

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.

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

Lai Hong Lounge for Dim Sum, and an afternoon riding the Cable Cars with no destination in mind.

Tell us about yourself.

Why are you running for this office?

I'm running to serve District 3. Our neighborhoods are facing critical challenges: sky-high rents, clogged streets, and a pending economic recovery, and I believe we need a Supervisor who will bring new ideas and a perspective grounded in neighborhood concerns to meet this challenge.

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

I appreciate the work League of Pissed Off Voters does to bring voter guides and awareness to individuals who often aren't involved in politics. This aligns well with our campaign's goal of bringing in new voices and breaking down barriers to getting involved in our city.

What are your values and how did you get them?

My values are rooted in community service. I feel most committed when I'm doing work that empowers others and is aligned with giving everyone a fair shot. My mother was my biggest influence. Being surrounded by her role as a high school counselor left me with a desire to make a difference in my immediate community.

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

My community work to date has been most strongly rooted in the North Beach and Russian Hill communities. In my role as President of a neighborhood association in these neighborhoods, I've listened and acted for years in response to community needs. This has taken the form of everything from starting a community farmers market to advocating for better transit and bike share to leading an effort to raise the urgency of small business vacancies in our commercial district. I'm committed to representing all communities and neighborhoods in District 3. To this end, I'm spending more time in neighborhoods that I'm less familiar with, and have been taking Cantonese lessons to ensure language barriers don't hold me back from engaging with residents. I'll be held accountable through access and transparency. I commit to holding open weekly office hours and a monthly town hall.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

My first endorsements have all been community leaders who live/work in District 3 and spend more time in the community rather than in politics.

1.) Rene Colorado - Tenderloin Merchants Executive Director - Rene works every day with small businesses in the Tenderloin and Lower Polk communities.

2.) Martha Mahony, Friends of Joe DiMaggio Playground - Martha is a true family and grassroots advocate. She led efforts to help reenvision a large open space.

3.) Tony Williams and China Halton, North Beach Kids Owners - Tony and China are well-tuned to the needs of families and parents in District 3.

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

President & Board Member - North Beach Neighbors
Board Member - SF Housing Action Coalition

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

SF Better Market Street Community Advisory Committee

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 did support SB50, and in particular appreciate the language in the last version which gave communities a chance to write their own legislation instead if it helped arrive at the same goals.

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 am supportive of as many affordable units as possible. Especially in the midst of our economy recovery, we need to be creative with our financing. In some cases, we may not be able to achieve 40% or 100%, and I do not wish to hold those lines as a litmus test that could prevent hundreds of affordable housing units to be built otherwise.

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.

We received an individual \$100 Donation from an Officer/CSI Investigator. Otherwise, our campaign was the 1st in our race to reject all donations from the Police Officer's Association or Sheriff's Association.

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

Who are you supporting for US Representative, District 12?

Nancy Pelosi

Who are you supporting for State Senate, District 11?

Scott Wiener

Who are you supporting for District 1 Supervisor?

Marjan Philhour

Who are you supporting for District 3 Supervisor?

Danny Sauter

Who are you supporting for District 5 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for District 7 Supervisor?

Hillary Ronen

Who are you supporting for District 9 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for District 11 Supervisor?

Ahsha Safai

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Who are you supporting for BART Board, District 9?

Bevan Dufty

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?

Pang Ly

Who did you support for DCCC?

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?

Leif Dautch & Nancy Tung

Who did you support for District 5 Supervisor?

Vallie Brown

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?

We should look at instances in which we can be more objective and clear on decision making roles. For example, by-right approval of significantly affordable housing projects cut both cut down on years of process but also remove points at which Supervisors or other department officials can politicize land use decisions.

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?

This pandemic shows us the need for shelter, and in particular, housing. We need to continue to pursue a housing-first strategy. We should be fighting for Project RoomKey funds at the state level to turn former hotels into housing for formerly homeless. Meanwhile, we can use federal funds to extend emergency rental assistance to keep those on the brink from experiencing homelessness.

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

I'd like to see stricter timelines for mayoral appointments to be heard before the public. At this very moment, our SFMTA board is short a few members because of political squabbles. In the midst of this pandemic, we cannot continue to operate our transit body without a full team of Directors.

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

I support legalizing fourplex buildings around transit hubs in San Francisco, provided that deep protections are built into any such changes. In tandem with those changes, we need to do more at this moment to protect tenants. This includes fully funding Prop F tenant protections as the voters demanded, establishing a rental registry to bring transparency to landlord behavior, and expanding neighborhood tenant clinics to ensure low barriers to access.

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

We must realize that racial and economic injustice are directly tied to police violence and the decades of underfunding of our communities of color.

We need to start by taking a hard look at when police are actually the best response. Most police calls are for nonviolent incidents. Particularly, we need a new approach for Homelessness. This is critical for racial justice because we know 40% of homeless individuals are black despite making up just 4% of our population. Social workers are the right way to support those experiencing homelessness, not police.

We also need to have economic justice. Even in "good times", unemployment rates were 2-3x higher in San Francisco for black and hispanic communities. To this end, I'll push to use the Office of Racial Equity's equity framework in making budget decisions and ensuring our investments reach all communities in San Francisco.

Last Question

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

Thank you for the opportunity!

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