

SFLCV November 2020 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 24, 2020.

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1. 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? *

We need to protect renters in the Richmond. With my support and active work on the Spur Affordable Housing Creation, we can do our best to prevent homelessness and increase affordability in the Richmond. There is nothing progressive or liberal about letting people suffer by living on our streets. It is inhumane. We must take dramatic action to change the street culture in our parks and on our streets so that everyone's lives can improve. We need out of the box thinking that invests more in community land trusts, strengthens our rent control protections, and also creates more affordable housing ownership opportunities.

I will prioritize affordable housing that is built on infill land. It is my top priority to build 100% affordable housing. We should prioritize housing for elderly, low-income families, disabled and vulnerable populations.

2. 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? *

As Supervisor, I will fight for smart traffic enforcement, better design and improved street striping and lighting. Walking and biking in the Richmond should not be dangerous and the district should enable more walkable and likable streets. I would work with the SF bicycle coalition to ensure safety and accessibility to bike paths/designated bike lanes.

3. 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.? *

One of my top priorities is replacing diesel buses with electric buses and expand public transit. As Supervisor, I would make it my goal to build a Tunnel to bring BART to the Richmond. Some of the most popular Muni lines (38, 31 and 1) pass through the Richmond. Ensuring that the buses are electric would greatly improve air quality and ensure a more sustainable Richmond. Over 120,000 people travel to and from the Richmond to downtown every day. That is nearly twice the entire daily ridership of Caltrain, and more than a quarter of BART's total daily ridership. I am calling for a tunnel to be built to increase our transportation options and create a more sustainability for the Richmond.

4. 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? *

My top priorities are to 1. Build out electric charging infrastructure so that we can increase electric vehicle adoption 2. We should modernize our power grid and prioritize making homes and buildings energy efficient. 3. We should replace diesel buses with electric buses and expand public transit. 4. We should increase energy storage capacity and invest in wind power and other renewal energy sources. I would prioritize replacing MUNI diesel buses with electric ones. I would push to increase electric vehicle charging stations at all city owned property. I would require the city to invest in energy storage and to invest funds in developing wind power especially off shore wind power projects. I would also push to give energy companies located in San Francisco a city tax and payroll credits.

5. 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? *

I will focus on 6 steps to enhance the City's water resiliency and reduce its reliance on imported water:

1. Diversify high quality water sources and advance water efficiency, conservation and reuse.
2. Reduce inflows to sewer system and increase percentage of sewage sludge going to beneficial use.
3. Ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Making sure that water department conducts regular and comprehensive water testing.
4. Optimize planning to meet water, power and waste water demands.
5. Improve capital facilities through construction or investment.
6. Optimize maintenance of power, water and wastewater facilities.

6. 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? *

I would support new legislation to incentivize composting by businesses and homes. I support the Zero Waste Declaration from c40.org which states: I pledge to advance towards zero waste cities by:

- 1) reducing the municipal solid waste generation per capita by at least 15% by 2030
- 2) reducing the amount of municipal solid waste disposed to landfill and incineration by at least 50% by 2030 compared to 2015, and increase the diversion rate away from landfill and incineration to at least 70% by 2030.

To achieve these bold targets, we commit to implement actions such as:

- Reduce food losses and wasting of food at the retail and consumer levels by decreasing losses along production and supply chains, minimising the production of surplus food, and facilitating safe food donation and by-products for feed production.
- Implement source separated collection for food scraps and other organics and treatment infrastructure that recovers nutrients, energy and contributes to the restoration of carbon storage capacity in soils.
- Support the implementation of local and regional policies, such as extended producer responsibility and sustainable procurement, to reduce or ban single-use and non-recyclable plastics and other materials, while also improving goods reparability and recyclability.
- Increase reduction, reuse, recovery and recycling of construction and demolition materials.
- Increase accessibility, awareness, scale and inclusivity of reduction, reutilization and recycling programmes and policies for all communities and neighborhoods, investing in city wide communication and engagement efforts, offering resources in multiple languages, and
- Ensuring benefits are distributed equitably across the city population.
- Publicly report every two years on the progress the cities are making towards these goals.

7. 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? How will you continue the efforts and gains despite significant economic hardship? *

I am a native San Franciscan and resident of the Richmond District for over 36 years. In addition, as a parent of two children, a small business owner, and a social justice advocate, I care about the Richmond deeply. In recognition for my leadership, I have received numerous humanitarian awards including the San Francisco Foundation Leadership Award, the Wallace A. Gerbode Fellowship and the David Jenkins Civic Leadership Award. I am proud to call the Richmond my home and hope to enact real change in the Richmond regarding sustainability, safety for pedestrians and bike riders, and small businesses amid this pandemic. I am a strong advocate for electric public transit and making public transit more readily accessible. This ongoing pandemic allows us to shift our support to small businesses to keep them afloat instead of larger corporations, to support local food banks, and come together as a community. We need to make the environment easier for small businesses to succeed along Geary, Clement, and Balboa. Our first priority is to stabilize neighborhood businesses to get people back to work.



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