SF League of Pissed Off Voters 2020 CA Legislature 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 *

Jackie Fielder

Campaign Contact *

Email Address *
Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I’m running for State Senate because the incumbent consistently contradicts the people he represents. When we voted to preserve the power of the Police Commission, he sided with the SF Republican Party—and lost. When we wanted to tax the biggest corporations to end homelessness, he sided with the corporations—and lost. When we demanded more affordable housing for working people and families, he did the bidding of realtors and landlords—and lost, twice. California has a larger economy than many EU nations and Canada and a multibillion dollar surplus. We have the resources to do better, now we need the courage to do better.

As a young WoC from a working class background I’ve been told “no” my whole life. I was told I didn’t belong at a prestigious school like Stanford but I earned both a B.A. in Public Policy and an M.A. in Sociology, in four years. In 2018 I was told that the POA would be too powerful to beat but I got us organized and we won. While pushing for a public bank I’ve been told that the plan was too bold and Wall Street too powerful but I got us organized and we won. Now I’m taking on the most powerful politician in the city—to win. 2020 is the year we take our city, and our country, back from corporations.
What are the top three issues you will work on and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner?

Climate Change: Make the Just Transition to a zero-carbon economy by 2030. I will work with advocacy groups that are already working on a Green New Deal and a No-PG&E bailout, while also bringing in labor unions, affordable housing groups, renewable energy businesses, regenerative farmers, and people Indigenous to California to ensure workers’ rights, Indigenous self-determination, soil restoration, and deeply affordable and public housing are part and parcel of the plans.
Affordable Housing Crisis: Repeal Costa-Hawkins & the Ellis Act, reform Prop 13, decommodify housing and build social & public housing at no-to-low-to-moderate incomes, repeal Article 34 to allow for mass social housing construction, give people of marginalized communities seats at the table in shaping state-level land use & tenants’ rights legislation.
Economic justice: $20 an hour minimum wage statewide, free quality childcare and public education from pre-kindergarten through college, single-payer healthcare, expanded labor protections. I will implement all of these solutions in a timely manner by working with advocacy organizations and community experts that have been fighting for these changes for decades.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

In the five days since I have pulled papers, I am proud to have been endorsed by Supervisor-elect Dean Preston, former Supervisor Harry Brit, and affordable housing advocate Shanti Singh.

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

I served on Young Women’s Freedom Center’s Board from 2017 to 2018.

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

N/A
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

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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.

Gabriela Lopez, Alison Collins, Faauuga Moliga

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

No one
Who did you support for D4 Supervisor? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Gordon Mar

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

Matt Haney

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

Rafael Mandelman

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

No one

Did you support November 2018’s Prop C - "Our City Our Home" tax on gross receipts of businesses to fund homeless services?

- Yes
- No
Who did you support for Mayor in June 2018? Please list all endorsements and ranking if any.

Jane Kim, Mark Leno

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

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**Short Answer Questions**

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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 co-founder and lead organizer of the SF Public Bank Coalition, I have developed policy and successfully organized a broad Coalition for over three years. We were part of the California Public Banking Alliance's push for Public Bank bill AB 857. I secured the co-authorship of Assm. David Chiu, cosponsorship of Senator Scott Wiener, and helped lobby representatives in Sacramento. We passed the legislation, defeating Wall Street's lobbyists. We are now working locally to create the first municipal public bank in the nation within three years.

In 2018, I managed the No on H campaign opposing the SF Police Officer's Association's ballot measure that would have let them usurp the power of the police commission. We won, with only a handful of moderate clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, The Republican Party, and the current State Senator in opposition.

In late 2018, I worked with the Coalition on Homelessness and DSA-SF to organize a mask hand-out for our unhoused neighbors at the steps of City Hall during the wildfire air quality crisis. The goal was to draw attention to the city's lack of open shelter beds (70-something at the time), resulting in the Mayor opening the largest shelter in the city. I both organized this action.

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

I am Hidatsa, Lakota, and Mexicana, and I’m a queer educator and community organizer who works in the service industry and is housing insecure. I also grew up with relatives who were either undocumented or incarcerated. In my organizing life, I am accountable to people who have been left out of city politics and policymaking—especially the people I work with from marginalized communities—and the Black and Indigenous women who have led movements that have inspired my own work. I am also accountable to my coworkers, who have been in the trenches of the service industry with me, and the students and mentees I have had for the past six years as a mentor, tutor, and educator. To that end, I am running for and accountable to workers, renters, teachers, minimum wage workers, students, caregivers, incarcerated and undocumented people, Indigenous people, Black people, and children that will inherit our climate some day. They are the reason why I have no problem refusing contributions from real estate developers, landlord associations, corporations, and billionaires.
Please list specific ways you have shown up for immigrants at risk of deportation.

I’ve consistently attended or organized protests in defense of undocumented people. I also helped launch the #NoTechForICE and #Who'sBehindICE campaigns, which have been to Dreamforce, Palantir HQ in Paloalto, Burning Man, and GitHub’s annual conference.

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

#BlackLivesMatter politicized me when I was a sophomore in college. That was the first protest I ever attended, and we took over the 101 freeway on foot. Then a Stanford student, I also recognized how racism and white supremacy had intimidated many low-income students of color—I myself included—from even thinking that they “belonged” at Stanford. I tutored, organized walking campus tours, and mentored low-income youth while I earned my B.A. and Master’s. I also organized book drives for the Prisoner’s Literature Project, and taught in a youth detention facility and a high school continuation program with Fresh Lifelines for Youth. In 2016, I began showing up to BART Citizens Review Board meetings after doing research on BART police policies and finding how little they had changed since the murder of Oscar Grant. In August 2018, Alicia Garza tapped me to take over her class at SFSU’s College of Ethnic Studies titled Race, Women, and Class, where I teach about #NoDAPL, #BlackLivesMatter, and other movements that also intersect with gender, sexuality, and social change. I also make my students take a bias test that includes questions about race.
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?

As a queer woman, I've almost always been that lonely voice in a room, but often times the real “work” that accompanies those situations is actually just self compassion. However, I do pass as straight, and am cisgender, and gender-conforming, so I have tried to address the inequities of gender and sexuality by uplifting trans and gender-non-conforming (GNC) voices where I have power to do so. The place where have the most power right now is in my classroom, so I have amplified those voices with guest speakers and documentaries. I find that this makes queer, trans, and GNC or even questioning students feel more supported. I also require all of my students to take a bias test, which provides space for self reflection into their own biases that may be de-humanizing of queer, trans, and GNC people.

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?

First off, stop the sweeps. Drastically reduce the police, sheriff, and county jail budget. Set aside those funds for housing, healthcare, mental health, green jobs, and education. Establish a body independent of both the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor’s office to provide a homelessness oversight committee free from the political system, that includes people who are currently unhoused and formerly unhoused. Recognize the right to rest in order to eliminate discriminatory enforcement of quality of life laws (e.g. sitting, laying, eating in public). Ensure access to hygiene as a human right, including public showers and toilets. Provide both housing and residential mental health services. Prevent public monies from being used for business districts to over-police unhoused people.

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

I would support legislation establishing the Board of Supervisors’ ability to confirm vacancy appointments, much like that of the federal system which prioritizes the necessity to build consensus. I generally support prohibiting unelected appointees from gaining the power of incumbency and would support further limitations.
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?
Accountability to constituents began when I announced I was running. My platform is for constituents, many of whom are union rank-and-file members.

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?
Surf, walk, spend hours at the SF Conservatory of Flowers, picnic at Dolores with friend, and dance.
Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?

Your endorsements are always in line with my own. It would be an honor to have your support. From my work in electoral politics, I also know that your Pissed Off Voter Guide is one of the most valuable voter education tools I’ve ever encountered.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

It’s an honor to be considered, as I have been a fan for years. Lastly—not that they would want to donate to me, but—I am not taking money from prisons, fossil fuel companies, tech companies that contract with ICE or CBP, real estate developers, police unions, the Chamber of Commerce, or their executives. Neither am I taking campaign contributions from billionaires.

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