, but I am not afraid to call things out and force a conversation. This plays an integral role in almost all the work that I do as an advocate including the founding of the Compton's Transgender Cultural District. I also created Black Fridays, a monthly party and variety show at the Stud which featured all black DJ's, cast, and door people, and was a celebration of black queer culture.

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?

Besides founding the Compton's Transgender Cultural District, which came out of the demand that trans people, especially trans folks of color, be recognized for their contributions to the city of San Francisco and the Tenderloin in particular... I have always been a strong advocate for women and trans folk. This means not just bringing more women and trans folk to the table but allowing them to lead and supporting their leadership.

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?

By creating a Homelessness Commission to oversee HSH.

How would you expand checks and balances in regard to Mayoral appointments?
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 don't think that they are mutually exclusive, but to me it highlights the importance of being a bridge builder and maintaining open lines of communication. I have generally found that when we can bring everyone to the table to discuss things, a compromise or agreement can be made.

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

Walk around the city, go to the park, visit our neighborhood watering holes.
Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?

Because you all tend to get it right. We agree on all of the issues and pretty much all of the same candidates, and I hope we can continue to work together to make San Francisco a city everyone can enjoy and live in.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I voted no to the sole endorsements of all BOS candidates because I think as Progressives we fought really hard to make ranked choice happen, and I would hate to have made that promise when we could need to make a ranked choice strategy happen. I OBVIOUSLY will be supporting all the Progressive candidates for Supervisor, many of whom have been incredible personal sheroes. Additionally, while I do support all measures to protect the environment and reduce emissions and car traffic in SF, when it comes to a congestion tax, I do think we need to be careful to make sure this doesn't only further make SF less accessible to those who are not rich. Many of the people who drive into SF or have a car in the city need them for work or their kids, or have to drive in to the city because they can no longer afford to live here, so while I support the tax, I think we need to make sure we take this into consideration and build adequate infrastructure and perhaps pair it with cheaper and more accessible transit options. Lastly, I didn't support the speculation tax in 2014 because I was not living in SF at the time and was helping to take care of my father who was dying. I was very checked out of politics that year.