

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? *

Building affordable housing will be my priority as Supervisor and has been for years. During my tenure in former Supervisor Haney's Office spearheading Land Use for D6, I led the building of nearly 9,000 new housing units. Every year, we were able to approve 2,255 units of housing in District 6, with almost 400 affordable units every year. We also championed, and I supported, the 469 Stevenson Project and the UCSF Parnassus expansion.

Going forward, I will continue to champion building housing at all levels. From infill development to social housing, cities need to start working now on plans to leverage federal and state dollars to build social housing in urban areas. My decade of experience as a social worker and deep roots in the community has enabled me to engage in collaborative processes towards every housing development, balancing constituent interests effectively to get the result of thousands of housing units approved in the last four years and thousands more in the next.

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? *

Walkable and bikeable streets are an absolute priority and have been for me throughout my career. As Chief of Staff in the District 6 office, I championed the largest expansion of protected bike lanes in San Francisco's history and reduced speed limits to make it safer to walk and bike. I also worked with the community, SFMTA, and DPW to implement pedestrian scrambles, bulb-outs, slow streets, and more throughout the Tenderloin and part of SOMA. I fought because traffic fatalities disproportionately affect low-income communities and people of color, and ensuring safe streets is fundamentally a question of equity. And according to the High Injury Network map, District 6 (as it existed while I worked there, including the Tenderloin) had more high injury corridors than any other district.

As District 6 Supervisor, I will continue the work we started in Supervisor Haney's office by protecting bike lanes, installing more speed bumps, and bolstering slow streets. I will expand support for e-bikes - via tax credits and subsidies. To unite our respective communities of interest, which may have disagreements, I will champion equity-focused solutions like automated speed enforcement - which can reduce traffic fatalities while also reducing racial bias in police traffic stops. And I will most definitely advocate for a car-free JFK and car-free Great Highway (both of which I have supported from day one!).

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? *

During the pandemic, I advocated for restoring and improving transit service in SF and the broader Bay Area. I fought for - and successfully won - restoring the 27-Bryant to ensure communities from District 6 had the ability to travel from the Tenderloin to SOMA and the Mission easily, as well as the 31-Balboa line to connect D6 to the West side of the city. I supported Assemblymember David Chiu's AB629 and continue to support State Senator's SB-917 to consolidate our 27 different transit agencies and ensure consistent fares across a single regional transit map.

As Supervisor, I will continue to work towards restructuring our street infrastructure to enable faster and more reliable public transit. I will advocate for value-based pricing on parking to subsidize Muni funding, more bonds to fund Muni maintenance and improvement, automated signal priority for buses, and the prohibition of left turns on more streets - holistic solutions that can accelerate Muni 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? *

San Francisco must be a leader in green energy policy. As San Francisco goes, so does the nation. I have fought toward this objective for years. As Chief of Staff in the District 6 Office under Matt Haney, I helped increase \$1 million in funding to the Department of Environment to launch initiatives for inclusive climate action. I commit to championing and passing the equivalent of San Francisco's Green New Deal going forward, with a holistic decarbonization plan, during my first term as Supervisor.

Towards this plan, a priority of mine will be to implement the Climate Action Plan with a focus on building decarbonization. After cars, the greatest source of emissions in San Francisco is gas appliances in households and commercial buildings. I will champion incentivizing existing buildings to phase out gas furnaces, boilers, and water heaters, as well as implementing substantial rebates to lower the cost for households. I will advocate with State Representatives to drive more funding to our city via tax credits and subsidies to fund these initiatives. It is necessary to meet our emissions targets and for equity - gas appliances cause the most harm to communities of color, reducing health risks and increasing asthmatic attacks.

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? *

California is facing one of its worst water droughts in our history, and San Francisco must lead in addressing the crisis. Once elected as our Supervisor, I will work with the Department of Environment and broader City Hall to identify programs that can reduce reliance on imported water, as well as establish incentives for water conservation in usage across households and commercial buildings, to ensure we meet our water goals.

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? *

Ensuring we meet our Zero Waste goals is imperative from both a sustainability and an equity perspective. I will advocate for restoring programs that incentivize reusing bags and containers, as well as purchasing foodstuffs from bulk-stocked bins (I personally prefer to shop at Rainbow Grocery, where this is an option).

Over the pandemic, new innovative programs were developed to ensure waste reduction and help the most marginalized communities. I will seek to expand public-private partnerships that distribute excess food to shelters and homeless services to both provide our small businesses with much-needed revenue and also to help those individuals most in need of food security.

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?

San Francisco needs a climate champion on its Board of Supervisors. Someone who will fight for comprehensive reform to our safe streets, affordable housing, and green energy policy. Someone who will actually make it a priority.

My career in social service and as a civil servant has been focused on these goals. It's been a focus because I've lived and breathed these streets for decades. I'm a San Francisco native, social worker helping the homeless and mentally ill, small business owner, and co-founder of the Transgender District. I understand that without a sustainable environment, we can not have a safe and inclusive city for all people.

During my time in the D6 Office, I pushed back against DPW when they tried to remove trees in our District. I also fought to ensure that we had more funding to support our Bureau of Urban Forestry which has been struggling. Many of the young trees that the Bureau has planted over the years have ended up dying. This is due in part to underwatering and the lack of care afforded to these trees due to understaffing and a lack of resources.

I will fight for more funding for all departments necessary to achieve our climate goals - the Department of Environment, OEWD, Public Works / The Department of Sanitation and Streets, and the respective groups necessary for maintaining our urban canopy.

We need supervisors who will make climate a priority, not an afterthought. I have, and I will.

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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