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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Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I am a mother of three children, and have been have faced homelessness, having had to have lived in shelter with my kids. I want to combat housing and employment discrimination against women, people of color, and the LGBTQ community. I lead the fight to employ more women in my Union Local 2 Unite, and I want to continue to represent and protect the most vulnerable people in society with the democratic party.

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

The top three issues facing San Franciscans are the immediate housing crisis, access to healthcare, and job security. For housing my immediate priority is to work to repeal the Costa Hawkins Law, to protect existing homes while also enabling more locals to own small businesses. I will also advocate for the creation of new units of public housing and work to redefine the definition of "affordable" housing so that affordable housing is actually affordable.

I will work to expand access to healthcare, while prioritizing mental healthcare service for the city's homeless population. Homelessness is a symptom of an ill society, and those people deserve access to the care they need as a fundamental human right.

Finally I will work to empower women, pocs, and the LGBTQ community. I have campaigned in my Union, Local 2 Unite to have successfully gotten women more work in my union. I will also work to setup workshops, and education programs designed to teach vocational skills, and mobilization skills to people in the community. In this way, I want to enable the working class of San Francisco to not only just be heard, but to become a stronger part of the process so they can experience to advocate for what they need, as they know best.
What three endorsements are you most proud of?

My fellow DCCC candidate Gloria Berry and I have endorsed each other, Gloria is a brilliant, and capable woman and I am proud to have her with me. The current District 5 supervisor, Dean Preston, and I have also endorsed each other. What I am most proud of however are the endorsements of Nikki Cooper, Cyril Hacket, and Gerald Bryant: all local business owners in the Lower Haight. Having the support of my community matters because community involvement is my goal.

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

I am in Local 2 Unite, and have a history of organizing within the union. I am a member of ACLU People Power, and have been asked to serve as a delegate in the past. I also have been a member of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club for two years.

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

I am not but I would like to be in the future.

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.)

Charter schools weaken the bargaining power of Teachers unions, and more importantly impact the quality and resources that our public schools desperately need. Especially with Betsy DeVos in charge of the Department of education, we need to fight hard to protect and promote our public schools.

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

- Yes
- No

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

There are none, SB 50 in its amended form is a benefit to real estate developers and I do not believe it will benefit the people who need 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: ________________________________

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?

DCCC Policy

Do you support contribution limits for DCCC races?

- Yes
- No

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

Limiting the amounts of campaign contributions would allow members of the community to become a more active part of the DCCC by giving every day people a fair chance to compete. Without protections like this we run the risk of allowing corporate meddling in how our city is run.

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 endorze 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?

- Kulvinder "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.

For the following questions, I will have to abstain, I was dealing with personal emergencies and was unable to vote in the 2018 elections. I will at least fill out what I would have given the chance.

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.

Jane Kim
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

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 lead a campaign to petition for more jobs for women in my Union local 2 Unite. I organized and lead that fight, the petition passed. I also am involved in the ACLU.

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

I am a mother of 3 children, and have faced homelessness before myself. I have experience race based, and sex based discrimination like barriers to employment despite being having graduated with an MFA, and being qualified for many positions. Because of this I have fought long and hard for women, people of color, and the homeless. I employ LBGTQ people on my campaign, and work to promote the most vulnerable members of society into positions of office and security.
Please list specific ways you have shown up for immigrants at risk of deportation.

I am against the criminalization of immigrants and sharing information to the criminal justice system where they have not had due process. Everyone has the right to due process and to be assumed innocent until proven guilty, and seeking opportunity shouldn't be a crime.

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

Living in South Africa during apartheid in university I was a part of the black students union at the University of Witswatersrand and eventually to president of the union there. While there we fought to gain representation of African students and professorship in the African Studies Department.

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 fought against gender inequity in the workplace by organizing for equal opportunity employment for women in union. I work to educate myself on the struggle for the rights of LGBTQ people, and employ members of that community on my campaign. In addition I will fight tooth and nail to advance women, particularly women of color to positions of leadership within the community.

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?

Passing bills like Mental Health SF which would expand desperately needed mental health services for the homeless population in sf. In addition to that expanding resource centers to each district, and working with the BoS to ensure that the party, and our city moves away from the criminalization of homeless people and into restorative practices that don't leave people trapped in broken systems.

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

I think appointments need to be approved by the board of supervisors.
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?

While I have worked hard, and am proud to be part of Local 2 Unite I understand that as a member of the DCCC that my constituents will be the people of AD 17. accountability is best done through communication in committee meetings, conferences, and informing and empowering my constituents through media. I will work with the people in my communities to ensure that this city works for everyone.

Last questions...we promise.

What do you for fun in San Francisco?

I love to play my saxophone with a couple of bands. I love to play Jazz, Latin jazz, Blues, Afro beat and R&B. I also love taking my kids to the movies.
Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters’ endorsement?

The league of Pissed off Voters has worked long and hard to build a reputation that truly cares about the well being and rights of the people of San Francisco. They share my beliefs that healthcare, housing, and employment are human rights, and that the current state of affairs is unsustainable. I want to fight together with them to protect SF from greed, and to make this city a place for everyone.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

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