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 *

Jane Kim

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *

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Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

As AOC has stated, we are not turning the party left, we are bringing the party home.

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

Working collaboratively to ensure our local Democratic Party represents and endorses progressive values and candidates.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I have not sought endorsements for this office yet.
What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?
None

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 do not support the expansion of for-profit charter schools. When I served on the school board, I voted to renew existing non-profit charter schools (ie. Life Long Learning Academy, a project of Delancey Street Foundation) and voted against all new charter schools, for-profit and non-profit. I did however vote to expand Gateway High School, a non-profit charter school to middle school grades.

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

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

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: To be honest, this is not a question I have posed to candidates at the local level. I fully (and urgently) support M4All and I am working to elect a presidential candidate who is the strongest proponent of M4All.

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?

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DCCC Policy

Do you support contribution limits for DCCC races?

- Yes
- No

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

We win when progressive organizations and leaders are united in endorsing candidates.
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:

I would be open to considering a ban on elected officials running for DCCC but do not currently have a position on this.
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?

Bernie Sanders

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

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.

Alison Collins, Gabriela Lopez, Mia Satya

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

None
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.

Tony Kelly

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.

#1: Jane Kim; #2: Mark 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?

Prior to serving 12 years as an elected official, I was proud to serve as a Youth Community Organizer empowering young leaders at Chinatown CDC for six years, co-direct an Asian American arts venue space as a volunteer and chair the San Francisco People’s Organization, an alliance of community-based organizations and unions. I am proud to have worked with youth leaders who fought to improve building conditions in SRO hotels, expand MUNI lines on congested corridors in Chinatown and lengthen the 30 Stockton buses, and advocated for an ethnic studies curriculum in our public high schools. Since I left my role 13 years ago, the youth organizing program has been staffed and led by the youth leaders I worked with continuing the stability and legacy of this program. I am also proud that many of the youth leaders have gone on to become public school teachers, tenant organizers and legislative aides to Supervisors.

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

As an elected official, I represented all residents in the City and County of San Francisco. As a legislator, I worked to include community stakeholders in every step of the legislative process leading to ballot measures like $15 Minimum Wage, Free City and Affordable Childcare for All. I also introduced legislation largely drafted by stakeholders and public interest attorneys such as Fair Chance Act and Eviction Protection 2.0. I am proud to have hired an *incredible* legislative team, majority women of color, who served in the community prior to working in City Hall and prioritized the voices of our stakeholders. I also hired a team who were not afraid to hold me accountable to the community.
Please list specific ways you have shown up for immigrants at risk of deportation.

While I am fortunate to have been born in the United States, several of my family members, including cousins I grew up with, were undocumented. This issue is personal for me. As an organizer and later as an elected, I worked to fight the deportation orders of community leaders like Eddy Zheng (who set a precedence in the 9th circuit!), worked in alliance with organizations such as Asian Law Caucus' ASPIRE, and hired individuals without documentation on my campaign and as interns in my Board of Supervisor office. I also strongly supported representation for individuals facing deportation proceedings.

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

In my first year serving on the Board of Education, I learned that SFUSD used our suspension and expulsion data to prove vestiges of racial discrimination in order to secure additional state desegregation funds. While I had the votes to pass a symbolic resolution my first year, I learned that many progressive policies had not been implemented in SFUSD because administrators and principals had not bought in to the policies. So I invested my next four years to sitting down and meeting with teachers, principals, parent and student groups to collaborate on an ambitious restorative justice policy with funding and raise awareness on the negative, race-based outcomes of suspensions and expulsions. We still have a lot of work to do to dismantle racism within our public education system but I am proud of the data that has shown a continuing reduction in suspensions and expulsions following the passage of the policy in 2010.
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?

I authored legislation to raise the minimum wage to $15/hour, a policy which disproportionately impacted women. Women make up 2/3 of minimum wage workers nationally. I also co-authored Prop C in 2018, a $130M revenue measure to make childcare affordable to families in San Francisco. While access to early childhood education should not be a women's issue, access does impact a woman's ability to earn a wage, pursue a career or even leave a violent domestic situation. I am also proud to have worked with TLGB leaders on establishing the first transgender and leather district and supporting/endorsing progressive and grounded women and LGBTQ candidates for elected office and appointed commissions.

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?

I strongly believe homelessness is a national and state challenge, created by 40 years of public divestment from the maintenance and production of subsidized affordable housing. In order to combat homelessness, we must greatly invest in a universal public infrastructure which includes Medicare for All, free public college as well as eliminating current student debt, housing for all and a robust public transportation system. I believe in a government which invests in our citizens. We must invest in the maintenance and production of subsidized affordable housing, shelters, and rent subsidies. While I do not believe that a single city can solve this national crisis, I strongly supported Our City Our Home as an important local strategy.

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

I supported and will continue to support Supervisor John Avalos "Let's Elect our Electeds."
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 hope I have been able to demonstrate my ability to collaborate and work with unions, workers and constituents.

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

Hot Pot, live music and now that I have more time, cooking and hosting people at my house!
Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?

LOPV has been the endorsement I have been most proud of in all six of my races since I ran for school board in 2004. In fact, LOPV has been one of the few prominent endorsements I have garnered in many of my races when I was an underdog and deemed unlikely to win. I am proud to have known the founding members of LOPV and appreciate the lengthy, independent and wonky process LOPV engages in. Plus the fold out paper guide which fits in most voters’ pockets is brilliant. It is pretty incredible that LOPV has consistently maintained its street credibility as an independent, progressive voice over 15 years. As you may know, LOPV continues to be my favorite guide and I still have the binder of LOPV guides gifted to me.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

After the August 2019 endorsement meeting, the current members of the DCCC reform slate discussed and agreed to not pledge our DCCC votes in advance of checking in with the slate first on a strategy and approach.

As a member of the Social Justice Democrats, I am committed to discussing all endorsement votes with other members of the slate prior to making a decision and committing my DCCC vote to a candidate. In addition, members of the slate reserves our right to rank endorsements in all races. Progressives fought to implement rank choice voting and public financing as part of our efforts to reform and strengthen our democracy. RCV also allows multiple progressive candidates to run in the same race and support each other's candidacy. I have personally run in two races, in which another candidate was considered a progressive (District 6, 2010: Debra Walker, Mayor, 2018: Mark Leno). I am still committed to RCV.