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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Campaign Contact *

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Tell Us About You

Why are you running for this office?

I want to bring amplify voices for racial justice and criminal justice reform on the local Democratic issues.

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

Generating community support for a decarceral public safety budget process, including funding for wrap-around services such as social work, mental health, and job assistance. Environmental justice especially for underrepresented communities in San Francisco Dismantling the school to prison pipeline

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Matt Gonzalez, still working on other endorsements

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

Co-founder of Public Defenders for Racial Justice, California Attorneys for Criminal Justice

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

None
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.)

No, that money should go to the public school system.

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

- Yes
- No

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

NA

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?

Close contribution loopholes, run more people doing day-to-day progressive work

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

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.

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

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

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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.
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?

As co-founder for Public Defenders for Racial Justice, I have activated the Bay Area public defender community to be more focused on racial justice issues. I am invited to speak at national conferences about improving public defender services which have concrete impact on folks' lives nationwide.

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

I represent communities that are unfairly targeted by the incarceration apparatus. I am held accountable by the electorate.
Please list specific ways you have shown up for immigrants at risk of deportation.

Grew the Public Defender Office's immigration unit to one of the finest deportation defense organizations in the country. Dedicated an attorney to do direct face-to-face consultations with criminal defendants facing immigration consequences.

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

The current criminal legal system is an extension of slavery and Jim Crow. Every day in court, my staff and I fight against white racism and white supremacy. I actively recruit and hire people of color at the Public Defender's Office to bring further cultural competence to our anti-racist praxis.

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?

Organize workplace trainings

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?

By city funding of affordable housing

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

Support Supervisor Mar's 90 day appointment ban
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?

Go to parks with my family, go to bookstores, going out to eat.

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

The League is one of the most thoughtful progressive organization both in terms of process and actual point of view that I've ever experience.
Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I did not live in San Francisco until 2019 so I had no position on almost all of the previous elections, except for Tenants' Right to Counsel. We're at a critical time in criminal legal system reform- but no matter how progressive the tide may appear to be turning, the Public Defender, with our window to our clients and their families, have the ability to amplify voice that aren't listened to. I look forward to bring some of these perspectives to the local Democratic party.

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