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# 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](mailto:TheLeagueSF@gmail.com).

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## Candidate Info

Need to see the other questions before you get started? Just fill this in. It's the only section with required answers.

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## Website

[www.votelilovett.com](http://www.votelilovett.com) (live by mid-Dec.)

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## Tell Us About You

### Why are you running for this office?

I want to serve on the DCCC as a progressive who remains true to the needs of the working class—not just because those are my roots—but because we need to stand up to moneyed interests who have little regard for tenant protections, local decision making on housing bills like SB 50, and the needs of families and workers struggling to keep a foothold in this city. The endorsements from the SF Democratic Party matter tremendously in shaping the future of San Francisco. As a DCCC member, I will be a consistent vote for the needs of the people in our communities, and I will take a principled stand against those who put profits over people.

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

Affordable housing—Support candidates and push for higher percentages of affordable housing in projects. Since the City is 94% on its way toward its 2022 market rate housing construction, and less than 30% toward its affordable housing goals, the priority needs to be on affordable housing. Use Prop E 2019's passage to create 100% affordable housing for other classes of workers.

Grassroots engagement—As a candidate who grew up in Chinatown and provided services for Asian American students and workers, I want to build on alliances in the Asian American community to increase voter registration and participation, and create forums in partnership with Chinese Progressive Association, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and other groups to listen to the needs of those in the community.

Energy infrastructure—Support local and statewide efforts for a transition to publicly owned power, so that the PG&E of the future will have safe, clean power and ratepayer needs driving their mission, instead of profits and shareholder returns.

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## What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Sandy Lee Fewer, SF Supervisor D1

Hillary Ronen, SF Supervisor D9

Hene Kelly, CA Democratic Party, Region 6 director

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

Presidio Middle School PTSA board, legislative chair

2nd District PTA, study committee endorsing no on Prop C (Juul-sponsored vaping regulation)

Nov. 2019

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

Democratic State Central Committee delegate AD 19: appointed by Assemblymember Phil Ting in 2019, elected on Reform Democrats slate 2017-19

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### 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! A concerted expansion by for-profit charter corporations has been documented nationwide. It's not about serving our neediest kids and communities. Using digital instruction to replace or reduce the teaching staff does a disservice to these students. In fact, it neglects high-needs students who need caring adults in their lives. Charter schools need to be scrutinized on policies excluding special needs and at-risk students, as well as their practices in teacher hiring, due process, and contracts. The passage of AB406 gave Californians a clear signal that for profits do not belong in education. Governor Newsom recently signed AB1505 into law, so that the fiscal impacts of opening charters on the traditional public schools in a district are considered, as well as AB 1507 so that there is greater accountability of charter schools within the districts they operate. The intentions of nonprofit charters can also be suspect, especially when bankrolled by billionaires. Innovate had conducted a campaign to criticize SFUSD on outcomes for its Black students, while drumming up support in the Black community using practices that NAACP education chair Juan Vasquez Heilig calls "astroturfing." I do not see data indicating that they would serve SFUSD students any better. The main goal of Innovate is to build more charter schools. I support a moratorium on opening new charter schools in SF. The two-year moratorium for online charters in AB 1505 is barely a start. We can maintain and improve upon the schools we have, and we need to create deeper engagement with families from disenfranchised communities.

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

Yes

No

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

- Affordable housing is an afterthought in this bill. Based on SF law, SB 50 projects of 9+ units would be subject to the requirements for affordable housing, and many new projects built on the small lots of current homes would not be subject to that requirement. The priority should be the construction of affordable housing.
  - Sensitive Communities, as currently defined, do not cover key neighborhoods like the Mission district which has seen tremendous displacement. These maps need to reflect what has actually happened to our communities, and also include areas that are threatened with gentrification.
  - The bill should allow time for local community plans to achieve upzoning goals rather than impose a state mandate with only five years for Sensitive Communities to implement SB 50.
  - This bill is designed to construct housing around transit, yet there is no concerted planning or a companion bill to provide funding for the increased transit needs and congestion problems that afflict urban areas seeing a lot of development. We must invest more in regional planning that accounts for the out-migration already experienced by working communities.
  - Although there is language in SB 50 to prevent displacement of tenants and prohibit Ellis Acted buildings from being upzoned, we do not have the tenant registries and a comprehensive set of protections in place that give this language any teeth. Building more market rate housing before shoring up protections for tenants and workers puts our priorities in the wrong place.
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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:

While I personally support candidates because I believe Medicare for All is the way to go, I will work with candidates who are not there yet, but can be convinced to get on board.

Already, Senator Bernie Sanders has made this a centerpiece of debate, so we can do this.

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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?

- With the passage of Prop F to expose the sources of dark money in campaigns, educate voters on how these moneyed interests are influencing elections.
  - Support the election of our Social Justice Democrats slate.
  - If there is a corporate-driven slate being formed for a DCCC election, utilize all forms of media to call out their tactics and expose their funding sources.
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## 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:

For the next set of answers, I am choosing not to make a pledge to a vote to sole endorse at this time, because strategy is all important and I'd want to check in with other Social Justice Democrats first. And I'd want to respect the role that ranked choice plays in allowing lesser known candidates with good ideas to have a voice. In terms of my personal endorsements, all the questions regarding pledges in the affirmative reflect my choice for elected officials that I respect and admire, and would vote for if they served in my district.

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### 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?

Bernie Sanders

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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

## Who did you support for District Attorney?

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Unranked Endorsement
Suzy Loftus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leif Dautch	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nancy Tung	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chesa Boudin	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Who did you Support for D5 Supervisor?

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Unranked Endorsement
Dean Preston	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vallie Brown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ryan Lam	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nomvula O'Meara	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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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>.

Who did you support for Board of Education? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Alison Collins  
Faauga Moliga  
Li Miao Lovett

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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.

Gordon Mar (1), Mike Murphy (2), Adam Kim (3)

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

Matt Haney

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

Rafael Mandelman

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

Tony Kelly (1), Gloria Berry (2), Shamann Walton (3)

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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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## 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.

Jane Kim (1), Mark Leno (2)

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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

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### 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

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### 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?

As a California Democratic Party DSCC delegate, I authored a resolution in May 2019 calling for PG&E accountability by prioritizing safety and ratepayer protections. This was co-sponsored by the SF DCCC and 44 ADEM delegates around the state, and adopted by the CADEM resolutions committee.

Earlier this year, I wrote op-eds and rallied with public school activists to ensure funding from the ERAF 'windfall' so that SFUSD could attain a meaningful portion of those funds to support preK-12 educators. During the recent elections, I canvassed for Dean Preston and Chesa Boudin as the progressive candidates in their races for D5 Supervisor and DA respectively. As one can see from the results, grassroots action really matters.

Our new D4ward community group has been active in the Sunset on housing and traffic safety issues, and we recently organized a forum on SB 50 impacts and the market forces that drive up housing costs. In recent years, I've met with legislators locally and in Sacramento to advocate for Medicare for All, and I helped form a new coalition to advocate for affordable housing. I have been knocking on doors and phone banking for the Democratic Party for almost two decades, as well as volunteering to support local measures, from Prop G anti-speculation tax in 2014 to Prop E this November for 100% affordable housing for educators. In spring 2018, I organized volunteers in my district for the Prop C campaign, whose passage is a credit to grassroots engagement despite the large sums spent against the childcare measure.

Currently I am helping to launch the new City College Sunset classes while pushing back against the college administration's draconian attempts to downsize. As an AFT 2121 leader I advocated for Prop W transfer tax in 2016 to fund Free City College, and then engaged in a collaboration with community groups to make Free City a reality for the next decade. During the accreditation crisis that nearly shut down City College, I led the media and communications work, reaching out regularly to reporters. I spoke out for public education at hearings, on the radio, and through research and writing. I also worked on engaging with supervisors, state legislators and the City Attorney's office on legislative, legal and fiscal developments to defend the college at the local and state levels. After 4 ½ years in this struggle, our efforts resulted in saving our college serving 70,000 students (at that time) from being shuttered.

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

As an educator and activist, I stand up for the needs of immigrants and working class communities. I am currently leading a student support team at City College to ensure that students from our equity populations, including veterans, homeless and housing insecure, CalWORKS, students with disabilities, have timely access to services and financial resources. Most of the people I serve on a daily basis are low-income and students of color. I speak out for these communities, and engage in actions and events organized by CPA, CAA, Latino Democratic Club, Rose Pak Democratic Club to relay the interests and needs of the people I serve.

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

- I've served on the DACA committee at City College and both volunteered and worked with high school students who are undocumented, or have family members at risk of deportation.
  - I've sent communications to AFT 2121 members (City College faculty) around protecting undocumented students, and sharing resources for San Francisco advocacy organizations that protect immigrants from ICE raids.
  - I've participated in many rallies to support our immigrant communities, most recently in the month-long days of action opposing ICE detention and separation of families.
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## Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

- As an AFT 2121 leader, I worked on outreach to our members as we planned a counter-demonstration when a white supremacist group announced a rally at Crissy Field in 2017.
  - My activism started in college, when I stood with our Rainbow Coalition of student groups to demand greater ethnic representation in the faculty and curriculum at Stanford University, even as police arrived to arrest protestors.
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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?

At City College, one of the counseling offices serving LGBTQ students was going to be repurposed for other student services. I heard the concerns from a counselor who advocated to maintain this as a safe space and dedicated resource center, and relayed these concerns to one of our Trustees. This issue was resolved with direct communication with management; otherwise, we would have made it a more public issue to ensure that LGBTQ students are being supported.

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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?

- Build navigation centers in all parts of the city, and provide mobile units that provide material support and resources.
  - Reinstate Caduceus Outreach teams to homeless people coping with mental illness, an approach that was utilized in the early 2000s.
  - Work with SFUSD to ensure that the 2000 homeless students and families are supported. A quarter of the housing from Prop C Nov. 2018 was to be allocated for homeless kids; this should be a priority. Interim measures for providing the funds include an incentive for companies that voluntarily pay the tax now at a discounted rate.
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How would you expand checks and balances in regard to Mayoral appointments?

- Each of the Mayor's appointments would need the support of the majority of supervisors.
  - SF should institute a policy resembling the defeated Prop D in 2016 where appointees cannot be candidates in an upcoming election.
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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?

- As a long-time member of AFT 2121, I understand the critical role that unions play in defending workers rights and working conditions. Where rank and file are not being represented by the leadership, I'd want to provide opportunities for them to speak out and connect with the SF Labor Council, and community groups that champion workers' issues.
  - Maintain regular communications with labor groups, keep informed on critical issues affecting their rank and file members.
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Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

I love to hike with my family and friends, and enjoy doing activities with my 12-year-old when I am not working or doing stuff in the community.

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

The League of Pissed Off Voters truly represents a grassroots voice in the endorsement process for candidates and ballot measures. Its members care about education, social justice, criminal justice reform, rights of marginalized communities, affordable housing and progressive causes as championed by the AOC's of our era.

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## Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I am running with the slate of Social Justice Democrats because I believe our leaders should make decisions that benefit our communities, and I support leadership that's unbought and principled. As an educator and parent, I have worked with the most disenfranchised of our communities, from immigrants and low-income workers seeking a better life, to high school and college students who cannot afford to stay in the city where they grew up. I made a commitment to public service in my twenties, and I'm shaped by my family history which brings a great sense of urgency to right the ship on the injustices we see in today's world, starting right in my own community.

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