

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 a strong supporter of community-based planning. Community members and organizations need to have a seat at the table to make sure that housing that is affordable to our District 7 families is being built.

The term affordable has begun to lose all meaning as AMI rises to almost absurd levels. As a general rule, I believe that rent or mortgages shouldn't be more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a person's income. But we can't just build housing that is affordable to the people who are left in the city after a decade of gentrification and displacement, we also need housing that is affordable to people who have been driven out and who we need to return. That means focusing on affordability for students and youth, young families, and the low wage workers that the city needs to function, as well as housing that is affordable to essential city workers like teachers, nurses, fire fighters, etc.

I 100% support municipally owned housing. Landlords, lobbyists and for-profit developers have spent decades using racist tropes to convince cities that public housing causes crime and is dangerous. I believe that one of the only ways for San Francisco to stabilize our out of control rental market is to build municipally owned housing. In order to build the right amount of municipal housing, we're going to need a long term plan. As Supervisor, I'll work with the current pro-housing Supervisors to develop a 50 year social housing plan that we can start implementing immediately.

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? *

As a father of two, I'm constantly concerned with the safety of our streets for pedestrians and bicyclists. My daughter recently took up skateboarding and my son loves riding his bike around our neighborhood. I support measures to further protect our pedestrians and bicyclists. I know that many members of our community in District 7 have young children who, like my own kids, enjoy going on walks and bike rides. It's important that the District 7 Supervisor works with our neighborhood's families to craft legislation that better protects our pedestrians, especially children and elders.

We need to make sure that people who use biking and walking as their major form of transport are safe. This includes the many students attending UCSF, SF State, and City College who bike and walk to and from their homes and school. We also have a considerable amount of District 7 residents who bike to and from work in our commercial corridors and even to the city center. People who use biking as a major source of transportation should not have their life threatened every time they leave their house. Protected bikeways are essential for every part of the city and I will be an advocate for them in City Hall.

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.? *

Many families in District 7 are extremely frustrated with the lack of reliable and affordable public transportation. For decades, the Westside of the city has been left out of public transportation plans and our transportation needs have been ignored by City Hall. A modern city like San Francisco in 2020 should not have a transportation system at its beginning stages.

I think it's important that we take more aggressive steps to enhance our MUNI system. As a city, it should always be our goal to get more people out of cars and into public transit, but for us to achieve that will require that we take a hard look at our current MUNI system. Public transit needs to be advanced enough that people opt into taking it because it's a faster, cheaper, environmentally cleaner option to driving.

As Supervisor, I will work with MUNI to ensure that funding is allocated to expanding transit lines to our neighborhoods that don't get regular service. And I will also be pushing for the big, broad, structural transportation changes that our city needs, including bringing subways to the Westside.

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? *

The single most important thing that San Francisco can do to further green energy projects, not just for our city but for the region, is to become independent from PG&E and develop our own public power. I support the work of Supervisor Ronen and Mayor Breed to push for independence. We can't let the economic crisis that will follow the pandemic allow us to lose focus on building our own public power.

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? *

San Francisco is lucky to have the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. But we've become complacent in our reliance on that as a water source. San Francisco remains one of the few major cities in America with little to no wastewater recycling. As Supervisor, I'm interested in working to further a wastewater recycling program for San Francisco.

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? *

As a father, I want my children to grow up in a world that's better than when I was growing up and a big part of securing that future is climate justice. I firmly believe that an important part of protecting our climate is achieving zero waste. My wife and I have been teaching our kids how to sort their recyclables and compost so it becomes a regular part of their routines. As Supervisor, I will support any local legislation that helps us achieve zero waste in San Francisco, including reducing single-use plastic, encouraging businesses to use more sustainable packaging, and creating incentives for recycling and composting. I will also vocally support any state legislation that helps us reach our zero waste goals and protects our climate.

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 am committed to environmental justice. For the last 15 years, I've worked as a Public Defender for San Francisco. I have seen firsthand how strong of a role environmental racism plays in our broken criminal justice system. It's our responsibility to take more aggressive measures in protecting our environment and doing so will have positive impacts in many policy areas for generations to come. But that's only possible if we are really committed to doing what needs to be done. As Supervisor, I'll make sure that environmental justice is a top priority and will support legislation that pursues protecting the environment.

Revenue is going to be the most important issue for the next few years. It is very likely that the Mayor's Office and even some progressives will fall into the trap of austerity thinking, forcing communities to fight over a much smaller slice of the pie. The only solution that will get us through the next two year budget cycle is new revenue sources. I support Supervisor Haney's Over Paid Executive Tax, and Supervisor Preston's Housing Transfer Tax. As Supervisor, I will fight to make sure that city bonds are focused on projects that support people and services during this difficult time. We also need to make sure that the billions of federal and state dollars that we receive for COVID Recovery will be spent on infrastructure and services that directly help our people and our environment through this difficult time.



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