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 *

Keith Baraka

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *
Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I am running for office because it is important to have folks from all walks of life at the political table. I am a progressive, Black, gay, firefighter. As such, I believe my perspective and dedication to Democratic Party is needed on the body.

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

Helping elect progressive Democrats, voter registration, community outreach to engage the electorate. This will be enabled through fundraising, voter registration drives in the community and activating grass roots organizations like local Democratic Clubs.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Prop W (free city college), Prop C (homeless support), Mark Leno
What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?

SF ResQ (SFFD LGBTQ Employee Group) & Alice B Toklas LGBT Dem Club

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

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. Charter schools do not serve the needs of kids with disabilities. Until such time I cannot support them.

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

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

Additional input from community stakeholders, a means by which to incorporate infrastructure additions to accommodate the additional housing.

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?

If the above also takes into account the middle class, laborers, teachers, and middle-income earners need to be considered in this pool of affordable housing.

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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?

Helping to elect regular grass roots folks to the party. Folks willing and able to do the work.

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

I haven’t decided just yet. Strong contenders are Warren, Sanders and Booker

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 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.

Lam

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

Stefani
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.

Mandelman

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.

#1 Leno, #2 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?

I started and founded a LGBTQ support group in the fire department. We do not have enough LGBTQ members in the SFFD and therefore we are not providing the representation to best serve our city and community. Furthermore, certain policies and trainings were not being implemented. SF ResQ insisted these items be addressed. We were able to get implicit bias training started as well as more visibility and outreach at LGBT events and festivals (Pride, Dyke March, Trans March, et al.)

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

The shrinking Black community, Labor, the LGBTQ community, and progressive Democrats.

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

Written letters and called my representative, Jackie Speier to ask her help in stopping this horrible act. Donate to organizations that help immigrants.

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

As a Black, gay man, I fight this every fucking day. One of the best ways for YOU to help is to support folks like me who are in the trenches trying to represent.
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 started SF ResQ, I show up, I participate in several Dem Clubs including Brownie Mary, Milk and of course Alice.

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?

Get Prop C through the courts and approved for implementation.

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 AM a union member. Every job I’ve had has been a union job!

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

Garden, spend time with my friends and family, and all things SF politico! After all, I am a volunteer, I do this for fun and as a way to give back to my community. I've always said, I bring the “nice guy” to S.F. politics. I'm not changing this. Let’s face it, it can be cut throat, that’s NOT me, if it comes to that, I'd step away first 🙊.

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

Because I’ve earned my seat at the table, I would be honored to have your endorsement.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I answered “no” to sole endorsements because ranked choice strategies are necessary in our competitive political environment. Progressives fought HARD for RCV, pledging to vote sole contravenes what we worked hard to achieve. My passion has has always been to fight for those who are in most need. One of the reasons I’ve been a firefighter for 22+ years. I probably haven’t answered some of the questions in a way you find agreeable. I hope you look more to what we do have in common and allow me to continue the work I have done these past four years. I would be thrilled to have your endorsement and promise to continue the work!
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