

# BOS | 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](mailto: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?

A nice peaceful ride on a MUNI train

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Tell us about yourself.

Why are you running for this office?

Our city is overrun by corrupt politicians and special interests. It is no longer accountable to people. I am here to challenge that. I'm running on a common sense and honesty.

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

Endorsements are good, depending on who the group is and what they stand for

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What are your values and how did you get them?

My values come from persistent struggle, failure, and eventual success. I've worked very hard to get where I am today. I still believe in the American dream; even me, a person of color who grew up in a low-income single parent household can succeed. I believe in personal responsibility, hard work, and integrity. I don't believe in identity politics. I don't believe in political correctness. I believe that all good governance in the US is based off the Constitution.

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

Only the voters of district 7.

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What three endorsements are you most proud of?

SF Log Cabin Republicans  
Dave Bisho, President of Westwood Highlands Neighborhood  
SF GOP

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

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association 2016-2020  
West of Twin Peaks Central Council 2019-

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

Participatory Budget Committee 2017 for District 7  
Veteran's Affairs Commission, City and County of San Francisco

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## 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 SB50?

I don't support state taking over local zoning laws at all.

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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?

I would allowing a landlord who owns a building subject to rent control being exempt from rent control if he rents out at least 20-25% of his available units to a senior citizen or disabled person on fixed or limited income.

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.

I still believe in our law enforcement. I work with them every shift. There is no other group of more unjustly maligned, hard-working people who dedicate themselves to the safety of San Franciscans.

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](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?

I don't know yet at this time

Who are you supporting for State Senate, District 11?

I don't know yet at this time.

Who are you supporting for District 1 Supervisor?

Nobody

Who are you supporting for District 3 Supervisor?

Danny Sauter seems like the most reasonable choice

Who are you supporting for District 5 Supervisor?

Nobody

Who are you supporting for District 7 Supervisor?

Me

Who are you supporting for District 9 Supervisor?

Nobody

Who are you supporting for District 11 Supervisor?

Marcelo Colussi

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

Nobody

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Nobody

Who are you supporting for BART Board, District 9?

David Young, if he runs

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

Who did you support for Superior Court Judge?

Pang Ly, Dorothy Proudfoot, Rani Singh

Who did you support for DCCC?

Nobody

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?

Nancy Tung

Who did you support for District 5 Supervisor?

Nobody

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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

Short Answer (You don't have to write a novel.)

What do you think is the best way to address San Francisco's culture of political corruption?

Bring in the FBI and third party state and federal agencies. I do not trust our city to investigate itself.

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 we need to aggressively prosecute drug dealers that sell drugs to homeless people and trap them in a cycle of poverty, addiction, and misery. Cutting off the drug supply eliminates the reason for many homeless individuals to be here because of our lax enforcement of laws.

We need stronger conservatorship laws, simply because most homeless individuals have mental and drug addiction issues. Most addicted homeless individuals deny they have issues, but that is part of the illness of addiction. By sequestering them from the drug environment and getting them into medication assisted treatment programs such as those in Rhode Island, this will greatly increase their chances to escape the cycle of misery and addiction.

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

I support our strong mayor form of government.

Would you propose any rezoning or other policy changes to increase housing -- particularly affordable housing -- while protecting against the displacement of current residents?

I don't support the elimination of single family home zoning. However, I would be amenable to the addition of one or two stories to one story buildings in commercial districts along major corridors (eg West Portal Ave, California St in Laurel Heights), I would support the the combination of three adjacent properties in RH-1 districts if the buildings are post-1945 construction and meet certain criteria such as setbacks, yard space, and parking.

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

I will ensure race will not be used as a criteria for acceptance into schools, or consideration for employment. I maintain that I believe the best person should be hired for the job.

Last Question

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

No

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