

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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What are your self care strategies to prevent burnout?

Good nutrition, exercise, sleep and sunshine. Also, working with a positive, talented, and dedicated campaign team.

Priorities

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

Dolores Huerta, San Francisco Tenants Union, Sierra Club

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Our city's economy is booming, but we have not done enough planning to meet our growing housing needs. We need to keep people in their homes and create more affordable, workforce, and permanent supportive housing. **DECRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS:** Our homelessness crisis is often the result of our mentally ill and addicted residents being left on the streets, untreated, then shuttled in out of our criminal justice system. I support a new mental and behavioral health center to treat those with chronic mental health and substance abuse problems to stop the cycle. **TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINABILITY:** As our population increases, so do the strains on the infrastructural demands and capacity of our transit systems. Our streets need to be accessible and safe for cars, public transit, bicyclists and pedestrians. We also must continue working with our regional partners in a much greater way to develop smart, sustainable regional solutions. Throughout my 18 years of public service, I have successfully undertaken some of the most impactful policymaking by uniting stakeholders, advocates, policymakers, and innovators. I am proud of my record as a coalition-builder and believe that this will be key to moving solutions forward.

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

I have been proud to serve as a dedicated community volunteer for decades advocating for seniors, LGBTQ rights, HIV/AIDS funding and services, civil rights, and youth.

I have served on the boards of many local and national organizations including the LGBT Community Center Project, Haight Ashbury Community Services, the American Jewish Congress, and Mobilization Against AIDS.

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)?

In 2015, I authored SB 322 (Access to Charter Schools) to ensure that charter schools have nondiscriminatory admission policies, as well as suspension and expulsion policies that guarantee students appropriate due process. Charter schools are funded with taxpayer dollars, are part of the statewide public school system and have a responsibility to serve all students. All public schools need to play by the same rules. Public schools cannot have admission requirements, require parents to volunteer their time, and should have a clear expulsion and suspension criteria that affords due process. If charter schools can play by these rules, we can consider supporting expansion.

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.

San Francisco is facing an unprecedented affordability crisis, record numbers of evictions, and the mass displacement of entire communities. This is in part due to the fact that our city has prioritized job creation, bringing tens of thousands of new workers to SF, without a comprehensive and strategic plan to support the workforce growth. As our City undergoes immense change, we need to think holistically and comprehensively about how to balance the need for housing - for all income levels - with job growth and its impact on our infrastructure. I believe in creating affordability of housing across all income levels, not just a lot of housing regardless of its affordability.

Only about 10% of San Franciscans can afford to purchase market-rate housing, and only about 15% of San Franciscans can afford to rent market-rate housing. When we talk about "affordable housing," we're talking about housing for all of us. Given these alarming statistics, we must continue to have deeply affordable housing options that allow working people and families to stay in San Francisco. We also need to keep those in housing in housing by preventing unjust evictions, providing rental assistance and support to tenants. I worked to reform the Ellis Act to fight against speculators. As Mayor, I would sue speculators who are illegally using the Ellis Act - it was written for landlords, not speculators.

I support an ambitious housing production goal, which I believe must also include an ambitious affordable housing production goal. Prop K outlined housing benchmarks for a minimum of 50% of affordable housing for middle-class households and more than 33% affordable for low and moderate income households. It is astounding to me that our city has not even come close to meeting the voter mandate. In 2016, only 16% of housing in 2016 was for low-income and middle-income households. We can and must do better. If elected Mayor, a top priority will be to conduct thorough performance reviews and evaluations of all department heads and their operations. I believe that while our city agencies are key to helping our city run smoothly, they are also tasked with the opportunity to create a vision for our city - to balance stability in our neighborhoods, maintain economic, racial and social diversity and lead the way for smart growth and planning with our regional partners. Clearly, there are policies that are not working, goals that are not being met and a lack of comprehensive vision and planning that is preventing our city from even meeting the voter-mandated goals set out by voters.

Lastly, I absolutely believe that Prop 13 needs to be reformed and I support a split roll to allow commercial properties to be taxed based on their current market value. There have been many attempts to reform Prop 13 over the years and I remain hopeful that it can politically move forward at the ballot. In 2013, I authored a constitutional amendment to change Proposition 13 and allow local parcel taxes for schools to pass with 55% of the vote, instead of the two-thirds currently required.

As Mayor, I intend to continue championing legislation, utilize my experience in the state legislature as the California State Senate Budget Chair to seek creative funding sources, and work with stakeholders across the spectrum. During my 18 years in public service, I have championed both local and statewide measures to fund thousands of housing units across our city. In 2002, when I served as a Member of the Board of Supervisors, I authored our city's original inclusionary housing ordinance which requires developers to build affordable units across the city and it has created nearly 2,000 new affordable units, some rental and some ownership. The policy has not only resulted in a significant portion of the City's overall annual affordable housing production but is still one of our city's main sources of funding to subsidize affordable housing. In the state legislature, I fought to authorize San Francisco the ability to use unique bond financing to expedite 3,300 affordable housing units, allow for the creation of teacher housing on school district sites and enable opportunities to open underutilized land for affordable housing development.

2018 Elections

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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mark Leno	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amy Farrah Weiss	<input 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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nicholas Josefowitz	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kat Anderson	<input type="radio"/>	<input 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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Daniel Kappler	<input 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jeff Sheehy	<input 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 type="radio"/>
Shamann Walton	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Theo Ellington	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tony Kelly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asale-Haquekyah Chandler	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neo Veavea	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who are you supporting for Board of Education in 2018?

At this time I have not yet endorsed any candidates.

Who are you supporting for Community College Board in 2018?

I've endorsed Brigitte Davila, Thea Selby, and John Rizzo.

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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?

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

Rachel Norton, Stevon Cook, Matt Haney, Mark Sanchez

Who did you support for Community College Board in 2016?

Rafael Mandelman, Amy Bacharach, Tom Temprano, Alex Randolph

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 am the only candidate in the race who has not only served on the Board of Supervisors, but has also served 14 distinguished years in leadership roles with an accomplished legislative record in both the Assembly and the Senate. I have championed and fought for universal healthcare for all, renters facing unfair eviction, improved transportation and renewable energy and securing \$80 million in emergency stabilization funding for City College when enrollment dramatically dropped and the future of our public institution was at risk. I've passed landmark legislation establishing our state's \$15 minimum wage, created our city's first inclusionary affordable housing law, and solidified protections and equal rights for many who face discrimination.

I'm running for Mayor because we need a leader who will take on the special interests, lobbyists and SuperPACs who have too much influence at City Hall. We can't settle for caution and status quo solutions. We need a mayor who will think big, reject cynicism, demand results and bring people together to get things done. If elected Mayor, I intend to shake things up.

Unfortunately, our elections have been inundated by the corrupting influence of money thrown around by special interest SuperPacs. I recognize the need for a mayor who will stand up to the corruption of money doled out by the lobbyists, big corporations, and their Super PACs that hold too much sway at City Hall. The voters of San Francisco deserve to be able to choose our next mayor without the corrupting influence of dark, unregulated, special interest Super Pacs. Therefore I agree to the following Fair Campaign Promise:

I hereby agree to live by the spirit and letter of San Francisco's Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance and follow voluntary spending limits under the law.

I agree to publicly denounce, renounce, and reject all independent expenditures made on my behalf or against any other candidates.

I will call on all independent expenditure campaigns and SuperPACs to keep their money out of the mayor's race and not spend on my behalf or against other candidates.

I look forward to taking our message to voters across the city, free of special interest monies that have no place in our election process. I have asked the other Mayoral candidates to join me in signing the pledge. A Super PAC has already been opened in support of London Breed and released an attack ad on me. Since the release of our pledge on 1/8/18, only Jane Kim, Amy Farah Weiss and Angela Alioto have signed it. London Breed has not.

Our campaign is one that will resonate with hard-working San Franciscans who are tired of the

status quo. We can and should do better. On June 5, voters will have a clear choice between fundamental change and the status quo.

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