

# 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 would have voted for the UCSF Parnassus expansion and the 469 Stevenson project. I am a supporter of Mayor Breed's Affordable Homes Now charter amendment.

I am a westside homeowner. I know many westside residents are looking for new types of housing to meet their needs. Young families want affordable apartments that will allow them to stay in San Francisco. Seniors want the option to downsize to an apartment in an elevator building where they can safely age in place without leaving their neighborhood. Building multi-family housing will help grandparents remain close to their grandkids.

Our future depends on being able to keep seniors, young adults, and middle-income families in San Francisco. We can do this by embracing more multi-family housing that can coexist with single-family homes and complement the westside neighborhoods we love.

I also know housing is an equity and environmental issue. Improving San Francisco's diversity depends on building more housing that a middle income family can afford. To address climate change, we need to drive less and reduce suburban sprawl. This requires building more housing near public transit.

Please read my full housing platform at: [engardio.com/housing](https://engardio.com/housing)

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? \*

We must invest in many different modes of transportation that fit everyone's needs while saving the environment:

- A citywide network of protected bike lanes. Safe passage will make biking a viable option for people of all ages, especially with electric and pedal assist bikes.
- Walkable and inviting streets that encourage more people to be outside, providing an economic boost to small businesses and increasing public safety with more people on the street looking out for each other.
- A more efficient, robust, and solvent Muni.

I support a car-free JFK Drive. I support allowing cars on the Great Highway on weekdays to serve commuters and opening the Great Highway on weekends and holidays to pedestrians and cyclists for recreation.

I also know that we must act now to plan for the future of the Great Highway. In 2024, the state is permanently closing the Great Highway south of Sloat due to erosion. That stretch of road is literally falling into the ocean, so all southbound traffic will be forced to turn left at Sloat. This will create new traffic pain points that we need to work to understand and mitigate now, and not wait until it happens.

How we move traffic safely using street design and infrastructure is important. We need to provide routes for people to safely get to work and school using their preferred transportation modes. This is also an opportunity to create a permanent oceanside park. My priority is to ensure our neighborhood streets are safer and more convenient for local residents while Ocean Beach remains open and accessible to all.

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? \*

I support SB-917, the Seamless Transformation Act.

We must make our streets safer and easier for walking and biking to meet our daily, short-range needs. And we must improve public transportation by bus and train to serve our longer distance needs. Electric and self-driving cars will fill in gaps.

We can also reimagine the bus. Muni has long struggled with deficits and bus routes in distant neighborhoods are often the first casualty when cuts are made. Yet a bus in the outer Sunset, the western hills, and distant southwestern neighborhoods is a lifeline for many residents. Seniors can become stranded when they cannot ride a bike, drive, or do not have family members to drive them.

Public transportation fails its core mission if it leaves behind our most vulnerable residents. That's why we must consider replacing big buses with shuttle vans on smaller routes. It could be more cost effective than a regular bus line. Vans can also increase reach into parts of San Francisco long neglected by regular Muni service.

We should always be building subway tunnels and right-of-ways that we regret not building decades ago. This includes:

- West Portal Muni station to Parkmerced
- Geary Blvd. from downtown to the ocean
- Park Presidio from Geary, under Golden Gate Park, and along 19th Avenue to the Daly City BART station
- Expand the Central Subway from Chinatown to Fisherman's Wharf
- A new BART tunnel across San Francisco Bay that will expand capacity and allow for 24-hour service

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 am a CleanPowerSF customer and I support full public power. Climate change is the existential crisis of our time and I am committed to thinking globally and acting locally to do what is necessary to move from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

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? \*

Drought has become commonplace due to climate change, which means Californians must do much more to conserve water. I am committed to taking the necessary steps for water sustainability in our state. Every community must play a role.

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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? \*

San Francisco must continue to lead in showing how people can change their past practices to reduce waste. I will support innovations that prove we can reduce waste without sacrificing convenience. It's a matter of changing behaviors such as reusing bags and containers at stores. We can and will do more.

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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? \*

It should be a source of shame that Los Angeles has a much more robust tree canopy than San Francisco and that San Francisco has one of the lowest percentages of trees among all U.S. cities. Increasing our tree canopy should be a source of pride. We should be #1 in tree canopy! As a member of the Board of Supervisors I will advocate for making the increasing and maintaining our tree canopy a budget priority because it is an environmental priority. It's a basic function of a city government. This is a win for everyone.

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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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