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 *

Shanell Williams

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *
Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I am running for a seat on the San Francisco Democratic Party with the Social Justice Democrats slate because I want the voices of San Francisco’s most marginalized communities at the table. San Francisco has always been a leader in setting policies that influence the nation and I want to hold our City accountable to address racial and gender disparities in the areas of health, employment, education, policing and incarceration, housing and homelessness.
What are the top three issues you will work on and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner?

My top three issues are: City College enrollment, Black unemployment, and housing insecurity among pregnant people and families. I see City College enrollment and the issue of Black unemployment as connected. I want to work with the local Democratic party, City College leadership, the City’s elected leadership, community based programs and employers to build awareness and develop workforce pipelines that work for the Black community and lead to a living wage. This includes wrap around services for workforce trainees such as support with food, transportation and childcare. It’s shameful that San Francisco has a booming economy but the 2nd highest rate of Black unemployment in the nation. It’s an issue of opportunity, education and training but also one of racism. This is especially clear when you look at retention and opportunity for advancement data for Black workers. I would push for mandatory anti blackness and implicit bias training for those that do business with City in addition to all City departments and funded programs. In terms of the issue of housing instability among pregnant people, I am currently working with DPH, Homeless Prenatal Program and Coalition on Homelessness to change current HSH policy.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I am proud to run with progressive leaders: David Campos, Matt Haney, Hillary Ronen, Gordon Mar, Brigitte Davila and others on the Social Justice Democrats slate.

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

None at this time.

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

City College Board of Trustees
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 am a graduate of SFUSD and believe that public education is underfunded. We need public oversight and control over our educational institutions.

Did you support SB 50 (Senator Wiener’s zoning bill) as written?
- Yes
- No

If not, what amendments would make you support SB 50?
Cities maintain local control over all projects, more affordable and family housing units, No luxury housing units, no transit stop loopholes

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 small percentage of market rate is only way to pay for the project. The affordable housing percentage must still be higher than market rate.
DCCC Policy

Do you support contribution limits for DCCC races?

- Yes
- No

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

More working and middle class San Franciscans running for seats and engaged in the party.

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

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?

- Kulvindar "Rani" Singh
- Carolyn Gold
### Who did you support for District Attorney?

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### Who did you Support for D5 Supervisor?

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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.

Jenny Lam

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.

Matt Haney

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

Rafael Mandleman

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

Shamann Walton

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

Shamann 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

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](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 and 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?

I have been active in San Francisco for 20 years. I am most proud of saving City College of San Francisco from loss of accreditation and closure. As well making City College free for San Franciscans. I did this as a student leader, co-founder of the Save City College Coalition and most recently as a Trustee. Also supporting progressive candidates for office as a volunteer or field organizer such as David Campos, Jane Kim, Chris Daly, John Avalos, Ross Mirkarimi

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

I represent the Black community, progressives, formerly incarcerated and foster youth, LGBTQ, San Francisco natives, students, women, young people. I am held accountable by these communities reaching out to me through social media, phone, or inviting me to speak at events. I keep myself open to feedback and all of my information is public.

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

As a case manager at a community based program I have worked directly with young people that are undocumented and at risk of deportation. I have also as student body president at CCSF ensured adequate funding was provided for scholarships and support to Voices of Immigrants Demonstrating Achievement (V.I.D.A) which serves all undocumented and immigrant students.
Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

Showing up as a Black woman to spaces that have not been traditionally welcoming. For example working to shift culture in academia and running for elected office.

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 have seen inequity toward the Black trans community among gay White men. I continue to call out LGBTQ spaces that do not bring the voice of this Black trans community into the room.

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?

Work with and listen to the people with lived experience and providers working on the ground to develop solutions.

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

I think appointees having to run as soon as possible is good.

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?

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

Dancing and community organizing 🕺

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

I deeply respect what the League does and it's members!

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

Thank you!