

# 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? \*

I have helped build or stabilize close to 1400 units of affordable housing in my district since I was elected in my first term. I am a huge proponent of height and density as long as it brings affordable housing into the District. I have passed a law requiring regular reporting of the progress on building affordable housing so it can be built and acquired faster. I have also won budget allocations for teacher housing, housing for people suffering with mental illness, and additional subsidies for low income seniors.

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? \*

I am a huge proponent of getting protected bike lanes throughout the District and have championed the quick build on Valencia Street. I also serve as San Francisco's representative on the MTC where I advocate for funding for safer streets for pedestrians and bikers.

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.? \*

I am a proponent of the bus only lanes in SF despite opposition from some of my constituents. I am advocating the pilot project that would extend those lanes throughout the City. I also support and advocate for the Seamless Bay Area program to unify pricing and schedules on the entire Bay Area's public transit system.

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 SuperGreen customer and have been one of the main proponents at the Board of Supervisors trying to buy PG&E's transmission infrastructure so that eventually, the City can generate and deliver Green energy to our residents completely independently from PG&E.

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 has one of the best records in the Country in terms of individual household water preservation. I have supported all effort to recycle water for appropriate Grey Water uses and supported the PUC's limited blending of ground water with Hetch Hetchy water in order to prepare for draughts 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? \*

I supported legislation at the Board to require large buildings to hire Zero waste workers as well as laws requiring all households to compost and recycle. I believe in increasing costs for the Brown bins to push people to compost and recycle.

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? \*

The question confronting us at this point in history is no longer if climate change will significantly impact our City, but how and when. We need to seriously plan for the impacts of climate change and its impacts on our City. Some of that work is happening, but we need even more of it. We also may need to institute new laws that codify some of the environmentally friendly practices many of us have had to adopt because of COVID-19, including telecommuting, travelling on bikes and in clean, reliable public transportation, and limiting travel. Protecting this planet for my daughter is by far the most important thing I can do and we must adapt our ways of living to do that.



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