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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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Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I'm running for SF DCCC because I believe that representation matters. Someone once told me that it's either "you get a seat at the table or you're dinner". SF DCCC plays such an important role in San Francisco, but not many people know what the SF DCCC does. I'm running for SF DCCC to make sure my community's voice is heard year round and not only during campaign season.

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

The top 3 issues that I would work on is language access in the Democratic Party, bridging the gap between different communities, and transit equity. I would introduce more resolutions to make the SF Democratic Party and the CA Democratic Party a more welcoming place who doesn't speak English or English is their second language. San Franciscans face so many similar issues, but our communities aren't connected to face those issues together. I would try to organize more events sponsored by the SF Democratic Party to build bridges between our different communities. Lastly, there isn't much I would be able to do on the DCCC regarding transit equity, however, I will use the connections I make to fight for transit equity in San Francisco.

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**What three endorsements are you most proud of?**

Jane Kim, Sandra Fewer, and Ivy Lee. When I was in middle school, I wanted to become a lawyer because of the injustices I saw happen to my community. However, when my parents found out, I was told to stay away from politics or anything related to the law. For a while, I had my doubts because I didn't see anyone like me take charge in politics. I don't have doubts anymore and I believe that I can make a difference like Jane, Sandy, and Ivy. They're the strong female role models that I've always looked for, and I'm super blessed to have their endorsements.

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

I'm the Co-Chair for Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project (TRIP). Chinatown TRIP is a volunteer transportation advocacy group seeks to improve and enhance public transit, traffic flow and pedestrian safety in and around Chinatown and San Francisco. Our most recent accomplishments includes advocating SFMTA to name Chinatown Rose Pak Station, ensuring the opening of Lower Stockton, and advocating for the passage of Prop D for November 2019. I was the PAC chair for the Rose Pak Democratic Club, but decided to step down for this election cycle due to my own SF DCCC campaign.

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

I'm a member for SFMTA's Citizen Advisory Council. I also serve on the Muni Reliability Working Group formed by Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman.

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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.)

I do not support the expansion of charter schools. I attended SFUSD public schools from K-12. During my last year at Phillip and Sala Burton High School, some of my teachers were reassigned due to low attendance/funding issues. This really affected our school because those teachers really did care about us. It's great the charter schools provides an alternative to public schools, but charter schools also take away resources that public schools need.

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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?

SB50 makes it more difficult for low/lower-middle income individuals and families to survive in California. This bill takes advantage of the progress that low income communities and grass-root advocacy groups made to public transportation improvements. These improve the lives of low income communities. Transportation changes lives by providing income security and educational opportunities. The bill also needs to include 75% real affordable housing (built, not for developers to be paid off), include ALL of California (not just high density cities), and money to support other utilities and old infractures.

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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: .....

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?

A corporate takeover of the DCCC would be possible because grassroots candidates would lack funding to run. Public financing for DCCC races would make it easier for non-profit or public sector workers to run. I know fundraising will be super difficult for me because most of my friends and family are struggling to make it in San Francisco.

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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:

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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?

☐ Kulvindar "Rani" Singh

☐ Carolyn Gold

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## November 2019 Election

Who did you support for District Attorney?

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

Gabriela Lopez, Faauuga Moliga, Allison Collins, and Li Lovett.

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

No Endorsements

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

Gordon Mar

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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.

Rafeal Mandelman

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

Shamann Walton

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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

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

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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?

I'm a transit advocate. For the past 2 years, I've tried to help improve pedestrian safety, MUNI reliability, and transit equity through my work as the Co-Chair of Chinatown TRIP and the different committees I'm on. I've worked with scooter companies to negotiate where scooters should be parked based on the community's concerns. Scoot honor the request and block off areas where scooters would cause a problem for pedestrians. When MUNI cut bus runs on equity lines to serve the Chase Center, I spoke up and question SFMTA if they were really following their equity strategy. Transportation may play a small part in everyone's life, but reliable transportation can change lives.

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

I represent a wide range of communities in San Francisco. I'm a SF native, daughter to immigrant parents, and first generation Chinese American. I reach out to different members of the communities I belong to to ensure that I'm fighting for the issues they feel are important.

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

I've attended rallies.

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

At my job at the San Francisco Public Library, I sit on the Racial Equity Committee. I help shape policies and forums at SFPL to encourage racial equity talks. I've also used my experience from my committee work to talk about racial equity at my Master program.

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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?

It was around 2007/2008. My uncle from out of town was visiting and I was in the car with my mom, dad, and uncle. I'm unsure of how the topic came up, but they were talking about same sex marriage and how it should be illegal. I spoke up and I told them that they were wrong, that people should be able to get married regardless of sex. My parents weren't too happy with my comment, but I felt they needed to hear it.

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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?

The homelessness crisis is a very complex issue and it won't be solved overnight. There needs to be more coordination between all levels of government to address the needs of our homeless citizens.

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

Community oversight

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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?

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Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

I like to ride the trolley and cable cars, explore places to eat, and go PokemonGo hunting.

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

I've always thought my political opinions were unique, until I saw a League of Pissed Off Voters' Voter Guide. I love how the League answers to no one and isn't afraid of telling how it is.

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Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I am choosing not to make a pledge to vote for sole endorsements at this time. It's very important to me that I get to hear all the different candidate's opinions, whether they're similar to mines or not. Everyone should have a fair chance for endorsements. All the statements about sole endorsements are my own personal preference and they might change in the future.

I supported Prop H in 2018 because I believe tasers are better than guns. However, I believe de-escalation training, community involved policing, and a better understanding of citizens are best practices for the police rather than tasers and guns.

Thank you for granting me an extension for this questionnaire.

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