

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? *

My record is clear. I have taken EVERY former Embarcadero Freeway parcel and turned each and every one into affordable housing. I've busted out moves to increase the percentage of inclusionary housing including going to the ballot in 2016 to get rid of some developer sponsored nonsense that froze inclusionary housing rates. I unlocked bond money to purchase affordable housing from the ancient seismic safety bond. I was the earliest author in modern times of ADU legislation in San Francisco which legislation has finally come to fruition and continues to be refined and advanced and implemented. I have presided over the rezoning of over 25% of the City for increased density for affordable housing. I have helped build thousands and thousands of units during my 20 years on and off in office. I have supported and passed affordable housing bonds. I have resisted YIMBY moves on behalf of the development community to increase gentrification. I have consistently voted for and introduced legislation to increase eviction protections and strengthen rent control, anti-pass through legislation and anti-eviction legislation which is why I've already been endorsed by the San Francisco Tenants Union and the Affordable Housing Alliance and tenant leaders and organizations.

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? *

My top priority is to create an urban environment where bicyclists and pedestrians are not put at unnecessary danger. I've been advancing quick build projects on the Embarcadero, Sansome, Battery and was an early champion of bike lanes in San Francisco and have continue to champion these policies in my capacity as chair of the SFCTA, I've been advancing movement by bike, ped and other devices (as long as the tech folks keep it together). Fact.

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.? *

Last year I was proud to sponsor Prop D, the first Uber and Lyft tax in California to address the congestion and safety of our streets, but also, critically, provide some plus (pre-COVID) \$35 million in funding for Muni and vision zero improvements. It passed with over 70% of the vote. I authored Prop A in 2007 and the list goes on.

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? *

I was a super green customer before it was offered to my neighborhood. For years I have led the fight against Pigs, Greed and Extortion (PG&E). Along with my colleague in recent times, Supervisor Ronen I have been the leading advocate for the municipalization of PG&E. Since my first term in 2001 I have been an advocate for public municipal power. I have passed a variety of environmental reforms such as working to get us off natural gas, as well as many other accomplishments during my time as a member of BCDC, the State Coastal Commission, and the Bay Restoration Authority. Additionally I have advocated for years to divest the SF Retirement Fund from fossil fuel which I hope to prevail on this year.

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 sponsored legislation to protect Tuolumne River from the Trump Administration's attempts to divert water for commercial purposes which was vetoed by Mayor Breed. I have supported the use of groundwater from the Lake Merced aquifer to supplement San Francisco's water supply, and fought against the use of manufactured drought numbers that promote excess water usage.

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've been at the forefront of the war against the plastics industry. From the early days when I joined Supervisor Mirkarimi to impose a fee on plastic bags to recent times when we increased said fee. I was pleased to join organizations like Recology to fight to change state law to allow the use of reusable bags during the COVID-19 pandemic and stop the plastics industry from using this crisis as a false reason to promote products that do incredible environmental damage. I was the author of the legislation to ban styrofoam in take-out containers in San Francisco and have pending legislation to further reduce trash in our waste stream.

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 started my career at the Trust for Public Land, went on to the American Land Conservancy and then to Great Basin Land and Water. My entire adult life has been about fighting for parks in inner cities, for the preservation of open space and working with native American tribes to repatriate their land and water rights.



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