

# SFLCV November 2022 Election Board of Supervisors Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in San Francisco League of Conservation Voters' endorsement process. Please limit answers to the below questions to 2-3 paragraphs at most (250 words). We are accepting responses until June 29, 2022 at 11:59 pm.

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Affordable Housing: What are your top priorities around supporting infill development within your district and throughout the City? How will you respond to pushback from your constituents regarding height, density and affordability? What have you done to advance housing initiatives in your district, neighborhood, SF? Specifically, how did you vote (or would have voted) on both the UCSF Parnassus expansion and the 469 Stevenson project? \*

I will continue to advocate for building 100% affordable housing and holding developers responsible for community benefit packages that support walkability, mixed-use, and environmental concerns. To me, “affordable housing” means residents are not spending over a third or more of their income towards rent.

As District 10 Supervisor I also established legislation for the right to return, giving former residents of public housing projects who’ve been displaced the right to return to their prior homes. Our legislation prioritizes former HOPE SF residents in what used to be the Hunters View, Alice Griffith, Sunnydale, and Potrero Hill housing projects.

For far too long, public housing residents — particularly Black San Franciscans who have been disproportionately affected by decades of redevelopment and gentrification — have been pushed out of San Francisco. Bringing back families and residents to their original neighborhoods will help communities return to the diverse, vibrant hubs they once were— and help ensure that families can remain rooted in the communities they helped build for generations to come.

I have been pushing for a conversation with UCSF and Biotech to take advantage of space in District 10 around Candlestick and the Shipyard. It would be great to have a state of the art education facility in these areas, coupled with non pathway opportunities. I think UCSF would benefit from looking in to this opportunity. I have not weighed in on the Parnassus campus conversation at this time.

For the 469 Stevenson project, I withheld my support and advocated for a more extensive environmental review for the safety of our communities. In order to ensure we wouldn’t end up with another Millennium Tower, I felt further environmental review was necessary. I also raised concerns about the project due to the potential for further gentrification and displacement to extremely vulnerable communities including significant social-economic impact on the Sixth Street corridor, on the Filipino community, and the broader low-income community there.

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Walkable and Bikeable Streets: What are your top priorities for better and safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists? How do you intend to advance those priorities if elected? How will you work with constituents who are opposed to bike/ped infrastructure improvements in your district (such as traffic calming, bike lanes, and bike share docking stations)? What have you done to champion these efforts up to now? Specifically, how did you vote (or would have voted) on Car Free JFK and Great Highway? \*

I will prioritize making streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers with key traffic calming measures. My office worked closely with the SFMTA and a wide range of community stakeholders to increase residents' safety through improved traffic safety measures throughout our neighborhoods. This includes reducing traffic lanes and increasing bike and pedestrian lanes on Evans Avenue, Hunters Point Boulevard and Avenue.

I opposed Car Free JFK and and Great Highway because closing the street and its free parking would affect low-income families, including Black residents of District 10, that cannot easily access bikes or public transportation to the park. As we invest in improving the safety of our streets, we must not segregate our communities in the process and ensure that our parks and open spaces are accessible to all San Franciscans.

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Reliable, Fossil Free Public Transit: What are your top priorities for improving local and regional transit? How would you advance your priorities if elected? What have you done to improve transit operations, access to transit, passenger experience, etc.? Specifically, do you support efforts like SB-917 Seamless Transit Transformation Act? \*

For far too long, folks in the most southern part of San Francisco have been fighting for adequate and reliable transport that connects us to the rest of the city. My priority is to repair the harm that has been done to Black and Brown communities and rebuild trust by delivering public transit to those who have been underserved.

As District 10 Supervisor I successfully passed Measure RR to fully fund Caltrain services. As Caltrain will continue to face severe pandemic-induced financial losses, my office led the charge to raise \$100 million annually by successfully introducing and passing Measure RR in 2020. I will continue to advocate for reliable transit and transparent funding for our residents as San Francisco's sole representative on the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, the authority governing Caltrain.

I also worked with the Transportation Authority and SFMTA to improve transit access for our District, and across the city. I worked closely with the SFMTA to bring full Muni service back to District 10, back up to pre-pandemic service levels, including the 8AX and 8BX lines to Visitacion Valley. I also collaborated with the Transportation Authority and SFMTA to extend the 55 bus to D10 to connect the neighborhood of Dogpatch to the 16th Street BART Station. Finally, we were thrilled to deliver on our campaign promises by bringing back the 15-Third Line as an express route from Hunters Point to Downtown, giving D10 residents the access we deserve and need.

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Green Energy Policy: What are your top priorities for improving energy conservation, household efficiency and renewable power, and how would you advance these efforts? What have you done to promote energy conservation in these areas? Are you, personally, a CleanPowerSF SuperGreen customer? Specifically, what efforts have you participated in to help fund the city's C.A.P. program? \*

I have been a major proponent of the City purchasing PG&E's assets to ensure we can provide the cleanest energy possible for San Francisco. I also would like to expand SFPUC's CleanPowerSF, a model for electricity that I have always supported. I believe that education is key to implementing this programs and we must prioritize community outreach to expand residents' awareness.

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Water Sustainability & Conservation: What are your priorities for improving the sustainability of San Francisco's drinking and wastewater systems? If elected, what steps will you take to enhance the City's water resiliency and reduce its reliance on imported water? What have you done to promote conservation in this area? Specifically, how did you engage to support conservation efforts regarding the Tuolumne River? \*

It is important to me to lead by example for my district, whether it is reducing the number of car washes in my household or making sure that my yard has alternatives to grass and plants that require water for survival. I will continue to personally do my part in ensuring that I don't waste water or any natural resources that we need and value, and to promote conservation practices to my constituents during this critical time .

Zero Waste: How can the city advance its Zero Waste goals in light of the temporary (we hope) move to suspend programs such as the required fee for grocery store bags that previously incentivized customers to reuse bags and containers, or purchase foodstuffs from bulk-stocked bins? What are your thoughts around recent legislation to reduce waste and what more can we do? How will you make it happen? What have you done to promote zero waste? \*

Food insecurity remains a significant issue in San Francisco with 1 in 4 residents at risk of hunger due to low income or economic insecurity. BIPOC communities, in particular Black and Latino, with a growing trend in the city's Asian community, are most at risk. That is why I have proposed legislation to require food businesses to keep track of the amount of food they rescue and make sure they're sorting waste properly. It also allows the Department of the Environment to inspect businesses and impose fines when they don't comply. 20% of the state's methane emissions is emitted by organic matter like food and yard waste. This law would not only reduce emissions, but also rescue more food while it's still edible.

Your Environmental Vision: Why should the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters endorse you? How will protecting the environment shape your agenda given the potential for ongoing pandemic conditions? With the passage of Prop E the city took over street tree and sidewalk maintenance from homeowners, but the urban canopy is still insufficient both in maintenance and the planting of new trees. What would you do to ensure a robust urban canopy?

The southeastern part of San Francisco has historically been disproportionately affected by environmental injustice. Our neighborhoods, which have the most low-income and working-class residents in the entire City, bear the brunt of San Francisco's environmental issues. We have the most industrial facilities, truck routes, a sewage treatment plant that treats over 80% of San Francisco's wastewater, as well as the biggest polluter, the Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. I believe these environmental issues in District 10 are civil rights issues, and I have an unwavering dedication to addressing this reality.

It is imperative that California's cities address the climate crisis beginning in our own communities. I will fight for environmental justice, invest in public parks and green spaces, and invest in public transit in San Francisco.

We must also address the public health and equity issue of air pollution. I have worked with the City Attorney to shut down illegal construction companies who were polluting the Candlestick neighborhood with dust and debris causing widespread air quality concerns. I am working with the SFMTA to reexamine and divert truck routes that are going through low-income neighborhoods. I am also a member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board, which oversees air quality policies for the entire Bay Area.

I acknowledge that, in addition to a candidate's environmental qualifications and activism, SFLCV will also expressly consider the way in which officials comport themselves, their ability to act with decorum, and respectfully engage with their colleagues and constituents.

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