

League of Pissed Off Voters June 2018 Questionnaire

Hello candidates! Thank you for filling out the League's questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire by 5pm on Monday, February 26th if you wish to be considered for a League endorsement. If you have any questions, you can contact us at TheLeagueSF@gmail.com.

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U.S. House seat for CA's 12th district

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What are your self care strategies to prevent burnout?

Meditation, running, yoga

Priorities

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

Cindy Cohn (EFF's executive director), Art Brennan (a retired judge and State Dept whistleblower), and Medea Benjamin (from Code Pink). Others at <https://www.shahidforchange.us/endorsements.html>

What are the top three issues you will work on, and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner? (1250 character limit)

Defending civil liberties and aggressively checking executive power

Reducing military spending to save and secure vital social services

Ending the war on drugs to dismantle the prison-industrial-slavery complex

Challenging corporate corruption in Washington is a theme pervading these discrete goals.

I will aggressively champion civil liberties through both oversight (I will seek seats on the Judiciary and Intelligence committees, offering opportunities to investigate federal agencies including FBI, NSA, and CIA) and legislation (to reform the bloated and dysfunctional classification system, and by seeking a judicial warrant requirement for any searches implicating Americans).

Similarly, I will seek reductions in military spending both through oversight (I also hope to gain a seat on the House Appropriations committee) and also legislation. I'll build support among progressive Democrats and a transpartisan alliance with libertarians who also favor closing U.S. military bases in foreign countries, which could save hundreds of billions of dollars every year to instead secure vital social services including student debt relief, early childhood development, affordable housing, and VA benefits.

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

Center for Media Justice, Defending Rights and Dissent, Fund for Constitutional Government

Local Issues

Some of the things pissed-off voters are watching right now!

Have you signed up for CleanPowerSF?

- Yes, for Green service
- Yes, for SuperGreen service
- No, I do not plan to sign up for CleanPowerSF

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 the expansion of charter schools (yes/no, explanation if needed)?

No. Even charter schools that achieve improvements in educational standards inevitably siphon resources away from public schools, which are already starved for resources and play a crucial—and underappreciated—role in our democracy. Secretary of Education (gag) Betsy Devos has vocally promoted charter schools but lacks any credibility as a reformer.

Do you support the parcel tax for San Francisco Unified School District?

- Yes
- No

If the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act is repealed at the state level, would you commit to implementing vacancy controls in San Francisco?

- Yes
- No

Do you support funding the Public Defender's office to provide representation for all immigration deportation cases?

Yes

No

Do you support extending the current MOU with the Police Officers Association so the next Mayor can negotiate a new MOU in 2019?

Yes

No

Do you support removing the prohibition on reprimands that are more than 5 years old from being considered when police officers apply for promotions, transfers, or special assignments?

Yes

No

Do you support renewing SFPD's involvement with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force?

Yes

No

Do you support congestion pricing for the downtown core?

Yes

No

Would you support increasing the Transportation Sustainability Fee (TSF) by \$5/square foot on commercial property?

Yes

No

Would you support a tax on transportation network companies (TNCs) and other "gig economy" operators?

Yes

No

San Francisco suffers a continued affordability and housing crisis. Please explain how you think this crisis should be addressed (in general), then list actionable concrete steps you would take, if elected, to move toward those solutions. Include an explanation of whose interests you will prioritize, and at least one example of a step you would support but which is not currently politically feasible.

First, with respect to the question about vacancy controls, I can't commit to implementing them because the seat for which I'm running has no authority over that issue. That aside...

One aspect of our housing crisis relates to homelessness, which particularly strikes veterans. My proposal to redirect spending from corporate weapons systems to VA benefits aims in part to get every vet a roof over his or her head. I'll build the case for that shift in spending priorities by seeking support—with groups representing homeless vets—from less progressive communities who claim to "support our troops."

Another aspect of the urban housing crisis relates to new building construction, and the extent to which it includes affordable units vs. market rate units. Another of the spending priorities to which I hope to direct cost savings from addressing fraud, waste, and abuse in corporate military contracting is HUD community development block grants, which can help states and cities incentive the construction of affordable housing.

I will prioritize working Americans over the interests of corporations. A feasible beach head for my plans is the closure of some U.S. military bases in foreign countries, which often undermine national security by antagonizing foreign populations, and which many fiscal conservatives would support. The elimination of particular fraudulent weapons systems (like the F-35, representing a potential cost savings in the trillions of dollars) may be more of a stretch goal given the co-optation of some parts of labor by the military-industrial complex.

There are two gross receipts ballot measures on the June 2018 ballot. The conflicting measures section ensures both cannot be implemented, even if they both pass. Which do you support?

- 1% gross receipts from the lease of warehouse space and 3.5% gross receipts from lease of all other commercial space for early childcare and education
- 1.7% gross receipts from lease of commercial space to fund low- and middle-income housing and homelessness services

Do you support the SF tenant right to counsel measure on the June 2018 ballot?

- Yes
- No

Do you support the June 2018 ballot measure to provide SF police with tasers?

- Yes
- No

Who are you supporting for Mayor? (In addition to yourself, if applicable)

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked Endorsement
Angela Alioto	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Michelle Bravo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
London Breed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Richie Greenburg	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jane Kim	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mark Leno	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amy Farrah Weiss	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ellen Lee Zhou	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for D2 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Catherine Stefani	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schuyler Hudak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nicholas Josefowitz	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kat Anderson	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Katy Tang	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Daniel Kappler	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adam Kim	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Sonja Trauss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jason Lee Jones	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Matt Haney	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christine Johnson	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor (June 2018)?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Rafael Mandelman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jeff Sheehy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lawrence Dagesse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Uzuri Pease-Greene	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Shamann Walton	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theo Ellington	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tony Kelly	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asale-Haquekyah Chandler	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neo Veavea	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Board of Education in 2018?

Alison Collins, Gabriela Lopez,

Who are you supporting for Community College Board in 2018?

Raphael Mandelman, Alex Randolph, and Shannell Williams

Past Elections

Who did you support for D1 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Sherman D'Silva	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sandra Lee Fewer	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Richie Greenberg	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jason Jungreis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Samuel Kwong	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brian Larkin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
David Lee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jonathan Lyens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marjan Philhour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Andy Thornley	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D3 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Aaron Peskin	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tim Donnelly	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
London Breed	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dean Preston	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D7 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Joel Engardio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
John Farrell	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alexander Lee	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Norman Yee	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Michael Young	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D9 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Joshua Arce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Iswari Espana	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hillary Ronen	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Melissa San Miguel	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Kimberly Alvarenga	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Francisco Herrera	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Magdalena De Guzman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ahsha Safai	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Berta Hernandez	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for Board of Education in 2016?

Matt Haney, Mark Sanchez

Who did you support for Community College Board in 2016?

Rafael Mandelman, Shanell Williams

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

Final Question

Is there anything else you want to tell us? (3000 character limit)

I appreciate your guide's emphasis on local policy.

With respect to the question about CleanPowerSF, I don't own the home in which I live and have suggested to my housemates that we shift to the 100% renewable plan.

With respect to the question about tasers, they are profoundly problematic and only less lethal than guns (not entirely non-lethal). In Miami, police were found to use tasers as extrajudicial means of meting out random punishment without trial, and after Oscar Grant was killed by BART police, the officer who did it claimed (however absurdly) that he confused his taser with his gun, suggesting that the former is not necessarily poised to reduce uses of the latter.

I know the League relies on candidate statements to differentiate among the candidates, but would be eager to meet and if possible address the group to make clear why I'm the strongest choice among the competing candidates to beat Pelosi and get SF real progressive representation in Congress.

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