

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?

I go to the gym whenever my campaign manager will let me... which is not often enough. I've also managed to make it out to a few movies in the past couple months and especially loved Black Panther.

Priorities

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of

Tom Ammiano, the California Nurses Association and the United Educators of San Francisco

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

Solving Street Homelessness - We need to expand our Navigation Centers, work aggressively to keep vulnerable people housed & get the recently homeless back into housing as quickly as possible, build new supportive housing & free up existing supportive housing units by moving those who no longer need supportive housing into less expensive, permanent housing, & we need to dramatically expand our mental health and drug treatment capacity.

Building Affordable Housing - As an urban development attorney, I have worked on building thousands of affordable housing units. I will be a tireless advocate for getting vacant land and existing buildings into public and nonprofit ownership and securing the revenue to expand our production of below market rate housing.

Making a World-Class Transportation System - The MTA has been chronically underfunded for decades, Muni's technology is significantly out-of-date, and the on-time performance for our metro lines is disappointing. Congestion on our streets has gotten out of control, as our leaders have failed to plan for the future. It's important that we invest in our public transit infrastructure & identify sufficient annual operational funds to efficiently transport people around the City.

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

City College Board of Trustees (Former President)

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

San Francisco LGBT Community Center (Former Board Chair)

Jewish Vocational Services Public Policy Advisory Board

District 8 Democrats (Former President)

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

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.

I have dedicated a significant portion of my professional career to helping build affordable housing in the Bay Area. Effectively addressing housing unaffordability is one of the most important challenges of our time and place. And when it comes to the nuts and bolts of making sure affordable housing gets built, no one on the Board of Supervisors has more experience than I do. As City College Trustee, I have championed the development of affordable housing for faculty and staff, and I have led the Board in committing City College resources to address the issue of homelessness among our students, including through the development of homeless student housing.

District 8 has been ground zero for evictions over the last ten years, and yet we have produced distressingly little affordable housing during that time. When a senior in a rent-controlled unit is evicted from his or her home in the Castro or Noe Valley, the odds of that senior being able to remain in San Francisco are small. I've worked for decades with local governments and affordable housing developers to make affordable housing, and it's a top priority as Supervisor. It requires identifying sites currently in public ownership or sites the City could acquire. It requires public resources, which is why I have campaigned for every affordable housing funding measure over the last decade and will continue to work tirelessly to identify new potential sources of revenue for affordable housing production and preservation. And it requires an unwavering commitment to finding those additional resources and using them effectively to house the growing numbers of individuals and families who simply cannot afford the market rents and sales prices in San Francisco.

As far as currently politically infeasible steps to alleviate our housing affordability crisis go, extending rent control to units built after 1979 would be one that I would support. As a supporter of Proposition G in 2014, I also continue to be interested in pursuing an anti-speculation tax that could win the support of a majority of the voters.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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?

I have endorsed Mia Satya and Martin Rawlings-Fein and will be making more endorsements in the near future.

Who are you supporting for Community College Board in 2018?

I have endorsed my three colleagues, Brigitte Davila, John Rizzo and Thea Selby, all of whom are running for re-election

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

Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unranked endorsement
Kimberly Alvarenga	<input checked="" 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 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?

Stevon Cook, Matt Haney, Rachel Norton, Mark Sanchez

Who did you support for Community College Board in 2016?

Amy Bacharach, Rafael Mandelman, Alex Randolph, Tom Temprano, 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'm incredibly proud to have been endorsed by the League of Pissed Off Voters in my prior runs for public office, including my 2010 supervisor race and both of my College Board elections. I consider myself to be an avidly Pissed-Off voter and have handed out hundreds and hundreds of guides over the years.

For those newer league members who may not be as familiar with me as some long-time members, I have spent the last 17 years building affordable housing, revitalizing commercial districts and making more livable neighborhoods in the Bay Area. I was elected to the City College Board of Trustees when the accreditor was threatening to close CCSF. I led the charge to save City College, and as President of that Board I helped to make CCSF free for all San Franciscans. As Chair of the Board of the San Francisco LGBT Community Center I oversaw a much need renovation which added 10,000 feet of much-needed below-market non-profit office space, putting the Center on stable financial footing for the first time in its 15 years. Additionally, I have had the honor of serving as President of the Noe Valley, District 8 and Harvey Milk Democratic Clubs, member of the Democratic County Central Committee since 2006, Commissioner on the San Francisco Building Inspection Commission and Board of Appeals, and Board Chair of Livable City.

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