

# 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? \*

Top 3 priorities for District 7:

The successful development of the Balboa Reservoir housing project, the parking lot behind the Stonestown Shopping Center and the Senior Housing Project on the grounds of Laguna Honda Hospital.

Adding affordable housing is my top priority. We are remarkably conservative in the way we finance and structure affordable housing. The City's compliance requirement often rule out blended financing and often restrict innovation and the exploration of different models, such as co-op housing, employer assisted housing (subsidized acquisition, or development) middle income housing, and hybrid spaces, like live work spaces, or subsidizing homes that operate as home-based childcare. Budgets are statements of priorities and I would like us to do more of everything.

To pushback in my district:

1. I support height, density and affordability along neighborhood commercial districts and major transit. People in my district care deeply about small businesses and the commercial corridors. This is my area of expertise: I have worked in affordable housing and community economic development for over a decade. I was the Director of Homeownership under Mayor Gavin Newsom , and can show folks how where we have built more housing, small businesses are thriving, because they have more customers and more foot traffic in an era where grub hub and amazon have cut down on both. Because District 7 is 2/3 homeowner occupied, we could double or even triple our density now under the existing Accessory dwelling unit or in-law units legislation. Most folks don't because they have no access to the financing necessary, and the legalization process is cumbersome and expensive. As a priority, I would like to see a more flexible, patient financing program (loans) than what is available in the market to permit owners who are house rich and cash poor to add units to their homes so they can age in place and provide housing to others, without having to resort to selling the house. Right now, the market encourages developers to flip real estate without adding density.

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? \*

Top priorities:

Dedicated bicycle lanes, physical barriers between vehicle traffic and bikes, particularly in neighborhood commercial corridors and high traffic routes.

Traffic calming and pedestrian improvements in priority thoroughfares in D7: Ocean Ave at Frida Kahlo, 19th Ave and Holloway, John Muir Drive, Brotherhood Way, 7th Street between Pacheco and Kirkham

Bike Sharing: Improve accessibility, affordability and add tricycles and cargo bikes to the fleet

Curb cuts in all neighborhoods for ADA accessibility - many D7 neighborhoods still don't have them!

As supervisor I will work with the SF Bike Coalition and local neighborhood associations to find areas that need slow streets, curb cuts and bike lanes on Ocean ave and underground the K-Line. I will work with other supervisors for budget allocations for these kinds of needs in our district.

What I have done: I was an organizer for Senior Disability Action and worked on the successful "see pedestrians" campaign; I am a member of the Bicycle Coalition. As a member of the SF Planning Commission for 4 years, I consistently voted to eliminate parking, include bicycle parking, car share and improve bicycle access and safety before project approvals. I also successfully advocated to update the methodology we use for the transportation demand management studies for projects.

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.? \*

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Free MUNI for youth (for all youth)

Underground the K and the M, improve service to the 29

Public transit physical improvements in all D7 neighborhood commercial corridors, and serving educational institutions (City College, SF State and UCSF)

As a member of the Board of Supervisors we would need to work with the State to find more funding for transit infrastructure, since San Francisco as a world recognized city lacks transit that other metropolis cities have. As supervisor, I will work on legislation for the shortage of transit operators and the need to be paid a living wage so Muni can improve hiring and retention rates. Many of the operators leave the City because neighboring cities have higher wages and those operators on the current cant afford to live in the city they work in. I also would support legislation that would tax Uber and Lyft.

I have the experience to advocate for these city transity issues since I have worked on the free muni for youth campaign, and as planning commissioner, consistently advocated to coordinate the SF Planning Departments work with the CTA.

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? \*

Municipalize energy provision in Sf and work towards making it 100% renewable. Support a ban on natural gas in new construction.

Require electric appliances in new construction, and major rehabs

Require electric appliances and solar panels in City subsidized rehabs

Phase out all gasoline powered municipal vehicles and replace them with electric vehicles ( for building and planning inspectors, MUNI inspectors, Rec and Parks vehicles, police, etc)

What I have done: I administered the residential rehab programs at the SF Mayor's Office of Housing between 2004 and 2011. We secured funding from Federal and State sources to rehabilitate housing occupied by low income residents. Along with the rehabilitation, we implemented lead hazard control, energy efficient windows and doors, and other energy saving measures (energy efficient appliances, caulking baseboards, water saving devices), and the Go Solar SF program.

My household is a customer of CleanPowerSF.

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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? \*

As supervisor I would invest in and expand the recycled water ordinance beyond its current limited areas and lower the threshold at which it is required. I would also strengthen our partnerships with regional water agencies and the Bay Area, as well as support legislation for flexible infrastructure for water management purposes and specific water uses. Because San Francisco and California rainfall levels have had record lows, supporting legislation for water recycling and flexibility in specific water uses will serve the City's water resiliency.

I would also Invest in greening and maintenance of canopy in areas prone to flooding, and support legislation to alleviate waste water treatment stress during times of flooding.

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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? \*

Educating humans while they are young and creating that awareness is the most effective way to change habits over a lifetime and changing the culture. I think the grocery bag program suspension is temporary. Because it has been established and culturally San Franciscans have accepted it, we will go back to it after the pandemic. I would also eliminate nonrecyclable fruits and vegetable plastic bags. We also need to go beyond just recycling and reusing. We study methods used internationally and support legislation that prevents so much waste.

The waste issue I find most distressing is food waste. It takes an awful lot of resources to produce food, and we throw so much away. Some of it is because of the cosmetic demands of consumers, and much of it is because we are an affluent society that can afford to be picky about what we consume. I have been working with at risk youth for years, and one of the things we have introduced into the curriculum for our afterschool programs is the awareness of food production, gardening, food preparation and the environmental costs of all of these.

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? \*

My vision for protecting the environment is that through education, activism, leadership and self determination, environmental protection becomes a goal that is deeply felt by the next generation, and for people of color in particular, because the effects of global warming are devastating low income communities the most.

I am a committed environmentalist. I walk the talk personally - my family owns one electric car, and I take public transportation or bike everywhere, our home has solar panels and appliances, we don't eat meat, we are conscious of our environmental footprint; my husband is an environmental lawyer whose main client is the Environmental Defense Fund. I have also dedicated my career in public service to affordable housing production, community economic development, environmental justice, and access to opportunity for youth. I am clear that those most affected by our climate crisis are the poor and vulnerable. As the ED of the Jamestown Community Center, an agency serving at risk youth, we introduced outdoor education, environmental stewardship and awareness as part of our afterschool program curriculum. For most of our Latino and African American low income students, this was their very first experience outdoors, and it was transformative. I am committed to working in government to provide support, accessibility and awareness of environmental conservation to every San Franciscan.



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