

College Board | League of Pissed Off Voters November 2020 Questionnaire

Hello candidates! Thank you for filling out the League's questionnaire. 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.

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Where is one place in San Francisco you'll want to go celebrate when the pandemic is over?

My home. My partner and I moved recently and would love to have a housewarming party with friends.

Tell us about yourself.

Why are you running for this office?

The climate crisis is my call to action as leader to advocate for environmental stewardship from our public institutions. The combination of an MBA in Environmental Management and Sustainability plus seven years as an energy efficiency Project Manager equips me with the business acumen and real-world experience essential to advance climate policy aimed at decarbonizing City College's campus buildings and ultimately obtaining carbon neutrality. I will ensure that bonds issued as a result of Proposition A, for new building construction and renovation of existing buildings adhere to environmentally sustainable practices. Sustainability is not a slogan – it is a commitment to efficiency. Sustainability is an integral element of my commitment to see that the CCSF Board discharges its fiduciary responsibilities to end the chronic budget deficit. My goal is to create a City College that best prepares students to become stewards of our ever-changing world. We must elect dedicated leaders that can design and implement a strategic plan to keep CCSF running strong for future generations.

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

I am seeking The League of Pissed Off Voters endorsement because of your member's civic engagement and commitment to informing the electorate. The ballot proposition system ensures a direct decision from voters, but can be confusing. I respect the League for completing the challenging work to engage political candidates and interest groups to ensure transparency.

What are your values and how did you get them?

Integrity and Perseverance

Being raised by my Grandmother, she instilled the values of integrity and perseverance. My Grandmother was a child of the Great Depression and was the first of a group of nine siblings to receive a university degree. I have experienced the positive impacts education provides marginalized communities.

What communities do you represent and how do they hold you accountable?

Black, Queer, and Environmental Advocacy

As a Black Queer Cisgender male I am held accountable through dialogue with community activist engaged grass-roots organizing. The issue that the queer community has developed my understanding is visibility of Trans lives. The lack of visibility the Trans community faces continues to be an issue in San Francisco, and I have prioritized advocating for Transgender people to access all available resources and to hold space and listen to the community, acknowledging I have more to learn. I will continue to donate time and money to LGBTQ+ organizations.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I would be honored to have the League as my first endorsement. As a grassroots candidate, I have been called to this work and believe community leaders can impact change. I am taking a stand to advocate for social justice, equity, and environmental stewardship.

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

I have not had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

What local and state commissions and policy bodies have you served on -- currently or in the past?

I have not had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Local Issues

Do you 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 support San Francisco purchasing PG&E assets to create public power in San Francisco?

Yes

No

Do you support the closure of 850 Bryant, jails #3 and #4?

Yes

No

Did you support SB 50 (Senator Wiener's Zoning Bill) as written?

Yes

No

If not, are there amendments that would make you support it?

Re-zone to add an amount of new zoned housing capacity equal or greater to what SB 50 will provide.
Not violate fair housing principles, for example, by focusing new housing density disproportionately in low income communities or communities of color.
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Do you support congestion pricing for the downtown core?

Yes

No

Do you support creating a Public Bank in San Francisco?

Yes

No

If Costa Hawkins was repealed at the state level, would you actively support legislation enacting 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?

Have you previously and/or will you in the future accepted donations from any law enforcement officers or associations?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain why.

What percentage of the SFPD budget do you think should be reallocated towards housing, homeless services, social workers, health, and education?

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Would you support legislation to implement the Budget Analyst's recommendation to adopt a more efficient weekly staffing schedule for the SFPD? (Recommendation 2.2 here: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/BA_Report_PA_of_San_Francisco_Police_Department_061218.pdf)

Yes

No

November 2020 Election

Who are you supporting for US Representative, District 12?

Shahid Buttar

Who are you supporting for State Senate, District 11?

Jackie Fielder

Who are you supporting for District 1 Supervisor?

Unsure

Who are you supporting for District 3 Supervisor?

Spencer Simonsen

Who are you supporting for District 5 Supervisor?

Dean Preston

Who are you supporting for District 7 Supervisor?

Joel Engardio

Who are you supporting for District 9 Supervisor?

Hillary Ronen

Who are you supporting for District 11 Supervisor?

John Avalos

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

Boggess, Parker, Sanders, Fisher

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Unsure

Who are you supporting for BART Board, District 9?

Petrelis

Do you support the charter amendment to create a Workforce Education and Recovery Fund for City College (WERF)?

Yes

No

Do you support "Vote 16" the SF charter amendment that authorizes youths aged 16 and 17 to vote in municipal elections?

Yes

No

Do you support the charter amendment to allow non-citizens to serve on boards, commissions, and advisory bodies?

Yes

No

Do you support the charter amendment creating the Office of the Public Advocate?

Yes

No

Do you support the charter amendment creating a Public Works Commission, Sanitation and Streets Commission, and Sanitation and Streets Department?

Yes

No

Do you support the charter amendment establishing term limits for City boards, commissions and bodies?

Yes

No

Do you support the charter amendment creating the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board and Inspector General?

Yes

No

Do you support the charter amendment to remove the minimum police staffing requirement and require the Police Department to submit a report and recommendation regarding police staffing levels?

Yes

No

Do you support the ballot measure to increase the gross receipts tax on businesses with a greater than 100:1 ratio of the pay of their highest-paid employee to the median pay of their SF employees?

Yes

No

Do you support the gross receipts ballot measure proposed by the Board of Supervisors (Yee, Haney, Peskin, Fewer) [File No. 200648]?

Yes

No

Do you support the gross receipts ballot measure proposed by Mayor London Breed [File No. 200645]?

Yes

No

Do you support the ballot measure authorizing development of up to 10,000 affordable rental units in the City?

Yes

No

Do you support California Proposition 15, Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative?

Yes

No

Do you support California Proposition 21, Local Rent Control Initiative (Costa-Hawkins changes)?

Yes

No

Do you support California Proposition 22, App-Based Drivers as Contractors and Labor Policies Initiative (AB5 Referendum)?

Yes

No

Do you Support California Proposition 25, Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum (Cash Bail Referendum)?

Yes

No

March 2020 Election

Who did you support for Superior Court Judge?

Maria Evangelista, Michelle Tong, Cary Gold

Who did you support for DCCC?

Shaun Haines, Austin Hunter, Bivett Brackett, Kristen Asato-Webb, Mick Del Rosario, Mike Chen, Nima Rahimi, Steven Buss, Tami Bryant, Tyra Fennell

Did you support March 2020's Prop D, a tax on vacant storefronts?

Yes

No

Did you support March 2020's Prop E, limits on office development?

Yes

No

November 2019 Election

Who did you support for District Attorney?

Cheesa Boudin

Who did you support for District 5 Supervisor?

Dean Preston

November 2018 Election

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

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

Community College Board

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

Environmental justice is an overarching issue. I would make sure that City College enforces San Francisco procurement policies and ensure that local, minority, and small businesses – and non-profits that provide workforce experience to underrepresented communities are fully engaged in the Proposition A related projects.

Partner with local and statewide workforce organizations such as California's High Road Training Partnership and the California Future of Work Commission. Strategic partnerships with state and local agencies ensure CCSF graduates from traditionally underrepresented communities entering the workforce have accumulated stackable credentials and have the essential digital literacy needed to enter and excel in the evolving workforce.

Decreased Enrollment: The significant decrease of full-time equivalent students (FTES) has dramatically reduced State funding to CCSF, resulting in a budget deficit that is growing year over year. Although CCSF completes regular reporting on enrollment statistics, I would commission a report to analyze the specific factors contributing to decreased enrollment. Investigating enrollment changes and developing a comprehensive plan is vital to enhance future recruitment efforts for the next generation of students.

Describe your current engagement with the Community College Board. Do you attend meetings (online or in person)? What are the most important items that have been on agendas recently?

I proactively watch the posted videos of the Board, focusing on public comment from students and faculty. The important items recently on the agenda are:

Re-adoption of the Environmental Impact Report allowing building project to continue through the approval process.

Balboa Reservoir Memorandum of Understanding.

With a structural budget deficit, how do you envision balancing the budget and keeping vocational and continuing education classes not supported by state funding?

As San Francisco emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, CCSF stands to provide vital educational opportunities necessary for career changers and economically displaced residents. Supervisor Mar's proposed Workforce Education and Recovery Fund for City College supports the vocational educational required assist economically displaced residents with career opportunities.

What work have you done to support additional funding from the City or State for City College?

Engagement with AFT2121 and CCSF Student Collective to understand the faculty and student perspective.

There is a proposed housing project on City-owned land along Balboa Reservoir, adjacent to campus. How do you envision working with the City, the SFPUC who owns the land, the developers, and your colleagues on the Community College Board to support the development of maximum affordable housing for staff and faculty?

The Board's work on engaging all stakeholders through a MOU process is important. The proximity of the proposed project to Campus demands that the Board be consulted and any recommendation be respected. As a Board Trustee I demand that we engage a community housing partners such as MEDA or Mission Housing to purchase the property, not a private developer. Housing partners such as MEDA have clearly demonstrated the ability to execute 100% affordable housing construction projects.

What qualities and experience would you look for in a new permanent chancellor?

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Chancellor committed to helping empower student and faculty voices. Climate policy is important, as this individual will set the tone for the CCSF's innovative climate solutions. Strong fiscal experience to ensure that the institution is not inundated with budget challenges, and able to promote student success.

What is your opinion of the City College Campus Police, and would you propose any reforms to them?

The CCSF Campus Police provide safety to the campus. The key factor in providing a safe campus environment is ensuring Campus Police do not carry fire-arms. As a Board member, I would work to uphold this policy. I am a proponent of evaluating the Campus Police budget to ensure equity with regard to financial resources.

Do you support maintaining a campus in the Tenderloin? Please explain your answer.

Yes. The Tenderloin is home to many communities considered vulnerable; Seniors, Immigrants, Transgender, and a diversity of people of color. I would advocate that educational resources continue to be available for the neighborhood. Access to education is both a civil and human right. Having grown up in a Black and marginalized community, the opportunities for my future were limited to financial insecurity characterized by low-wage employment options. I pursued an education to create another path forward and I believe that marginalized communities such as the Tenderloin must have opportunities for free career development at SF City College. The cultural change we seek depends on extending free access to quality education and ensuring that our City College has the hardworking and diverse leaders like myself to guide us to a brighter future.

If you're elected, what racial justice policies will you push for?

Review and reinforce the pipeline for SFUSD students to take credit classes at CCSF.
Review and expand articulation agreements between CCSF and other accredited institutions to ensure that CCSF students receive full transfer credits when transitioning to other institutions of higher learning.
As transport costs continue to rise and income disparity is growing in San Francisco, it is more important than ever that CCSF students can access free and reliable transportation. Free public transit removes a genuine barrier to access to education. If elected I analyze data to inform future policies, and I support increasing the age limit on the 'Free MUNI For Youth' program.

Last Question

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

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