

# 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.

Please enter your contact info here (Name, District, Campaign contact, Phone, Email, FPPC#) \*

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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? \*

Consider West Portal Avenue. In 1929, a five-story Art Deco apartment building was built on the last block of the merchant corridor. But by the 1980s, residents had voted to downzone most of the city out of concern about increased density. New construction on West Portal Avenue was restricted to one story. West Portal Avenue is a legitimate transit corridor, served by three MUNI light-rail train lines. The infrastructure exists to support more density on the street. Few people would say that the existing five-story building ruins the surrounding neighborhood character. Similar buildings added on West Portal's commercial street would not change the single-family character of nearby neighborhoods. The housing would also be available for seniors and young families who need it.

With community input, we can preserve westside neighborhoods of single-family homes while building housing along specific transit corridors served by trains.

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? \*

Families want to be able to safely bike with their kids to the neighborhood park. Westside residents also want to be able to safely bike to the nearest Muni station to commute to work faster. If we start addressing the real needs on the Westside, we can plan protected bike lanes in the areas that would satisfy what residents are looking for versus imposing a bike lane on a street without regard to what people actually want.

I support protected bike lanes where they would be most effective. Especially with the impacts of COVID-19, our city needs to prioritize outdoor recreational spaces, and safe ways to get there.

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.? \*

Better public transportation service and increased infrastructure is vital to meet the needs of San Francisco's growing population. Now is the time to take bold action to prepare for the future by investing in the subway tunnels we regret not building decades ago. This includes MUNI tunnels from West Portal and along 19th Avenue to Daly City BART, Geary Boulevard from downtown to the ocean and from Chinatown to Fisherman's Wharf. We also need a new BART tunnel across San Francisco Bay.

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 am a CleanPowerSF SuperGreen customer. I want to learn about and champion ways for our city to embrace sustainable and accessible clean energy. I am a candidate that wants to grow with my community, and continue to learn about ways my district, and the entire city, can move into a future that is sustainable for our children.

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 am a resident of District 7, and live near Lake Merced. I advocated for the now-closed public gun club and shooting range on the banks of Lake Merced to pay for the cleanup of the toxic lead bullets and discs it discharged into the lake for years. I also advocated for the SFPUC to take over the clean up process, which had been lagging given multiple city departments and agencies having a say in the lake and surrounding parkland.

My district has many single family homes. I want our residents to be as sustainable as possible. With home updates, expansions, or renovations, I would be an advocate for moving our residents to full sustainable water systems.

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 support the City's goals to move towards a sustainable model. I also believe that we have to ensure that if the City is to enforce a Zero Waste policy there must be in depth conversations around implementation.

Earlier this year, there was a proposed piece of legislation around a "cup fee" for non-reusable to-go ware. This was a Zero Waste program to add a 25 cent fee for every take away item that is not reusable. I support our waste separation and encourage consumers to bring their own bags to stores. However, programs like the cup fee could create some equity issues that need consideration. For example, many of us might not feel the burden of the fee. But there are families that rely on fast food dollar menus for multiple meals a week, and 25 cents per take out container can quickly raise the cost of a meal well past a dollar. We must make sure that our Zero Waste programs are both equitable, and truly achievable by vendors before we move to enforce.

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? \*

It was amazing to see the clear air in places choked with smog for decades in the weeks after people sheltered in place. It showed what is possible if we give the Earth a break in a century of energy consumption that has led to climate change. We must not forget the clear skies and work toward making them clear all the time after the pandemic for the sake of future generations. This will involve rethinking how we work, commute and travel. I look forward to being part of discussion about how we ensure a healthy environment for all.



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