

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? *

I am for development where appropriate. I'd be amenable to adding 1-2 stories to some buildings on the Ocean Avenue corridor, the West Portal Corridor, Parkmerced, and selected other areas and corridors in District 7. However, we must consider transportation infrastructure first. Parking and traffic are legitimate concerns and we must mitigate them by providing residents with viable transportation alternative to cars and car sharing when possible, while recognizing that some residents will always need a car.

Since the beginning, I have been deeply involved with the Balboa reservoir project, attending nearly every Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting and advocating for sensible development, not maximum development. I have been working to balance the needs of the community, mitigating the effects of traffic and parking, recognizing the impact to CCSF and working to mitigate the impact, and working to make it an attractive livable place.

We must work with the community in every area where development occurs. We must respect their concerns and work to make the architecture and appearance respect the neighborhood that surrounds it.

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? *

The law must be enforced on all users of the road, regardless of mode. Laws against jaywalking, running red lights, using cell phones while driving, crossing crosswalks, or cycling must be strictly enforced. Speed limits must be strictly enforced. We must be strict against double parking by ride-sharing vehicles and other vehicles. This will require an increased law enforcement presence on the streets, which I am in favor of.

I am for bike lanes where appropriate, recognizing that they are not appropriate on every street, and recognizing that there will be impacts to business, residents, and public safety personnel (eg. police, EMS, and fire). I have worked with merchants, bicyclists, and business owners on Valencia Street to try to work a compromise that residents, business owners, and bicyclists can live with. As president of District 7, I fought for and was granted ~\$80000 worth of traffic calming devices such as Pedestrian Safety Signals and Speed Radar signs on Monterey Blvd and speed humps in various locations in Sunnyside neighborhood.

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.? *

One of my main platforms is aggressive expansion of MUNI metro. I strongly support the M Ocean View undergrounding project and extension to Daly City BART. I strongly support the return of the B Geary line as a fully grade separated subway and light rail system. I support the extension of the T Third line to Fisherman's Wharf and west to the Presidio along Lombard Ave. I support the re-routing of the J Church along San Jose/Broad/Randolph Sts to meet the M line at SFSU, and a new extension north on a subway along the Fillmore corridor to the Marina. I support the undergrounding of the N Judah at ~9th Avenue east past Market St along the 16th St corridor to UCSF Mission Bay. I have advocated for this at Balboa Reservoir project meeting and have attended SF Transit riders union meetings.

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 would advocate for a robust solar panel program on households that choose to participate. I would work with PG&E to develop ways to help customers save money and reduce energy use.

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? *

There is an emerging technology of water recycling that I am optimistic about. It takes used non-potable water and through reverse osmosis and filtration processes, can make it potable again. The problem is that this is a tough sell to the public. I am hopeful that this attitude will change and I will be a strong advocate for it. I am not for the demolition of Hetch Hetchy at this moment, although I'm hopeful it will be feasible someday. Desalinization at this moment is an extremely expensive and energy intensive process which is not cost effective at this moment. However, with new technology, I'm hoping this will become feasible as well in the future.

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? *

At first I was reticent to embrace the plastic bag ban, but since it went into effect, I have seen less plastic waste on the street, which is positive. I have mixed feelings about the paper bag fee even still. I think we are on the right path with our recycling and composting plan. I don't think it is ever possible to get to absolute zero waste, but I do believe it is possible to get near it.

I find the politicians are very blind to the litter, needle, and trash problem on our streets, which I see as a much bigger issue than our Zero Waste program. Uncontrolled waste and garbage on our streets inevitably reaches the bay where it causes great harm to aquatic life. It also poses a health hazard, as it attracts vermin such as mice, rats, and cockroaches which can spread disease. As supervisor, I will have a ZERO tolerance policy for litter, needles, and human waste.

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 remain committed to a healthy environment and healthy city. I want clean, litter-free streets and increased public transportation infrastructure which will decrease reliance on cars. I am an advocate for the Natural Areas Program within reason, which works to restore native species of flora and fauna to the environment, such as the Mission Blue butterfly, the Vari-colored Lupine, and rare species of local manzanita. I am for the removal of invasive species, recognizing the impact to the environment may be adversely affected in the short term while being vastly improved in the long term. I am for the daylighting of creeks whenever possible. I hope we can re-design or change to I-280/Alemany corridor in the future to allow for the creation of a new daylighted Islais Creek and park, although this is a very very long term project. We must seek federal, state and local funding whenever possible and charitable donations from wealthy organizations and corporations. I plan to mobilize the public with a vision of a beautiful San Francisco with natural areas and parks for everyone to enjoy. I am hopeful the economy will turn around eventually like it always does.



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