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.

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Seeyew Mo

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *


Phone Number

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Why are you running for this office?

As an (formerly undocumented) immigrant who was given opportunities to succeed, I am running so that San Franciscans have a fair opportunity to Reclaim Their American Dream. I am a proud son of a lower-middle class family. My parents began operating a fruit stand in New York City’s Chinatown shortly after their arrival. My dad once told me that selling one box of oranges a day meant we could eat, three boxes every day in a month covered our rent. Box by box, my parents sold enough oranges to send me to college.

It’s time for us to take concrete steps for San Francisco’s future. Each year, more and more of my friends move away because they can't afford to stay. Entrepreneurship is only available to a small group of people who can raise money. And many of us feel stuck and can't get ahead. And on top of all that, our values are under attack by Trump and the Republicans.

San Francisco Democratic Party can lead in these fights. I am running for a seat on DCCC to pressure (via endorsements) politicians to prioritize housing, entrepreneurship and upward mobility.

I want to engage and attract those who are currently apolitical, but have talents to share to do the work necessary to defeat Republicans, from here.

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

Upward mobility - I will only endorse Supervisors with a track record or detailed plan to increase affordable and median income housing units, and a plan to alleviate families burdened by college loans.

Entrepreneurship - I will engage with small business worker-owners, especially immigrants and single parents, and find ways to amplify their struggle. I intent to use DCCC as a platform to advocate for hardworking people like my parents.

Building party infrastructure - I will work towards building an office that help progressive candidates defeat Republicans.
What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Susan Pfeifer - The person who taught me how to organize
Sonia Sinton-Clarke - My first boss when I started organizing.

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

Resistance School - A non-profit platform that trains community organizers

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

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 have a two-year-old who will be going to school soon. I actually need more research on this. I am a product of public schools so I will start from that standpoint.
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 would like to see some flexibility in implementation for areas with higher low-income and immigrant population. It’s our responsibility to not further harm those who are most in need of 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:
I want universal health care access. Medicare For All is only a universal health insurance that allows providers to turn patients away based on insurance. I would vote to endorse any candidates who can get us universal health access even if they do not subscribe to Medicare All as the only solutions. Honestly, I don't think anyone who really cares about universal healthcare access can take the absolute position in only endorsing candidates that support Medicare For All.

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?

〇 Yes

〇 No

Do you support a baseline percentage of 40% of affordable housing in developments when negotiating the number of housing units?

〇 Yes

〇 No

Do you support requiring 100% affordable housing on public land?

〇 Yes

〇 No

If not, under what circumstances would you support allowing a percentage or all market-rate housing on public land?

My default position is yes to 100% for affordable housing on public land. In the event that's not possible (if we need additional funding to support infrastructure cost), I will support Market Rate Housing only at the lowest number of units possible to make sure that the project can move forward. That's why I answered no.
Do you support contribution limits for DCCC races?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

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

All DCCC members must release tax returns from the past 2-3 years. No lobbyists allowed. DCCC member cannot serve on for-profit boards or any other elected capacity to avoid conflict of interest and potential for corporate influence.

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
- [x] No

Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Supervisor Aaron Peskin in District 3?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Do you pledge to vote to SOLE endorse Supervisor Dean Preston in District 5?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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?

I am still "dating" but my current preferences are Elizabeth Warren and Cory Booker

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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

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.

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.

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

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

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

London Breed

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?

1. When I was at Intuit, I organized dozens of tech workers to serve as tutor at Yes Reading program to ensure young immigrants can read at grade level.
2. I organized a clean and green Hackathon to attract apolitical tech people to work with activities. Two companies where created out of that event - WattTime and OhmConnect.
3. I helped jump started Resistance School, an online training platform for organizers. We had over 1,000,000 views prior to the 2019 elections.
4. I advised Flippable and RagTag when there were formed. Both organizations are currently doing extremely well (Flippable merged with Swing Left and RagTag is awesome as usual!)
5. I organized phone banks and text banks in San Francisco to turn out Asian voters in Texas. I also ran a program on the ground based in Fort Bend and Austin. In 2018 we turned out 270,000 AAPI voters as compared to 220,000 in 2016 and 60,000 in 20014.

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

Chinese Americans, Asian Americans, First generation college graduates, "co-heads" of multi-generation households (practically those with kids and also taking care of their parents), undocumented immigrants, former tech workers who realized we can do more, Obama Alumni, Hillary For America Alumni (general election).

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

I made an ad that I ran via Resistance School in 2018. Trained my relatives what to do.
Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

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?

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?

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?

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Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

I take my kids to the parks. My wife and I volunteer at St Anthonys.

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

I just really want to start a conversation.

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Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I default position is always to answer not when you ask me to only endorse someone so and so. Because I am wary of politicians changing their minds. Running out of time so cant; answer all the questions. Oops!
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